

Keep America Beautiful<sup>™</sup> has proven that volunteers make a huge impact on litter on roadsides and waterways. Continue to be a part of the solution by participating!!

Keeping Defiance County Beautiful asked all contracted Adopt-A-Highway groups to pick up litter on their contracted road and send a picture of the group. Check out **Facebook 4CSWD** for pictures.

For the **2023, Great American Clean Up<sup>™</sup> Keep Defiance County Beautiful** covered 189.80 miles of roadside, 795.39 acres of parks, picked up one dump sites with 750 pounds of trash, collected 10,560 pounds of trash, 40,520 pounds of electronics, 480 pounds of tires, 36 pounds of aluminum recycled, and 2,265 of yard waste cleared. Over 646 volunteers participated, making 2023 an outstanding effort by everyone involved!

Special thanks to: Defiance City Parks & Recreation, Hicksville Beautification Committee, Defiance Visitors Bureau, Defiance County Environmental Services, Home Maid by Maddie, Tinora HS Student Council, St. Michael's Ridge Parish, Buckeye Producers 4H Club, In Memory of Barb Breckler, The Summit Youth, In Memory of Noah Karacson, Zonta Club of Defiance, Respect for Life-St. John Catholic Church, Fairview FCCLA, Eldridge Farm Drainage, Keller Logistics, Farmer Ag 4H, Danny Zeedyk Family, In Memory of Cletus Vetter, Defiance Elks Lodge #147, Defiance Moose Lodge #2094, In Memory of William Runyan, Purple Barn Produce, Ayersville FFA Chapter, Empower Church, Denver Zeedyk Family, Mark Blue Ribbon 4H Club, Peace Lutheran Church, Todd & Shelly Shafer Family, Defiance County Historical Society, Levi Kuhn Family, Hicksville Kiwanis, B Square 4H Club, Defiance Christian Church, In Memory of Alex Ellert, and In Memory of Donny Fritch.

