

New Everest playground to be dedicated

**(KNZA)--A new playground will be dedicated Wednesday afternoon, May 15, in Everest.**

**The new playground located at the Everest Middle School has been named “Charger Community Park” and will be dedicated at 1:00. The public is invited to attend.**

**The playground officially opened for use on April 16, and is accessible to the community.**

**Charger PTO President Sarah Stirton says the organization saw the need for an outdoor space where students could play and unwind. They applied for, and received, a grant to cover a large portion of the playground with some work done in-kind.**

**After designing a playground and getting bids on a basketball court, Stirton says donations were sought. She said they raised the funding for the project in only three months.**

**Vollmer Farms, of Lancaster, and Tom Stirton Trucking, of Horton, removed the existing tennis courts so the new structures could be placed.**

**Bottorff Construction poured the concrete for a full-sized basketball court, which includes two basketball goals.**

**Stirton says twenty-four community volunteers helped build the playground working a 10-hour day to complete the project. A professional install crew from Wichita came to help.**

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