

Guests this morning: Leslie Glenn, wife of one of our newest members Bryce Glenn. Guess she wanted to see where Bryce REALLY goes every Friday morning, instead of him leaving this to her imagination...

Mark Morse, was here to speak about his role as dare I say, INCOMING County Commissioner?

We also had a presentation from Cameron Cooke, from St. Vincent De Paul. Our Club granted them money for a new passenger van and they, in turn, gave us a very nice certificate of appreciation. It is nice to be acknowledged for our granting once in a while.

Bill Kennedy is taking over for Stacy Dreesen as Director for the Family Tree Center. He said there is going to be a retirement party for Stacy on her last day, August 31 from 4-7 at the American Legion (that's where we now meet for breakfast).

Also, Bill Kennedy accepted a check for \$4625, our tips for the quarter, for the Family Tree Center.

Josh (missed his last name), our newest member accepted his packet of membership, which consisted of a certificate of membership and membership pins. He works at North 40 Physical Therapy, has 4 kids, and likes to golf, hunt and fish. Welcome Josh!!

Rene', of Food Truck Battle fame, has now been nationally recognized:

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. Rene' was on News Nation, a national TV show with a segment called Morning in America. Here is a link to the program. <https://tinyurl.com/334d6vnn>

This morning she thanked those that have signed up to work TB, and said that if you are not able to work an entire shift standing to let her know and she will assign you to a sitting job at the FTB. Additionally, if you are bringing your spouse/SO, to let her know as well, Your spouse/SO does not have to be R-Certified, there are plenty of jobs at the FTB for those that are not.

Fair time is coming soon. Craig says we are looking fairly good for Elle King on August 12. There are 16 requesting to work this event, needing around 20. The other two concerts are mighty slim for workers, as are the motocross and rodeo nights. If you are able to work ANY or ALL of these events, sign up on the website. Remember, if you don't go in and say if you can or cannot work, chances are, you are GOING TO be on the worker list.

Mark Morse has been Postal Inspector and in Law Enforcement previously and now is going to be our newly elected County Commissioner, ousting Dennis Pitman. He says yesterday at their meeting, Don Jones was adamant in his stance on sending out for RFP's to privatize the METRA. Mark says this is a bad thing to have happen, since whoever takes the management over, if this privatization happens, will be a FOR PROFIT company. This means that, chances are, everything will increase at METRAPARK to pay for this company taking over. In addition, he surmises that the small entertainment events, the horse shows, ag events, etc., will be phased out and METRA will become more of a night entertainment arena. Night entertainment brings more money into METRA, but the small events bring additional revenue into Billings and the surrounding areas by means of hotels and restaurants. In closing, he said there is no hard evidence that shows MERAK should be privatized.

Until next week,
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