

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

Program Chair Cindy brought us two speakers from the Shawnee County Rural Water District No. 8. Grant Peters is the General Manager and Jeremy Garretson is a Water Operator II. Grant updated us on the water meter upgrade project indicating that of their 3200 meters, only about 50 remain to be upgraded. These meters allow the meter readers to use a wand device which is placed over the black circular piece that has been added to the water meter cover. This reads the gallon information from the new meters which is transferred onto a tablet to be used to prepare the water bill. These meters also have the capabilities to report water usage in two hour increments for the past 88 days which can help in answering questions as to why a bill is higher than normal. Hint - it is probably a leaky toilet flapper.

Lake Jivaro was originally built to be the source of water when the new water district was created. After the Jivaro water was no longer useable, District 8 joined the Tri-District Rural Water District to pull water from Lake Clinton. Today part of District 8 receives water from Clinton and the rest get City of Topeka water. In Tecumseh we get water from Topeka. Grant indicated that there is an ongoing legal battle over ownership rights for the Clinton facility with mediation not working well.

District 8 handles all of the maintenance calls and water line location calls in-house. In addition to Grant and Jeremy, they employ Josh Weis, Water Operator, and Roberta Freeman, Clerk.

We also discussed possible requests for a composting facility at 37th and Stubbs, the battery energy storage system across from Futamura, and a forestry dump site on the south side of Highway 40 at the bottom of the hill just east of Tecumseh Road.

Thanks to birthday girls Denise and Regina for providing their own cake and ice cream for our meeting. It was Denise's birthday that night and she made an outstanding birthday cake. Regina's birthday was the next day and she provided the ice cream. Happy Birthday.

Santa Fe Band Concert

Our next event will be the annual Santa Fe Band Concert and Ice Cream Social which will be held on Sunday, July 26, on the cool, shady grounds of Tecumseh United Methodist Church. The band will start playing at 6:30 PM but we will start serving ice cream and cake at 6 PM. We will need to set up chairs for the band and tables for the cake and ice cream prior to 6 PM so we could start doing that around 5:15 PM. Each member is asked to bring two pre-cut cakes in disposable pans since we take any leftover cakes to the Topeka Rescue Mission.

August Meeting

With Denise's suggestion, Debbie has arranged for us to take a tour of the new fire station on Shawnee Heights Road for the August meeting. It was decided that we will meet at the new fire station promptly at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, August 12 rather than meeting at the church. This should be an interesting program.

Upcoming Programs

August 13 - Debbie
Dessert - Denise

September 9 - Ashli
Dessert - Cindy

Service Hours

The Tecumseh Kiwanis Club has performed 940 hours of community service work since October 2025 with 51 hours for June.

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Tecumseh Kiwanis Club Santa Fe Band Concert and Ice Cream Social

**Sunday July 26, 2026
Tecumseh United Methodist Church
334 SE Tecumseh Rd. Tecumseh, KS**

**Serving ice cream and cake at 6:00 pm
Band Plays 6:30—7:30 pm**

**Free will offering
Proceeds used for Kiwanis
community programs**

**Bring your lawn chairs or blankets
In case of rain, ®
concert will be held indoors**

