

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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July Meeting

Jess Rakestraw, who is the Deputy Director of the Shawnee County Parks and Recreation Department, was introduced by Program Chair Denise at our July 7 meeting. Working with a nearly \$19 million budget, they maintain 110 parks in Shawnee County including Lake Shawnee, Old Prairie Town and Gage Park along with trails and campgrounds. Some of the new additions being worked on are new playgrounds at Tinman Circle and paths to the Arboretum at Lake Shawnee, new playgrounds and a new shelter house near the Carousel at Gage Park, and adding tennis courts at Kossover. They have a Trails and Greenway Master Plan which details longer-range plans. Jess suggested using the Sunflower Summer app to find free things to do in the area. She also mentioned the many summer jobs that are available through the department. There are many different programs available for all interests which are listed in their online catalog that can be found at online.flippingbook.com/view/470219059/. Larry provided coconut cream and chocolate meringue pie for dessert.

Upcoming Programs

August 13 - Diana
Dessert - Debbie

September 10 - Debbie
Dessert - Cindy

Summertime

Summer is a slow time of the year for our club but we are still faithfully delivering Meals on Wheels, serving at the Rescue Mission, helping with Boy Scouts, maintaining the Triangle Park and mowing the church yard.

Santa Fe Band Concert

This year we had another successful Santa Fe Band Concert and Ice Cream Social. It was a few degrees warmer than they had predicted earlier in the week but it was below 90 degrees with a slight breeze so everyone was comfortable. The band rocked Tecumseh with a Queen medley along with some marching band music. We had a nice crowd and are appreciative that the band agrees to play in Tecumseh each year. Thanks to everyone who brought cakes and helped to make this a successful community event. It was great to see Bob Remington and his daughter and son-in-law in attendance. We know that Tecumseh is as far as you can get for Urish Road and we appreciate your effort and cakes.

Volunteer Hours

Kiwanis volunteer hours for the month of June were 57 which gives us a total of 1100 so far this Kiwanis year since October 1, 2024.

New Officers

The new officers for the 2025 - 2026 Kiwanis year will be:

Diana Halstead - President
Regina Stephenson - President Elect
Cindy Cooper - Treasurer
Larry McCammon - Secretary
Ashli Salzano - Past President

Board Members

One Year

Denise Bennett
Debbie Barr
Bob Remington

Two Year

Mary Ertl

Kiwanis, serving the children of the world.

Stupid people do stupid things.



