

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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KIWANIS is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.
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June Meeting

Program Chair Ken Ertl arranged to have Ashley Massey-Lewis, who is the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Community Project Coordinator, present at our June 11 meeting. BB/BS provides a one-on-one match of at risk youth between the ages of 5 and 17 with a mentor. The program can continue the relationship until the age of 25 although several have continued to be friends long after the program has ended. Most "littles" come from families living below the poverty level, have issues at school or have family members who have some law enforcement contact. Many have no male role models. The average match lasts for 37 months. Mentors agree to participate for a minimum of one year. The application process consists of a 1 to 1 1/2 hour interview with a home visit and agreeing to meet with a little for 2 to 4 hours per month. There is also a school based program where the big meets their little at their school for 30 to 40 minutes per week to eat lunch, read, play cards or talk. Currently there are 165 youth waiting to enter the program in Shawnee County.

Thanks to Diana for the delicious homemade cherry pie with ice cream

Upcoming Programs

July 9 - Denise
Dessert - Larry

August 13 - TBD
Dessert - Debbie

September 10 - TBD
Dessert - Cindy

We are need of program chairs for August and September. If you may have had your program cancelled due to the winter weather causing us to not have meetings this winter, here is your chance to make it up.

Santa Fe Band Concert

This year the Santa Fe Band Concert and Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, July 13. We will start serving ice cream and cake at 6 P.M. and the band is scheduled to start playing at 6:30 P.M. If we start setting up at 5:15 we should be ready to serve at 6. Each member is ask to bring two pre-cut 9 x 13 cakes. Our tasks will be to set up chairs for the band, tables for serving along with a table for water. We are expecting great weather this year much like it was last year with no rain in the forecast and a high of 80.

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
Ken Ertl
Scott Dial

Volunteer Hours

Kiwanis volunteer hours for the month of May were 63 which gives us a total of 1043 so far this Kiwanis year since October 1, 2024.

Kiwanis, serving the children of the world.