

# 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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## August Meeting

Program Chair Diana invited a representative from the Kansas Museum of History, Boone Dodson. Boone was a wealth of information on Civil War flags from Kansas Regiments. He is a young man who is very interested in flags and the museum has made him their flag expert. The regimental flags from the Civil War were used to line up troops and as a rally point. Since the flags were made from silk which is an unstable fiber that breaks down in light, conservation is important. Many of these flags that the museum has were displayed in the Capitol from the 1870s until 1914 when they were moved to the old museum at 10th and Jackson where they were on display until the 1970s and 1980s when they were put in storage until they can be restored. A couple of flags that Boone showed pictures of were the First Kansas Colored Regiment which was organized by James Lane and consisted mostly of escaped slaves from Arkansas and the 8th Kansas Volunteer Infantry which marched over 10,000 miles during the Civil War. TUMC's new pastor's wife, Anna Woods, who is a curator at the museum also attended our meeting.

Boone mentioned that his grandfather was the principal at Tecumseh Grade School and since four of our members, Cindy, Debbie, Diana, and Larry, had his grandfather, Lee Dodson, as our principal when we attended, we were able to add some details that Boone found interesting. This included the fact that his father was instrumental in forming our club. Lee was a member of Downtown Kiwanis and he and Dewey Mohler, Debbie and Diana's father, got us formed.

As an added bonus, Ruth Santner spoke about the Kansas Kiwanis Foundation. She mentioned that they provide one scholarship for each of the 11 Divisions in Kansas along with Key Clubs and Circle K. They also provide a \$1000 grant to clubs in each Division with an entry deadline of May 15. Debbie served a delicious chocolate eclair cake for dessert.

## Upcoming Programs

September 10	- Membership Ideas
Dessert	- Cindy
October 8	- Diana
Dessert	- Denise
November 12	- Regina
Dessert	- Larry
December 10	- Denise
Dessert	- Diana

## School Bond Issue

On August 4, 2025, our Board of Education approved a \$65 million bond resolution that will go before voters on November 4. The two main options were to build a new middle school or to build on to the existing middle school and they chose the cheaper option of building on to the middle school. Both options included moving all 6th grade students from the three elementary schools to middle school. Berryton Elementary was the school with the biggest overcrowding problem but all schools will get improvements and additional space for classrooms and offices.

## Volunteer Hours

Kiwanis volunteer hours for the month of July were 68 which gives us a total of 1168 so far this Kiwanis year since October 1, 2024.



We have a new light  
atop the flag pole.