

Announcements.:

1 – BEJOT Golf Tourney is next Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. **THERE WILL BE NO BREAKFAST MEETING** on July 30<sup>th</sup>..

2- CAVIN announced that the fair schedule, Travis Tritt, BWHS reunion and the Food Truck Battle shifts are loaded onto the website.

Please go on the site and select which shifts you can work. If you are unavailable, please indicate that for the appropriate shift.

3 – Stacy Dreessen thanked all who helped out with the recent Island Adventure Run. It was held at the Zoo. In particular she thanked:

Phil Bauer for designing and constructing the course.

Darryl Weber for helping in set up and tear down as well as leading the runners through the course on his bike.

Dina Harmon for putting together the BEC team which won the largest team prize.

Anne Gunderson who helped register event runners and also ran in the race.

Dave Weller for helping set up and tear down. And handed out leis. It was a tough job but I only dropped 2 of them.

4 – Food Truck Battle on the Yellowstone is scheduled for August 28<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up for a shift. They will need people to help with gate admission, ID check, Serving beer, Helping with the grounds and parking cars. Tanner told us that sponsorships are still available. Attached is the sponsorship form.

5 – Rene' is also taking over the membership committee. She will need some committee members. Please sign up to help.

6 – Brews and BBQ went well. Still have an issue with people showing up for their shifts at this event. Quite a few members worked multiple shifts to help cover. It was mentioned that some booths started to run out of beer early in the evening.

7 – Dina reported that the Yellowstone District is running a contest to see how many new memberships we can attain by the next District convention. The convention will be held in Spring of 2022. A \$250 prize will be awarded to the person who signs up the most and who stick with it.

8 – Bruce sent out the latest committee list and there are a lot of openings. Please review and volunteer to help out a committee for our club.

9 – **HEIGHTS EXCHANGE CLUB GOLF TOURNEY**. This tourney will be held on September 17<sup>th</sup>. We will draw names for 1 team of 4 plus an alternate. If you want to be in the drawing, come to breakfast on August 6<sup>th</sup> and put your name in the bucket.

Guest Speakers.

Our guest speakers today represented the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch and the Foundation. Michael Chavers, CEO, and Kristi Farver Oaks, Foundation Executive VP spoke to us about the current state of the ranch and organization. There will some interesting facts that I did not know. The ranch was started in 1957 after Franklin Robbie visited the State Industrial School for boys. There were boys as young as 10 housed with older delinquent youth. Most of the kids had some type of emotional and mental health disorders and housing them with older boys is a huge issue. The Ranch expanded to admit girls in 1980. In total they have touched the lives of over 10,000 at- risk youth.

There are 70 residents on site and they stay for 3 to 6 months. They also work with over 700 children on a daily basis that are not at the ranch. They have offices in Billings, Livingston, Lewistown, Dillon and Kalispell. There is also a school on site, The Yellowstone Academy. They are a public K-8 school. Kids come from the surrounding communities. YGBR is a working ranch and has a black angus herd. Ranchers help stock this herd through the Homes-for-Heifers program. The youth at the ranch help raise and care for the cattle. They have many vocational programs like equine, woodworking and welding.

Fundraising for the Foundation and the Ranch are constant. They are constantly looking to repair and maintain the grounds. They need funds to run the ranch, school, vocation programs, and the Food Pantry. The foundation estimates that for every dollar spent at YBGR there is a return of almost \$14 to the local economy. YGBR's direct programs produce 12.2 million per year in local economic job impact, benefiting a total of 486 jobs. The total economic impact is \$174 million dollars annually.