

BECON

9-30-2022

There was only one guest speaker this am, our speaker, Kevin Bryan who is the County Finance Director.

Announcements

- Cavin is breaking out all of the stops for making breakfasts a must attend. He held a raffle this morning, all proceeds going to the winner. The tickets were \$1 a piece and there was no limit to what you could purchase. I slid Cavin a fiver in hopes it might help me win but in the end Wade Austin was the big winner. He took home around \$140. Is this going to be a weekly event, no one knows. Guess you will have to show up to breakfast and find out!
- Shannon received the first patches of the year from National for Projects of Service. This was for the school drive. Just a reminder, all committee heads or fundraising heads need to fill out the sheet that Shannon is providing for tracking info for the projects.
- Veterans Navigation Network is having a career fair on October 8th for veterans and employees to help them in their job hunts.
- Darrel wanted to say thank you to the members of the club that helped in the serving of beer at Ales for Trails.
- Dress a Child is October 22nd. Make sure to log into the website and select to work that event and if you are bringing your significant other and would like to have shop for two children, email Leif, Craig or myself. Also, make sure to fill out your waiver form and send it in.
- Craig is going to need some volunteers for day shifts on October 15th, 20th, 21st and 22nd. Only one person per shift is needed and the shift time is from 4-8. Email Craig if you are able to help.

Kevin started off the meeting by apologizing for maybe being a little short winded. He is just now recovering from a serious bout of Covid. He spoke a lot about what has gone on in Yellowstone County for the last 20 plus years. He spoke about failed and passed ballot initiatives as well as the DMV system crash in the 80's.

He spoke some about the Metra Park long range plan having some good merit but didn't speak too much on anything of the political issues involving the Metra currently. He also told a story about how Billings was promised the state prison if they had endorsed Helena for the state seat. Somehow that didn't happen, but Billings is still housing a large majority of state prisoners that should be in Deer Lodge except Deer Lodge is at maximum capacity as well. The state of Montana pays \$69 a day for all of the prisoners that Billings is housing for the state, however the cost per day of these inmates is \$99. In figuring out the math with our capacity vs how many of our current inmates should be in a state facility it appears that Billings is housing more than ¼ of our jail capacity for the state and this is a huge reason why we have a problem with the jail system.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Rodney Carrington

Oct 8th

Nile Ranch Rodeo **Oct 15th**

PRC Pro Rodeo

Oct 20th, 21st, 22nd

Dress a Child

Oct 22nd

Bert Kreischer Comedy

Nov 9th

Dream Chasers Supercross

Nov 12th



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