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Bowling Green Kiwanis Club Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2026

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Weekly Meeting: Thursdays - 11:30 am
Slater Family Ice Arena Lounge, BGSU

Officers 2025-26

PRESIDENT * Paul Herringshaw
PRESIDENT-ELECT * Eric Myers
SECRETARY * Cindy Hofner
TREASURER * Andrew Kalmar
PAST PRESIDENT * Chad Plontz
DIRECTORS 2024-2026
Bruce Corrigan, Liz Eilberg, Jeff Schooley
DIRECTORS 2025-2027
John Calderonello, Sharon Libby, Tina Ohmart Mendoza, Gale Swanka

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Geoff Howes

FEBRUARY 2026 PROGRAMS: INSPIRATIONAL EDUCATOR MONTH

Program Chair: Lee Meserve

February 5

TWENTY YEARS TEACHING SCHOOL

Steve Aungst

Math Teacher

Bowling Green Middle School

February 12

JUST LUCK: WHEN PERSISTENCE MEETS OPPORTUNITY

Rachel Shell

Intervention Specialist

Crim Elementary School

February 19

LET'S GO ON A TRIP:

LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Kimberly Stevens

Language Arts Teacher

Bowling Green Middle School

February 26

BOWLING GREEN CITY SCHOOLS

AN UPDATE

Ted Haselman

Superintendent

Bowling Green City Schools



Speakers in January

Agriculture Month, organized by Paul Herringshaw



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1. **Jordan Hertzfeld** and **Thomas Hertzfeld** tell the club about the complex operations of the Hertzfeld Poultry Egg Farm in Grand Rapids.
2. **Dusty Sonnenberg** of Ohio Ag Net discusses the future of farming in rapidly changing times.
3. **Landon** was a great host on our outing at Ag Pro, where we learned about all phases of operations.
4. **Dustin Brown**, CEO of Luckey Farmers, Inc., talks about how a large agricultural cooperative works.
5. President **Paul Herringshaw**, who organized the January series of agricultural talks, introduces a guest speaker.

PROGRAMS for FEBRUARY 2026

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Program Chair: Lee Meserve

FEBRUARY 5, 2025

TWENTY YEARS TEACHING SCHOOL

Speaker:

Steve Aungst

Math Teacher

Bowling Green Middle School

Greeters: Todd Waggoner, Sp. J. Miles

Meals: Mike Sibbersen

Raffle: Geoff Howes

Inspirational Moment: Gerry Kallenbach

Guest Recognition: Becca Ferguson

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Colleen Smith

Sergeant-at-Arms: Cindy Hofner

Introduction of Speaker: Lee Meserve

Speaker Recognition: Darlene Petkwitz

FEBRUARY 12, 2025

JUST LUCK: WHEN PERSISTENCE MEETS OPPORTUNITY

Speaker:

Rachel Shell

Intervention Specialist

Crim Elementary School

Greeters: Liz Eilberg, Sp. C. Hofner

Meals: Nadine Edwards

Raffle: Scott Seeliger

Inspirational Moment: Bob Callecot

Guest Recognition: Geoff Howes

Birthdays/Anniv.: Linda VanBlaricom

Sergeant-at-Arms: Gary Saunders

Introduction of Speaker: Alice Calderonello

Speaker Recognition: Sharon Libby

FEBRUARY 19, 2025

LET'S GO ON A TRIP:

LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Speaker:

Kimberly (Kim) Stevens

Language Arts Teacher

Bowling Green Middle School

Greeters: Chris Smalley, Sp. A. Kalmar

Meals: Eric Myers

Raffle: Maria Simon

Inspirational Moment: Jeff Schooley

Guest Recognition: Steve Libby

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Bob Callecot

Sergeant-at-Arms: Inge Klopping

Introduction of Speaker: Eric Myers

Speaker Recognition: Gerry Kallenbach

FEBRUARY 26, 2025

BOWLING GREEN CITY SCHOOLS AN UPDATE

Speaker:

Ted Haselman

Superintendent

Bowling Green City Schools

Greeters: Ted Haselman, Sp. E. Myers

Meals: Inge Klopping

Raffle: Dana Nemeth

Inspirational Moment: Mike Shertzer

Guest Recognition: Eric Myers

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Joan Callecot

Sergeant-at-Arms: Sharon Libby

Introduction of Speaker: Lee Meserve

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY



WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5

Saturday, February 7
Alex DelPiombo

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12

Saturday, February 14
John Fawcett

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19

Thursday, February 19
Christine Mayle
Wednesday, February 25
Sandy Campbell

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26

Friday, February 27
Ashley Vetter
Sunday, March 1
Melanie VanDyne
Wednesday, March 4
John Calderonello

ANNIVERSARIES IN FEBRUARY



WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5

Saturday, February 7
Brooke and Travis Harrison

Tuesday, February 10
Bob and Joan Callecod

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12

No anniversaries

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19

Sunday, February 22
Matt and Leslie Oestreich

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26

No anniversaries



Happy Valentine's Day!



Kiwanis News



President Paul Herringshaw presents Pete Rappold with his certificate for *Kiwanian of the Month* for December.

Pete's close connections with the man up north helped raise money for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.



Drew Hanna pays tribute to the memory of our late member **Steve Riewaldt**, who passed away in October 2025.

