



# Nibbles

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Gordee Award—Marge Klinzing, retired Park & Rec director, was awarded the prestigious award by Teresa Keehn, at the Kiwanis anniversary banquet mid-May.

## Your Monroe Club

- > Sponsors Boy Scout Troop 101
- > Sponsors Key Club, Builders and 4 K-Kids
- > Maintains the Youth Cabin and Scout Bldg
- > Supports Boy Scout Canyon Camp
- > Sponsors early childhood development and pre-school literacy
- > Has raised and distributed more than One Million dollars in support of youth and community projects!

**Winner: WIUM District 2014-15 Newsletter Contest**



**Service Day—** a busload of students descended on the Youth Cabin early May to repave the woodland walks with chips and perform other needed tasks!

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**Northside K-Kids Hold Last Meeting—They decorated Welcome bags for incoming students, then celebrated with donuts. Fifth graders received graduation certificates to Builders Club and will be getting Builders Club water bottles!**



***Northside***

***K-Kids***



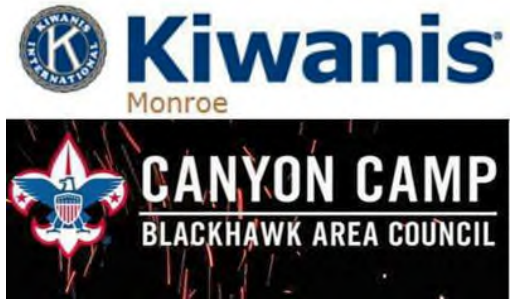


**The Key Club/FFA again sponsored the Senior Citizen Prom earlier in May! Sponsors are so grateful for the support of the administration, food service, and custodial staff that helped bring this night together. Thanks also to Back 40 band (featuring school district librarian, Heather Newton!), the MHS Jazz band, and vocal jazz choir for providing the music and entertainment. It was a wonderful evening, and the students had so much fun learning to polka and line dance! Thank you also to Nguyen (Winn) Tran for taking such gorgeous photos of the event!**



## Kiwanis Work Weekend- 48<sup>th</sup> Annual -Canyon Camp - May 6-7, 2023

The 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Kiwanis Work Weekend was a huge success. As always, dedicated Kiwanians, Scouts, Scouters, and friends of camp gathered to tackle many projects. Nearly 80 volunteers participated Saturday and/or Sunday at this year's event. It was great to see so many Kiwanis and Scouting families join together for this annual event. The list below is a summary of the work projects that were completed.



Project of the day... lumber was delivered for 20 new picnic tables. All lumber was cut to the correct dimensions and 5 tables were completed. After the work weekend, the first annual Canyon Camp Constructors event was held from May 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>. During that week, on two rainy days, 10 additional table were completed. The remaining 5 will be completed at the Order of the Arrow spring event in June. The Monroe Kiwanis granted funding along with donations from two private donors to make possible the purchase of lumber and associated hardware to make this project possible.

Air conditioner covers were removed from the office/trading post, cook's cabin, and Founder's Lodge.

Swimming pool cleaning/ power washing was started in preparation for painting to be completed by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Post-winter plumbing work was continued to ready buildings and campsites for seasonal usage.

Bill Determan continues to work with State of Illinois Archeological Society to protect and maintain the Native American mounds in camp. Brushing around the mounds was performed on Saturday.

The main area, program areas, and campsites were cleared of annual winter tree twigs and small branch debris to ready grounds for mowing.

Minimal flooding in late April left some tree and stump debris in the lake bed. A crew removed these items in preparation for the dam gate to be closed for the summer season.

A break in the waterline behind the dining hall was repaired and the area was filled in and raked.

Tree debris across from the shooting sports area was removed, split, and stacked for firewood.

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A downed pine tree at the Jamboree was worked up and readied for splitting and hauling. The Lookout replacement trail was continued with the setting of many railroad ties and hand excavation. Great progress!

Lumber was purchased with a grant from the Friends of Canyon Camp to purchase materials to build 20 new dining hall benches. All lumber was cut to specified dimensions and sanded. The majority of them were assembled during the Kiwanis event. The remainder of the benches were assembled and given a coat of primer paint and painted green during the Canyon Camp Constructors week.

### **A tremendous amount of work completed by a tremendous crew!**

Prior to the event I requested funding of up to \$1,600 for groceries, lumber, paint, and associated materials. As stated on my request form for this event I was securing donations from other individuals to help with this event and projects. Food from Canyon Camp was used as well as donations from Colony Brands, Paul Holz, Linda Nott, and Bruce Small. Leftover food was used at the Canyon Camp Constructors work week.

Total financial support to this event from the Monroe Kiwanis club is \$1,580.50. I believe this now brings the total of 48 Kiwanis Work Weekends and 44 Kiwanis Woodcutters Balls work days support to \$66,202.11.

### ***Kiwanis attendance and service hours by membership.***

Ron Spielman and wife, Jennifer..... 6 hours

Rick Maliszewski.....8 hours

Shirley Eells.....10 hours

Mary Schara.....21 hours

Lee Binkley.....55 hour

Once again, the Kiwanis Club of Monroe has been supportive of Canyon Camp and the youth it serves. This event gives the Monroe Kiwanis membership the opportunity to see the fruits of their labor. It is always great to have some time at camp to share in work as well as fellowship with the membership of the Kiwanis Club of Monroe. Please share our appreciation with your membership.

