

BECON

8-09-2024

The only guest this morning was Dr. Garcia, superintendent of School District 2 and our guest speaker this morning.

Lots of announcements this morning:

Tim announced that if you are not doing anything on 8-17, there is a fundraiser for "Kids and Cowboys" being held at the Tap Inn from 6-10.

The Food Truck Battle is two weeks away. Make sure that you have gone in and chosen which shift you want to work and make yourself unavailable for the other. If not, you could be scheduled for both. If you have a significant other that is going to attend as well, please let Rene know so we can find a place for them. They DO NOT have to be R Serving Certified to help, but they do have to have their R Serving to serve beer. We will have a lot of other places that need volunteers. Also, August 17th will be the day the committee puts up banners and flags around the grounds. Please let Rene know if you can make that as well, many hands make light work!

Shawnee is still looking for a few volunteers for the Midway. I will attach the updated shift schedule with this email along with the instructions.

Trina brought fresh cucumbers for the membership; it looks like she has a bumper crop this year!

Dr Garcia was born in Columbia and he and his family moved to Houston, then to Billings Montana.

This morning, he spoke about several programs that have been instituted since he became superintendent.

Billings Early College School –

- BECS is a Public Charter School under the leadership and governance of Billings Public Schools.
- Students will have the opportunity to earn both their high school diploma and college credits up to an Associate Degree.
- This will be the first program like this in Montana.

Opportunity School

- Classes at the career center will be increased to over 1300 students.
- Students will get their degree in career technology or criminal justice focusing on Fire, Police and First Responders.

Multi Lingual Academy

- With the new work force transferring in, many students don't speak English. This gives them a helping hand.
- Dr Garcia did mention that Billings is a resettlement city, so this program may be used for that as well, he doesn't know.

Adult Education Academy

- There are roughly 200 members of this program a year that graduate.

Family Resource Center

- This is located in the Lincoln Center and is there to help families that are struggling with housing etc until they can get settled.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

8-9 Boys like Girls

8-10 Ratt w/ Quiet Riot

8-11 Kip Moore

8-13 Big Air Bash

8-16 Rodeo

8-17 Rodeo

8-24 Food Truck Battle
2 Shifts

8-27 Hozier



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KinderREADY

- This will be a pathway for vulnerable families to access pre k education for their children. So far there are programs at McKinely, Orchard and Bench.

Project Engage

- This program interacts with students that have dropped out, not just trying to get them back into school, but trying to find out why they have dropped out and help steer them into a program that they may be able to succeed in.
- An startlingly sad but interesting bit of information is that if students can't read at their grade level by 3rd grade, they are 4 more times likely to drop out of school. That statistic gets worse as they advance in grade level. Fifty Percent of students in the elementary schools are not reading at their grade level according to Dr. Garcia.

Dyslexia Services

- SD2 now has a program to help identify dyslexia in students early on. The district is also training 3rd-5th grade teachers how to help identify possible cases in students.

JROTC

- Billings hasn't had a JROTC program since the 70's. This is another program that Dr. Garcia is hoping he can steer students into that may not currently have an avenue that fits them.

He also spoke a little about the Daylis Stadium remodel. The West section of the stadium is not able to be used because the surface is peeling at an alarming rate, and it is unsafe for spectators. The remodel has been quoted out at 7-10 million dollars. The district has 2 million to put towards this remodel. They are going to hire an outside entity to help raise funds. If that entity can raise 3 million dollars, then the school district can finance the rest through the state, not having to ask the taxpayers to foot the bill.

After all the information that Dr. Garcia provided us with, Shawnee suggested that our club participate in the United Way School Supply Drive. There was a lot of support in this, so STAY TUNED!!

This coming Tuesday is the board meeting, next week will be a business meeting.



	Friday 8/9/2024	Saturday 8/10/2024	Sunday 8/11/2024	Monday 8/12/2024	Tuesday 8/13/2024	Wednesday 8/14/2024	Thursday 8/15/2024	Friday 8/16/2024	Saturday 8/17/2024
2-6pm									
	Bruce Jensen -opening	Mike F. -opening	Mike F. -opening	Bruce -open	Bruce -Open	Bruce - open	Bruce - open	Bruce - open	Bruce - open?
1	Jerry Voto	Jerry Voto	Jerry Voto	Chuck Rutherford	Jerry Voto	Rod Hessler	Jerry Voto	Rod Hessler	Stephanie Bond
2	John Eastman	Shiela Wilson	John Eastman	Trina White	John Eastman	Cindy Hessler	John Eastman	Cindy Hessler	
6-10 pm									
1	Darryl Weber	Steph Bond	Trina White	Randy Thomas	Tarra Grazley	Lisa Reich			
2	Nate Allie	Hope Blake (Stephanie's friend)	Glenn Hufnagel	Shawnee Krauszer	Bruce Glennie	Mike Songer			
3	Craig Burke	Nate Allie	Whitney Griffin	Jennifer Lackman	Erin Glennie	Stephanie Bond			

The Midway shift TODAY ONLY is different than the rest of the days moving forward.

The DAY SHIFT is from 4-7 p.m. Jerry and John please take notice!

TONIGHT will be from 7-10 p.m.! Darryl, Nate and Craig, please take notice!

PLEASE WEAR YOUR GREEN SHIRTS TO WORK SHIFTS ON THE MIDWAY! IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

The attendants at the front gate will let you in, if you are wearing your GREEN shirts. If you don't have a green shirt for Midway, at least wear a BEC Shirt! Thank you

Bruce said the interior serving area is more narrow than expected, so the evening shifts, if its too crowded with 3 people, feel free to let a person go.

Where is the Midway Bar, you ask?

It will be located by the 4th Ave gate entrance.

There will be a stage and a few food trucks etc.

It will be a horseshoe-type bar with seats on both sides and the front(not the back though)overhang that creates shade over bar stools, I think coolers will be in middle of bar and we'll stick from a trailer parked fairly close by.

