

# BECON

9-20-2024

Guests in attendance this morning were our speakers, Stony Field and Cody Ritz of the Metra and Drew McLeod with Yellowstone CASA.

## Announcements:

1. Drew stopped in to tout CASA's .5K (Yes, ½ a kilometer) that takes place October 5<sup>th</sup> at Canyon Creek. There is also a Raffle taking place for some nice prizes. He also mentioned that CASA is severely short on Advocates and if anyone is interested and has 5-10 hours a month, please reach out to him. New Advocate Training starts in January.
2. Tanya reminded everyone that the Foundation Bingo is approaching fast. September 28<sup>th</sup> in fact. Remember, this isn't just an Exchange event, so invite anyone that loves to play bingo!
3. Bill Kennedy wanted to remind everyone that October 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Unattended Veterans Ceremony at Yellowstone Cemetery. If anyone would like to attend, please let Bill know.

Our friends with the Metra dropped in this morning to let us know a little about what is going on, and how the Fair did. They are looking to have a new outdoor rodeo arena up and running by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. They explained how expensive and time consuming moving the dirt continually in and out of the Metra is. This outdoor arena will be used during the fair and all through the nice months.

Speaking of the Fair, it appears that attendance on the grounds was up, gate sales were up and concessions were up but concerts are down. Cody mentioned that there is an oddity right now in concert attendance. He told us that a Blake Shelton concert, where the guarantee to the act was over a million dollars, only filled half of the venue and the venue was only a little larger than our Metra. He also mentioned that there have been similar issues across the country, but comedy acts seem to be selling out at a high level. Theo Von has already sold over 4k in tickets.

## Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

**Judas Priest 10-3**  
**@ 6PM**

**Nile Rodeo 10-11**  
**5:30 PM**

**Nile Rodeo 10-12**  
**5:30 PM**

**Nile Ranch Rodeo 10-19**  
**5PM**

**Theo Von Comedy Show**  
**10-25 @ 6:30PM**

**The Price is Right 10-31**  
**@ 6pm**



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