

July & August 2024

Kiwanis Club of Dubois



Serving the children
of the world

Organized May 1992

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

Meetings @ St Thomas' Community Room
Weekly on Tuesdays, April – October, 6:45 a.m.
1st & 3rd Tuesdays, Nov – March, 6:45 a.m.

Meeting Dates/Program Planning

July 2 NO morning meeting (Kids' Games)
July 9 Business
July 16 Karen McCullough
July 23 NO morning meeting (Wellness set up pm)
July 30 Kay Jacoby

Aug 6 Business
Aug 13 NO morning meeting
Aug 20 Kristi Perry
Aug 27 Kyle Neary
Sept 3 Mark Hirschberger



A Bit of News...

~ **Many thanks** to all who helped make our many projects successful during May & June. We logged 225 combined hours while having fun making a difference for LOTS of kids & community!

Save the Date

and plan to attend the annual
Installation Dinner on **September 22**.
Our club will host Kiwanis members from
Lander & Riverton

Upcoming Events/Projects/Activities

July 3 Water balloon filling @ Kristi's 3 pm
July 4 Kid's Games in Town Park, 10:30 am

July 17 WHF Wellness Screen, 7:30-10 am, DMC
July 23 Set up Community Wellness Screening
Headwaters, 1:30 pm

July 24-25 Community WHF Wellness Screen
Appointments 6:30 – 9:00 each morning
Workers arrive at 6 am

August 9 Set up tables, chairs, serving stations
Bob's Hangar @ Dubois Airport, 1:30 pm

August 10 Fly In Pancake Brkfst, Prep 6:00 am
Dubois Airport, Serve 7:00 – 10 am
Cleanup/loading tables & chairs after

August 20 Primary Election, Headwaters, 7-7

August 21 WHF Wellness Screen, 7:30-10 am, DMC

Celebrations ~

Happy Birthday

July 2 Reenie Roe
July 15 Kay Jacoby
July 18 Mark Dix
July 25 Jennet Ballinger
July 30 Karen McCullough

Aug 6 Mike McCullough
Aug 14 Jerry Bodar
Aug 17 Mark Hirschberger
Aug 21 Ron Blevins
Aug 27 Pam Sanders

Happy Anniversary

July 1 Steve & Julie Splichal
July 5 Gail Rae & Mark Hirschberger



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Volunteers providing 50/50 treats:

Kyle Neary (July), Michele Burdick (August)
Kristi Perry (Sept), Karen McCullough (Oct),
Mark Hinschberger (Nov)

Breakfast Juice: Pat & Jennet

May & June Meeting Notes ~

May 7: Major Rachel Kolesnikov Lindsey joined us via Facetime from Germany to talk about her career in the military, including 10 years with the Department of Defense, and current work with the Space Force. Rachel is a Rocket Scientist with Dubois roots (daughter of Kiwanis member Brad and granddaughter of longtime Dubois educator Merv). She coordinates the US Space programs with European military and has worked with rocket launches for three years. She explained the launching of satellites with a rocket and answered our many questions. According to Rachel, space is “congested and contested” with thousands of satellites on orbit to accommodate Satellite Communication, Position Navigation & Timing (aka GPS), Earth Observation, Terrestrial & Space Weather, Overhead Infrared, Space Situational Awareness and more.
50/50 Pat B, Reenie, Steve

May 14: Annual Meeting & Election of Officers
Minutes & Financial Reports are on file with the Secretary & emailed to members 6/9/24. The following slate of officers for 2024-25 received unanimous approval: President Pat Ballinger, President-Elect Michele Burdick, Secretary Jennet Ballinger, Treasurer Karen McCullough, Directors Kyle Neary, Pat Neary, Mike McCullough and Immediate Past President Kristi Perry.
50/50 Pat N, Jennet, Michele

May 21: Amanda Verheul, Executive Director of the National Bighorn Sheep Center, highlighted outreach, the Whiskey Mountain Herd, the Hwy 26 Wildlife Mitigation project (for which \$2.7 million is to be raised locally), the Center’s July 3rd birthday celebration and more. With a mission to “provide education and outreach for the national conservation of wild sheep, wildlife, and wild lands” the Center reaches 20,000 individuals annually through opportunities such as visits to classrooms, conventions and trade shows, educational webinars for all ages, trunks for schools, school field trips to the Center and Camp Bighorn. Anna Miller serves as Museum Coordinator, with UW student Jenny Bautz assisting as a summer intern. An Education/Marketing Manager will soon join the team, which also includes an 8-member Board of Directors.
50/50 Steve



May 29: Safety Roundup & Bike Rodeo at the Dubois Elementary School featured K-5 students rotating through seven learning stations supported by school staff, School Resource Officer Dani Gilgen, Wyoming Highway Patrolmen, Dubois Volunteer Fire Department, Fremont County/Dubois Search and Rescue, High Plains Power, Summer Safety expert, bike course & helmet fitting for nearly 80 students. DART members Trever Deakins & Karen Chandler took charge of bike check/repair and six amazing high school students assisted at stations. Kiwanis members who planned and assisted were Jennet, Pat B, Ron, Sue, Michele, Cyndi, Sheryl, Karen M, Mike, Kyle, Pat N, Kristi, and Steve. Mark had refurbished several bicycles that were available for children.

June 4: Recent projects and upcoming Kids Fishing Day and July 4th Kids Games were discussed. *50/50 Reenie*

June 11 Business/Board Minutes & Financial Reports are on file with the Secretary & emailed to members 7/8/24. We were happy to partner with Wyoming Game & Fish, US Forest Service and DAWGS (Dubois Anglers and Wildlife Group) on a successful Kids Fishing Day on June 8. Nearly 120 hot dogs were consumed during our Kiwanis lunch, fishing was great and the weather was perfect at Pete’s Pond.
50/50 Mike

June 18 As the **Collections Manager and Interim Site Manager for the Dubois Museum, Jane Meiter**’s days are full. As a member of a Wyoming family, she earned her Bachelor’s Degree from George Washington University and M.A. in Museum Studies from Durham University England. In addition to registering artifacts, overseeing exhibits and managerial duties, Jane greets visitors from around the world as they arrive to learn about the history and geology of the Upper Wind River Valley, Fremont County and Western Wyoming. She is assisted by Braeden Kluver, Coordinator of Programs, Education and Volunteers. During her morning visit to our club, Jane informed us that construction in the museum’s backyard will prohibit the hosting of Museum Days this summer, however numerous events are available through the Children’s Exploration Series, Adventure Treks and Discovery Speakers. The Programs Schedule is available at <https://fremontcountymuseums.com/dubois/>
50/50 Karen, Pat B, Kyle

June 24: Serving dinner to 27 Journey of Hope bicyclists replaced our weekly meeting. The young men from around the country represent The Ability Experience and are always appreciative of the baked potato bar, homemade chili, homemade cookies & more.

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