

BECON

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There were just a couple of guests in house this morning. Garrett was our guest speaker from Friends of Pompey's Pillar and long-time friend of the BEC, Cecil Pegram was also in attendance.

There were not too many announcements at breakfast today:

Brynn mentioned that the Senior Lights Tour was amazing, they had 91 attendees and except for a ding in the bus, a good time was had by all!

Our tree for the Festival of Trees raised over \$1200 and it was reported that there were several high-dollar trees this year. Congrats to Bill Kennedy and his team for another successful event.

Craig reported that the glitch should be fixed online, so make sure you go log in and put your availability down for the rodeo!

The Foundation had another successful fundraiser for the Cat/Griz game. Another \$1,000 was raised for the Foundation and Trina White, Rene Critelli, Kris Mitzman, and Dina Harmon all pocketed \$250 for their holiday shopping!

Welcome to Friends of Pompeys Pillar

Nestled on the banks of the Yellowstone River, Pompeys Pillar National Monument rises 120 feet into the sky. This sandstone outcropping, covering roughly 2 acres at its base, is not just a geologic wonder, but a site of cultural and historical significance. Although perhaps best known for the inscription left behind by William Clark of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, this site boasts the markings of thousands of years of human occupation.

Our speaker, Garret, invited us to come visit, volunteer and enjoy the grounds.

Friends of Pompeys Pillar is a 501C3 organization established in 1989 to support Pompeys Pillar. Their mission is to preserve and protect the monument by educating visitors through interpretation, special projects and by supporting the Bureau of Land Management in its management of the site. The effort of the Pompeys Pillar Historical Association was a driving force to get this site into the public lands domain, which resulted in the purchase of the historical land from the Foote family by the BLM in 1991. By working cooperatively with the BLM in planning and administration of the site, the association successfully accomplishes this mission.

Pompeys Pillar has been averaging 27k visitors over the past few years and they are trying to get the numbers back to the mid 30s where it was prior to covid. One of their biggest events is July 25th Clark Days, plan to attend.

That was about all we had for this week. Make sure you cheer on the Montana teams this weekend!

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Chase Hawks 12-21
5:30



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