

# TECUMSEH KIWANIS DISPATCH

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Volume 63 Number 6        Larry McCammon, Secretary    785-554-2558  
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Meeting Second Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Tecumseh United Methodist Church



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

Our March program chair, Ashli, arranged to have Chelsea Cox speak to our group about the KVC organization for which she works. KVC is a contractor that provides services to the Kansas Department for Children and Families. Those services include serving and protecting children by providing family strengthening and preventative services, parent training, foster care case management, family reunification services, foster family recruitment and support, adoption, aftercare and outpatient therapy. Chelsea said that there are 4 main ways that the community can help.

1. Be a foster parent. There are 7 weeks of 3 hour Zoom classes which can be viewed at home.
  2. Volunteer with their resource closet and other activities.
  3. Donating clothing, birthday boxes, hygiene products, luggage and Amazon wish lists
  4. Advocate by sharing information on social media.
- KVC's coverage area in Kansas is primarily the Topeka and Kansas City areas and they provide a valuable service attempting to keep children in their homes when possible and arranging for good foster care or adoptive homes if not. Bob and Cindy provided red velvet cake and ice cream for dessert.

## Upcoming Programs

April 12  
Program Chair - Bob  
Desserts            - Denise

May 10  
Program Chair - Debbie  
Desserts            - Ken and Mary

## Cuddle Blankets

We received a nice note from Successful Connections thanking use for making the cuddle blankets for them. Please read the note on the following page.

## Kindergarten Books

The club decided to provide books for not only the kindergarten class to which we read but to all of the kindergarten classes at Tecumseh North, Tecumseh South and SHES. We are currently gathering the number of students in each of the schools so that we can get a count of the number of books to order. We will also need to get student names so that we can personalize each book.

## Community Dinner

The next Community Dinner will be on Wednesday, April 5 from 5 until 6:30 PM.

## Ongoing Projects

Serving at the Topeka Rescue Mission  
Reading to preschool and kindergarten students  
Delivering Meals on Wheels each week  
Boy Scouts  
Triangle maintenance.  
Free income tax

**Kiwanis, serving the children of the world.**

Kiwanis Club of Tecumseh Kansas,

Thank you for choosing the Successful Connections program of Child Care Aware of Eastern Kansas to volunteer your time to cut and tie cuddle blankets. We appreciate your help to have blankets ready to give to mothers of newborns when providing information on community resources and parenting support options. We distribute around 65 blankets each month, so your support is very helpful and appreciated!

Sincerely,

The Successful Connections Team

