

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

Thanks to Program Chair Debbie and a suggestion from Denise, we went on a road trip for our meeting on August 12. The two new Shawnee Heights Fire District fire stations have been completed and members of the club met at the one on Shawnee Heights Road for a tour. Fire Chief Kevin Flory, Captain Casey Corley, and Firefighter Anna Newman spent nearly two hours showing us through the new building, explaining the features of the trucks and equipment and answering all of our many questions.

There are normally 3 members on duty each day, 2 full time and 1 part-time, who work a 24 hour shift. Their schedule is on 24, off 24, on 24, off 24, on 24, and off for 4 days. This station was built to accommodate up to 4 people while the new station on 61st Street can handle up to 6. The 61st Street station contains the administrative offices also.

The station on Shawnee Heights Road contains a weight room where the firefighters can increase their strength so they can carry the up to 75 pounds of equipment used. There is also a command center containing several computer terminals, the bays that contain the fire trucks, decontamination rooms to wash off any hazardous materials, restrooms and showers, small sleeping quarters, a large kitchen area and a living room area with recliners and big screen TVs.

Vehicles included an SUV used for medical runs, a 750 gallon pumper truck, a 2000 gallon tender tanker, and a 300 gallon brush truck. Four years ago the pumper truck cost \$800,000 which did not include nearly \$100,000 in equipment that is onboard.

In 2025 the department ran a total of 1569 calls of which 66% were medical/rescue related for the 144 square mile area.

Thanks to Denise for bringing M & M cookies for dessert.

Santa Fe Band Concert

As can be expected at the end of July in Kansas, Sunday, July 26 was a hot day with temperatures nearing 100 degrees for our annual Tecumseh Kiwanis Santa Fe Band Concert and Ice Cream Social. The shade was good although the breeze could have cooperated more to help cool our concert goers. The turnout was respectable and everyone had an enjoyable evening of entertainment and eating. We appreciate the Santa Fe Band for including us on their schedule each year. They come at no charge to us and we are grateful to pair with them for this community event. One band member remarked that this was their favorite concert spot because they got cake and ice cream. Even though this was never designed to be a fund-raising event, we took in \$624 in donations and spent \$52.99 on supplies along with donating cakes to the Rescue Mission.

Tecumseh North Courtyard

Thanks to Debbie, Diana, Denise, and Larry who groomed the Courtyard at Tecumseh North Elementary School in preparation for the start of school. As usual it was in need of some attention because the weeds were in their full glory but we were able to make it look more presentable. See pictures on the next page.

Upcoming Programs

September 9 - Ashli
Dessert - Cindy

Service Hours

The Tecumseh Kiwanis Club has performed 1016 hours of community service work since October 2025 with 76 hours for July.

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