

# June & July 2025

## 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.  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, Nov – March, 6:45 a.m.

### Meeting Dates/Program Planning

**June 3** NO meeting (Safety Roundup)

**June 10** Board/Business 6:45 am

**June 17** Michele Burdick

**June 24** NO meeting (Cyclist dinner 23<sup>rd</sup>)

**July 1** Mike McCullough

**July 8** NO morning meeting

**July 15** Board/Business Meeting 6:45 am

**July 22** Patrick Neary

**July 29** NO morning meeting (Wellness set up pm)

**Aug 5** Peggy Emanuel



### A Bit of News...

~ Sheryl Epp & Patrick Neary presented Kiwanis Club scholarships to Siler Hess, Nate Hinkle, Isabell Norris and Jonah Witonski at Dubois High School Awards Night May 19.

~ Kudos to all who helped with Highway Cleanup, work at Kiwanis Taylor Creek Park, scholarships, Speedy Rams Color Run, 1<sup>st</sup> grade literacy, WHF monthly wellness screening and the Deployed Soldiers care packages. We logged 132 hours serving kids and community during the month of May!

### Volunteer 50/50 Providers

Kristi Perry (June); Michele Burdick (July)

Karen McCullough (August)

Rita Foster (September); Kyle Neary (October)

### Upcoming Events/Projects/Activities

**June 3** Safety Roundup & Bike Rodeo

K-5 students 12:45 – 3:15; set up 12:00

**June 7** Kids Fishing Day@ Pete's Pond, 9-1

Hot dog lunch around 11

**June 18** WHF Wellness Screen, 7:30-10 am

Dubois Medical Clinic

**June 23** Journey of Hope Cyclist Dinner

Check Duty Roster; serve by 6 pm

**July 3** Water balloon filling for July 4 games

4:00 pm at Kristi's house

**July 4** Kid's Games in Town Park, 10:30 am

Set up around 9:45 am

**July 16** WHF Wellness Screen, 7:30-10 am

Dubois Medical Clinic

**July 29** Set up Community Wellness Screening

Headwaters Sunroom around 2 pm

**July 30-31** Community WHF Wellness Screen

Appointments 6:30 – 9:00 each morning

**Aug 15-17** Kiwanis Rocky Mt District Convention

Sheraton @ Denver Tech

### Celebrations ~

*Congratulations to Ron Blevins on  
50-years of Kiwanis service since 5/15/1975!*

### Happy Birthday

July 2 Reenie Roe

July 15 Kay Jacoby

July 18 Mark Dix

July 25 Jennet Ballinger

July 30 Karen McCullough

### Happy Anniversary

June 8 Pat & Jennet Ballinger

Bruce Thompson & Pam Sanders

June 14 Mike & Karen McCullough (50<sup>th</sup>)



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## May Meeting Notes ~

### May 6: Jakey's Fork Homestead

After purchasing the property east of Dubois, Carolyn Gillette made it a priority to preserve its history and share it with others through educational community talks, guest rentals and more. Information published on her Homestead website provides a glimpse of the history she shared with us, along with numerous photos.

"Originally built in the late 1800's, like most homesteads it has been added onto and reconfigured many times since. The history includes residents John & Margaret Simpson, US Senator Alan Simpson's great-grandparents. It was the ranch headquarters for the first herd of 20,000 cattle to be raised in the upper Wind River Valley. The homestead is also where Robert LeRoy Parker, alias "Butch Cassidy," spent the Christmas of 1889 with the Simpson family." The original Jakey's Fork School is also on the property and Carolyn has plans for restoration in the future.

Along with her business, Carolyn is an active community volunteer with a heart for local youth, and was selected by the Boys and Girls Club of Dubois to be honored at their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Dubois Awards and Recognition breakfast on June 11.

*50/50 Peggy & Michele*

### May 13: Wyoming All Star 6-Man Football

Adria Trembly, Siler Hess and Payson Pluhar spoke briefly about Wyoming 6-Man All Stars. Siler and Payson were among the state's high school seniors selected to play in the Wyoming-Nebraska 6-Man Shootout to be played on the football field at Chadron State College May 30. Adria explained expenses to be covered by the players/teams, noting that Kiwanis donations are generally used to provide water and sports drinks during the week of practice.

*50/50 Brad, Karen, Pat B, Reenie*

### Congratulations and thank you to the 2025-2026 club officers, elected on May 13

President: Michele Burdick

President-Elect: Sheryl Epp

Secretary: Jennet Ballinger

Treasurer: Karen McCullough

Directors: Peggy Emanuel, Mike  
McCullough, Bruce S Thompson  
& Pat Ballinger (Immediate Past Pres)



### May 20: Kiwanis Park at Taylor Creek

During this chilly spring morning, 12 Kiwanians worked diligently to stain the new wood steps and other upgrades at our Taylor Creek Park. During a break in February weather, Cody Day of Premiere Contracting had replaced steps, added braces for the swings, and put in a new border around the gravel base. The repairs were completed thanks to grant funds from the **Kiwanis Rocky Mountain District Foundation**, Dubois Volunteers Inc (DVI) and our club's service account.

### May 22: Legion of Honor Evening

Ron Blevins became a 50-year member of Kiwanis on May 15, 2025. Club members & guests, along with Ron's daughter and son-in-law from Powell, surprised him with a celebratory dinner at Crooked Creek Restaurant on Union Pass.

Ron was a member of the Powell, WY club from 1975 – 2016 and joined our club when he relocated to Dubois in 2016. His Kiwanis history was shared with words and photos, after which Club President Pat Ballinger awarded Ron the Kiwanis International *Gold Legion of Honor* certificate and pin.

Jennet Ballinger and Michele Burdick, charter members of our club, were awarded Blue Legion of Honor certificates in recognition of 33 years of membership.

### May 27: Dubois Unit of The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army is an international charity that provides a wide range of assistance. Mary Ellen Honsaker and Twila Blakeman have headed the local unit for many, many years and are seeking someone to take over duties such as the Red Kettle fundraiser, reviewing intake forms and completing reports that go to the Denver office.

Locally, the Salvation Army has helped transient travelers with emergency lodging, gas and meals at local businesses. Generally, it's one night of lodging, a tank of gas and a couple of meals, although there have been circumstances that required more. Local residents have also received assistance with unforeseen expenses during difficult times.

The Salvation Army, along with St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Needs of Dubois and the Food Bank have now joined forces to establish the High Country Help Center.

*50/50 Mary Ellen, Twila, Peggy*

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