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“The Best Way to Find Yourself is to Lose Yourself in the Service to Others.”

-Mahatma Gandhi

What’s on the Horizon...

- ✦ June 5—Outlaws FB
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- ✦ July 12-15—National Convention; Phoenix
- ✦ July 28—Whiskey Myers Concert
- ✦ August 2—REO Speedwagon Concert
- ✦ August 12 & 13—Air Show
- ✦ August 13—Luqacris
- ✦ August 26—Food Truck Battle
- ✦ September 15—Goo Goo Dolls Concert
- ✦ November 4—Jon Pardi

Welcome / Introductions / Announcements:

Guests today included Lisa Jensen's mom, Marsha; Shawn Perry, a Realtor with Western Skies Real Estate, was Shannon's guest. Shawn had attended the Meadowlark event. Shannon also brought her son and daughter. Our speaker was Deb Cole who is the Regional Administrator with Health & Human Services Child Protection Services (CPS).

Last chance to let Shannon know if you plan on attending the National Convention in Phoenix this July. Our club credential card with all the members from our club attending must be submitted to National no later than June 1st.

Today (Friday), is the last day to let Tanner know if you plan on attending the Pig Races on June 10th.

Cavin passed around a thank you note from Early Childhood Intervention and Veteran's Matter.

Bill Kennedy announced the Family Tree Nurturing Center golf tournament currently has about 20 teams and 12 more team spots are available. Those not able to enter a team can do a \$500 sponsorship.

Tournament is at Pryor Creek Golf Course on June 30th with a 1:00 pm shot gun start.

Craig attempted to tell us that we didn't have any more events until June 24th, but Mike was quick to let him know we now have the Outlaws playoff game on June 5th. Get on the website quick to mark yourself available or unavailable.

Craig also let us know he took the trailer of flags to District Convention for the Kalspell Club to borrow. They are doing a Field of Honor this weekend so watch for photos of that. The flags will then travel to Butte for their 4th of July Field of Honor.

Cavin brought up new member Matt Brossard to receive his new member certificate and pins.

Bill K. announced the upcoming Memorial Day ceremonies for Monday, May 29th. There will be one at Riverside Cemetery at 8:00 am, Mountview Cemetery at 9:45 am and one at 11:45 am at the National Cemetery.

Speaker: Deb Cole, CPS Regional Director

Our speaker today was Deb Cole with CPS. Deb moved here about nine years ago. There are 695 kids currently in their care. They are exiting kids faster than they are taking them in. They have been able to improve their services due to getting more staff. There are currently 15 investigators. She has also been able to increase the pay of the case workers by about \$5 an hour and start offering wellness programs for staff making them better able to cope with the horrible things/trauma they witness.

They receive approximately 300 calls a month on their hot line reporting abuse. Of those, about 115—135 turn into cases that the case workers investigate. Of the 115-135, about 20 need full services.

Drug abuse, physical and sexual abuse are the type of abuse seen. When kids are removed from the home, unification is the goal. They do try and place the kids with other family

members while problems are solved when possible. They currently have three foster home openings.

Sorry! I've been in an intense training all week and the test was at 8:00 am so I had to bail out early and this is all I got.

I hope you have a splendiferous three day weekend!!



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