With gratitude,

Lee Binkley, Monroe Kiwanian and Canyon Camp Staff Member





Awards at Anniversary Banquet



**Legion of Honor Awards—Jim Glessner read the names while Past Governor Jud Kindschi made the presentations: Upper left—Jim Munro, 55 years; bottom—Bobbie Bernet, a past president, 35 years; upper right—Sandra Einbeck, 25 years (and Jud’s daughter!) Unable to attend: Pat Kubly, 65 years!!!!**





**More Awards—above: President Amanda Gerber presents Shirley Eells with past president recognition; right: Nikki Austin named member of the year.**



**Special Award—Ron Spielman presented Nibbles editor Jim with a memento for doing Nibbles for 43 years! Jim is stepping down at the end of this Administrative Year.**

**Major Donation— Club presented YMCA with a \$25,000 stipend for the current Y expansion campaign. Shown from left: Ron Spielman, Shirley Eells, Stacy Cavanaugh, Luke Smetters, Amanda Gerber, Beth Kindschi and Nanci Valentino, all officers and directors of the Monroe Kiwanis Club.**





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Following on the blanket tie day, blankets were presented to Family Promise, represented by Rick Gleason, left photo; Brothers Big Sisters, represented by Shirley Eells, top right. Green Haven and Aster Assisted Living also received blankets. Above is the scrumptious cake for dessert at the banquet. Key Clubbers also got in on the action prior to the presentations; doing their contributions (photos below)







### UPC Percussion Ensemble performed at banquet!



Colleen Keen is our newest member of Monroe Kiwanis. She is shown being inducted by President Amanda Gerber at a recent Youth Cabin meeting.

The photo right is of a Page 1 story in the Monroe Times elaborating on our Cops 'n Kids program which was initiated by Past President Shirley Eells

**Cops flood local schools — to read**

Kiwanis Clubs starts new initiative to build relationships between police and students

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MONROE — There are more cops than ever in local schools these days but, for the most part, no one's getting hurt.

Rather, many of the officers hang around. Meeting area schools lately are there as part of a Kiwanis Club initiative to read books to kids and build relationships with them that transcend the traditional law enforcement roles.

The effort began in earnest a few years ago when the Kiwanis District Governor, Jan, Kasperfeld, sponsored an initiative that could be implemented by local clubs and focus on children, children's literacy, and getting more books into kids' hands.

In Monroe, Shirley Eells is coordinator for the local Kiwanis "Cops 'n Kids" program, and says it helps not only to improve children's literacy but has an ancillary benefit of improving community trust and law enforcement as an organization.

Suggested reading for the program is the general book "The Sheriff" (fiction) by a veteran with a law degree, James called "J. Brown." A Kiwanis Club member, James called "J. Brown," suggested the book.

So far, Monroe Police, the Green County Sheriff, and Mandeville Police have gotten involved in the program, she said.

"We started having them read in libraries and then we started having them go to schools and daycares," she said. "It is much easier to have kids trapped in police officers."

Kids are fascinated by the uniforms, by all things law enforcement, sometimes an officer will bring a K-9 along for the presentation, which is always a hit with the kids.

Monroe Police Chief Fred Kelley said he was pleased when the Kiwanis Club asked for a commitment to the program.

"It is always been something we've always been involved in, but it's always been something we've always been involved in, but it's always been something we've always been involved in," he said. "We would much rather they feel comfortable with us as someone who can help."

It's important for the public — not just children — to see the officers in a different light than the negative publicity of the law.

"The officers who have done it say it has been good. It's important to be on a Don't Need Guns with our officers," said Kelly.

Green County Sheriff Jeff Skatford agreed.

"This is the opportunity to participate in the reading program provides us with the opportunity to show our personal side to the kids and hopefully take away some of the negative that the badge and uniform present," said Skatford. "I've done it before, and personally it's a wonderful thing from the day-to-day grind and fun to be involved with the kids."

Shirley Eells, past President of Monroe.

**ABOVE:** Chief of Police Jason Crowley and Andrew McManis read to area school children. **BELLOW:** Monroe officer Chris Hornell reads to local students.



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***ANNUAL WORK DAY AT YOUTH CABIN DURING SERVICE DAY!***

**A Busload of students was on hand early May to perform many tasks at the Monroe Kiwanis Youth Cabin.**

Photos courtesy of Susan Anderson





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June 8: Dusty Miller — BTC Ag Program

June 15: (Tentative) Teri Ellefson -- Jacob's Swag

June 22: George Vernon -- Estonia

June 29 is a 5th Thursday, we will have an evening ice cream Sundae party at Union Presbyterian at 7 pm. Outside, weather permitting. Inside if not.

*Monroe Kiwanis Meets Thursday Noon At Youth Cabin*



*Kiwanis Youth Cabin, located on a 10-acre site on Youth Cabin Rd., has served children and adults with outdoor experiences since 1954.*

Volunteer opportunities—  
Put on your calendars

Attendance opportunity—KI Convention, Minneapolis, June 21 thru 24

Board of Directors meets July 10, 2023 at Noon at Aster Assisted Living

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Board of Directors Meeting

- Board meeting
- 1st Monday of Month
- At Aster