

BECON

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First things first this morning, huge props to the social committee for a great evening at Meadowlark Brewery on Thursday evening. This looks like a great year for social events. The turn out was incredible, the food was good and the beer was better!

Guests Lanny brought his son Joey who needs no introduction to the club and Paul Groz brought his wife, Karen as well.

Reminder, tonight is a fundraiser in the Albertsons parking lot off Rehberg and Grand. There will be music, food and of course BEER! Proceeds will go to the Family Tree.

Craig announced that all of the August events are on the website so make sure to go in and mark if you can work or not.

Jerry Voto had the privilege of working with Ricky Carlson, Amanda's husband, during the Brews & BBQ. Jerry was waving some fun funny that they made during the event.

Chief St John was slated to speak this morning, but he didn't show so Cavin started talking about National Convention..... Oh wait, it's a bird, it's a plane, nope it's the Chief!!

I wish that I could report accurately everything that was gone over this morning. In summary, the justice system is trying to recover still from Covid. Our police force is trying to recover as well because of certain changes in the law that happened during covid. There was a new policy called Justice Reinvestment where Misdemeanors, disorderly conduct were decriminalized. This caused a significant increase in shoplifting and other misdemeanor infractions.

The force is looking for more officers but also citizens that will take over accident reports, minor robbery reports etc which will allow the actual police officers to focus more on major crime around town. Yes, we have seen this in a movie from the 80's called Police Academy. Maybe they have worked out all of the kinks by now.

Recently, there was an independent audit by an 3rd party group that went through policies and procedures. The audit found 101 recommendations for the police force. Many of these policies have been implemented since then and St John said that he thinks it was a good thing.

He also thanked everyone that voted for the new funding for the police department. For those of you that didn't vote in favor, he has vowed he will find your and make you pay!!!

With all of the new focuses on getting the crime back down in Billings, violent crime and property crime are actually down over the first six months of 2022. He thinks this trend will continue throughout the year, but he admits there is a lot of work to do.

Nothing to do with breakfast this morning, but our Food Truck Battle just received national recognition this past week. Here is the link to the article. Our club should be proud of what we have accomplished and we should also be proud of our members that have worked so hard to make this event happen.

<https://www.newsnationnow.com/.../food-truck.../7873106/>

Upcoming Work Opportunities

8/12	Elle King
8/13 Soul	Collective
8/14	Nelly
8/15	SuperCross
8/16	Rodeo
8/17	Rodeo
8/19	Rodeo
8/27	Food Truck (Two Shifts)



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I would like to take a moment to thank everyone that has reached out in text, email, phone call or has congratulated me in person since I have been back from National convention. As everyone knows, it isn't always easy to put yourself out there in anyway, but this club has been helping me learn to be in leadership since 2011 when Glen Hufnagel pulled me aside in a breakfast meeting and suggested that I consider running for the board. Since that time, a club member has always been integral in suggesting that I take another step forward in leadership, but more importantly this club has always supported me in everything. What makes this position special is that our club gets the recognition that we deserve for doing the amazing things we do in the community but also in supporting our own. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart.

Next week Rocket will be back reporting the Becon