Here, Steve's wife **Marilyn** listens with our guest speakers to Drew's heartfelt words.



Club Secretary **Cindy Hofner** honors **Becca Ferguson** and **Dick Edwards** for their success in recruiting new members.

Becca recruited **10** new Kiwanians, and Dick recruited **5**.

Let them be an inspiration!

Kiwanis in the Community

*Cocoon Executive Director (and Kiwanian) **Kathy Mull** accepts the 2026 Drum Major for Peace Award from Bowling Green Mayor **Mike Aspacher**.*

The award was presented during the City of Bowling Green Human Relations Commission's 37th annual tribute to Martin Luther King, held on January 16 at the Wood County District Public Library.

(Photo: BG Independent News)



*Kiwanis President **Paul Herringshaw** was guest coach of Bowling Green State University Women's Basketball team on January 21. Here he poses with Head Coach (and previous Kiwanis guest speaker) **Fred Chmiel**. Paul reports that it was a great experience even if the outcome wasn't what he hoped for.*

*As Wood County continues to be in the "high" category for respiratory illness, Kiwanian **Clint Corpe** of the WBGU Morning Show asked Wood County Health Department Deputy Health Commissioner (and Kiwanian) **Rachel Aeschliman** (r.) and **Katlin Medjesky** (l.), Health Department Community Outreach Coordinator, to talk about current illness trends and vaccinations. (January 15)*
(Photo: Clint Corpe)



Kiwanis in the Community (*continued*)



The Wood County District Public Library Board of Trustees met on December 8 to discuss recent legislative developments in Columbus that could affect the library, as well as the petition to place a constitutional amendment on the ballot that would abolish property taxes. Kiwanian **Mike Sibbersen** was elected to continue as board secretary. Library Director and Kiwanian **Michael Penrod** gave his final report of the year and summarized achievements during the WCDPL's 150th year. The board heard the wonderful news that Youth Services Coordinator and Kiwanian **Maria Simon** will be one of 15 librarians across the country who will choose the 2026 winner of the Caldecott Medal for the most distinguished children's picture book of the year.

(Photo: BG Independent News)



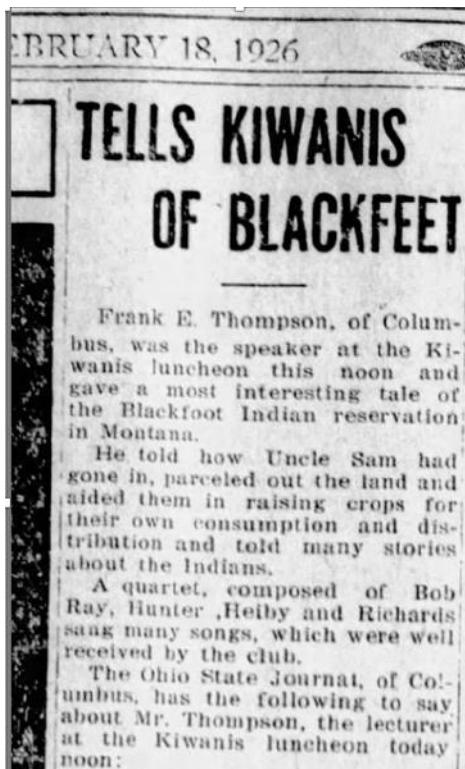
Conneaut K-Kids

Conneaut K-Kids worked on a project in January called “DIY Dog Toys.” Advisor **Samantha Lowy** had the students make dog toys for both the Wood County Dog Shelter and Wood County Humane Society. They made 76 tug toys for the dogs. Thanks to Kiwanis Sponsor **Inge Klopping**!



Bowling Green Kiwanis 100 Years Ago

The Daily Sentinel Tribune, Thursday, February 18, 1926, page 1:
"TELLS KIWANIS OF BLACKFEET"



Frank E. Thompson is Chief Ascestro of the Blackfeet tribe.

Thompson has made it his hobby to study conditions of the American Indian and lecture on "The Indian of Today," before church organizations and clubs in Ohio cities. His Indian title Ascestro, which he received August 12, 1925 means lecture.

During the summers of 1924 and 1925 he spent his vacation at Glacier National Park, where many of the Blackfeet Indians had come to entertain tourists. During these vacations he became friendly with those bronze-faced Americans and made a study of their needs under guidance of their superintendent, C. F. Campbell, Browning, Mont.

One evening the Indians invited 400 guests of the hotel near the main entrance of the park to come out-of-doors and witness the initiation of Thompson as a chief. He was accepted "because of his sincere friendship for the Indians." The tribal initiation ceremony lasted 90 minutes.

Chief Bull Calf, judge for the tribe and member of the National Indian Council, also the Indian who is said to be pictured on one side of the Buffalo nickel, presented Thompson with a pipe of peace. Curly Bear passed a sacred blessing.

Among the Indians who attended the ceremony were Chiefs Big Plume, Walk To, Little Chief and Lazy Boy.

The Indians, represented by Chiefs Split Ears, Big Mountain, Many Tail Feathers, Bad Marriage, Round Face, Bull Calf and White Dog announced to Thompson that they have peacefully accepted the advance of Western civilization; that they are anxious to learn modern farming methods, have their children receive good educations and will accept Christianity.