

BECON 8/6/2021

Rob Romsa's guest this morning was Dale Darby, who works at 1st Interstate Bank.

Signups are on the website the Food Truck Battle. There is going to be a downstairs booth during the four fair concerts so there is a need for more members to mark either "available" or "request to work" on the website.

Drawing was held this morning for the Heights Exchange Golf Tournament at Pryor Creek Golf Course, shotgun start at 9 A.M. Players will be:  
Butch Clapper, Steve Staebler, Ed Kaufman, Rod Hessler, with the alternate being Huffly.

Request for help was made this morning for a Taco Bar at the Springfest at the Moss Mansion on August 21. Shifts are 8:30-10:30, 10:30-1, and 1-4. If you can help out, contact Bob Dalrymple at [leadre\\_mt@yahoo.com](mailto:leadre_mt@yahoo.com)

On August 27, Rene' would like a few people to help load tables and chairs for the Food Truck Battle. If you can stick around after breakfast, I'm sure she'd appreciate it.

Breakfast the next two weeks will be at the American Legion, 1540 Broadwater Ave, because of Montana Fair. There will be no speakers, only social time and food; it would be great to see some of our members that we haven't seen for awhile attend.

Our speakers this morning were Brian, Executive Director, and Kari, Director of Donations and Advancement, and Christopher, Brian's son, a member, from the Boys and Girls Club of Yellowstone County.

In the middle of last year's fundraising auction and dinner, Brian learned of the first four cases of COVID. The next day, the Governor shut down the state. That night, Brian and the full staff got together to figure out the rest of the year's activities, etc. Last school year's programs consisted of the kids that went to school in the mornings, had Club activities in the afternoon, and those that had school in the afternoons, had Club in the mornings. At Lockwood Schools, there was no staff available, so Club activities were held in Lockwood parks, called Boys and Girls Club on Wheels. There was no Club held at Broadwater Elementary, Miles Avenue Elementary, or Washington Elementary, kids from these schools were bussed to other schools.

The National Boys & Girls Club has the largest kids' surveys in the country. These surveys consist of statistics about adult connections - building relationships, safety and positive environment, and having fun, along with other areas. In the adult relationships category, it was found that the 88% of kids in Club felt they had strong adult relationships in their lives, up 21% from 2019. In the having fun category, 87% were having fun at the Boys and Girls Club and with 87% of the kids feeling physically safe and a whopping 95% saying the Boys and Girls Club was an emotionally safe place to be, they are doing a fantastic job.

Their budget is \$2.5M a year, up \$400,000 from 2019. Rates of membership are \$330 for the summer and \$360 for the school year, with 50% of the youth they serve requiring scholarships. They are planning to have 9 sites open for this upcoming school year and, as with most businesses, they are short-staffed - having 17 positions open, both part-time and full-

time. If you know of anyone who may be a fit for a career at the Boys and Girls Club of Yellowstone County, have them give Brian a call at 406-245-4457.