

Friends of Governor Dodge Host Dodgeville Chamber of Commerce



The Friends of Governor Dodge Equestrian committee hosted the Dodgeville Chamber of Commerce's monthly after-work gathering at the park on Wednesday, May 15th. The Chamber's "5:01 Connect" social hour events are hosted by a different Chamber member each month. In May, the Friends were pleased to share the beauty of springtime

at Governor Dodge State Park with this group of local business owners and special guests.

The evening's entertainment highlight was a ride in a 10-passenger wagon pulled by a team of beautiful draft horses owned and driven by Foster's Belgium Bottoms.



The ride took attendees from the Twin Valley Picnic Shelter along one of the scenic park roads to the site of the future equestrian campground, allowing a first-hand view of how beautifully situated the new campground facility will be.

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This event is part of the Friends of Governor Dodge Equestrians public outreach efforts, sharing information about the positive economic impact of horses and parks on local economies. It was a great opportunity to explain the planned equestrian campground to area residents who may otherwise have known very little about it, and to invite more community partners to join the ranks of local businesses who have already made generous financial donations to the project, including Rule Construction, Hallada Motors and Lands' End.

In addition to the wagon rides, the picnic-themed event



featured an assortment of delicious appetizers including grilled kabobs and fun “mock-tails.” prepared and served by the Friends under the creative direction of group member Penny Fanning. Even the weather cooperated, and a great time was had by all.

The Twin Valley Picnic Shelter will also be the site of the annual Poker Ride/Hike fundraiser hosted by the Friends of Governor Dodge Equestrian Committee on Sunday,

June 2, 2019. With its amazing silent auction, the group hopes to top the \$7,000 that was raised last year.

For more information about the Poker Ride-Hike fundraiser or the future campground, or to get involved, please visit www.GovDodgeEquestrians.com.

