

TECUMSEH KIWANIS DISPATCH

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Meeting Second Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Tecumseh United Methodist Church

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April Meeting

April Program Chair Diana arranged for Shawnee Heights Fire Department Chief Kevin Flory and Assistant Chief Chuck Gatewood to inform us about two new fire stations that they will be building in the district at a cost of \$11.7 million. Chief Flory was the Assistant Chief before Chief Deibert retired in April 2024. In June of 2024 the fire board approved issuing \$8.5 million in bonds which is the first time that they have needed to borrow money to run the fire department. No new major purchases of equipment are needed at this time. The new location will be at 5444 SE 61st which is near 61st and Ratner Road. The existing station near 29th and Shawnee Heights Road will be torn down and a new station built on the site because there was no suitable adjacent land available that did not contain pipelines or rock. Construction on both stations will be done concurrently.

Currently there are 18 full time fire fighters and 30 volunteers with more needed. The district has 17 pieces of fire apparatus to house. In 2024 the department ran 1608 calls. We thank Chief Flory and Assistant Chief Gatewood for updating us on the plans of our fire department.

We also thank Denise for providing our dessert.

Upcoming Programs

May 14	- Regina
Dessert	- Ashli
June 11	- Ken
Dessert	- Diana
July 9	- Denise
Dessert	- Larry

Tecumseh Kiwanis Pancake Feed

The Tecumseh Kiwanis Club and Troop 18 Boy Scouts will hold our pancake feed and silent auction on Saturday, May 3 from 7 AM until 11 AM. Please be thinking about any silent auction items as we ask each member to bring at least two items worth \$25 each. We will be setting up for the event on Friday, May 2 starting at 4:30 PM. Please invite your friends and neighbors to this event.

Cuddle Blankets

We delivered another 13 cuddle blankets for Childcare Aware making a total of 118 for the year. They contacted Diana asking for permission to mention our club during Volunteer Awareness Month featuring our blankets. We are supposed to get a copy of the article when it comes out. Good work Club.

Tecumseh North Courtyard

Tecumseh North Elementary School is planning a dedication ceremony of their updated courtyard on Wednesday, April 16 at 6:00 P.M. and all members of the Tecumseh Kiwanis Club are invited because we are also being recognized for our "continuous help with keeping our Courtyard beautiful!". Aydin Eisenbarth of Troop 18 chose his Eagle Scout project to add structures to the courtyard to allow it to be used as an outdoor learning space. Please come, if you are able, to support Aydin, be recognized and maybe have a cookie. Thanks to Diana, Debbie and Larry for getting the courtyard ready for this event.

Santa Fe Band Concert

The Santa Fe Band has provided us with a date that they can be in concert which is Sunday, July 13. This is a week earlier than last year. The weather was perfect last year so we will plan for the same this year.

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