

This morning for breakfast we had breakfast burritos and COOKIES for dessert. It took a while to get the coffee maker working... there is a short in the coffee maker. I personally think a new coffee maker is in the future for the American Legion.

Guests... we had 4 this morning. Missed the names but to have 4 guests at one meeting is GREAT. AND to have 40+ for breakfast is fantastic!!

Food Truck Battle is short of workers for the second shift. If you can work this shift, get on the website and mark "request to work". Also, the Saturday before the Food Truck Battle, August 16 around 9 AM, is the day we put up the flags and banners on the fence at the Armory. If you can help out this day, it would be most appreciated. Last year there were several of us on the Saturday before which made for short work.

Chuck Rutherford and Craig Burke received their thank you for their past terms on the Board.

Ed Kaufman also received his thank you for being our forever treasurer.

A letter from the Family Tree Nurturing Center was passed around thanking us for our \$7500 quarterly donation.

Our speaker this morning was Bo Swaze, a radio personality from KGHL, which is 3 years short of being 100 years old. Bo is a retired Marine and a former foster child, at one time being locked in the garage and having his meals served to him under the door. It's hard to fathom that there are foster homes and foster parents out there that treat their fosters in this way, but there are. Bo was adopted at 16 years old by a 28 year old, which is why, he says, that he's not in prison somewhere. He came to KGHL 7 months ago; he says that KGHL is one big family. KGHL plays classic country, the old stuff, Loretta Lynn, George Jones, Dale Watson and the like; incidentally, there are only 97 radio stations in the entire United States that play classic country. KGHL is across the street from the fairgrounds; Bo invites any of us to tour the station or to cohost on his radio time, 2-8 every afternoon, either 94.7 FM or the mighty 790 AM. Bo is doing a remote at the Moose Lodge tomorrow afternoon from 3-7 for their 114th birthday. The Moose Lodge is having a seafood boil for only \$10 per person tomorrow starting at 4PM. YUM!!!!

Dave Staton gave us an update on his son Q. Q has had 40 rounds of radiation and four 4 hour rounds of Chemo for his inoperable brain tumor. After his Chemo treatments, he had pneumonia, which led to the doctors finding 4 tumors in his right lung. Prayers are needed for his recovery, he plans on getting back to teaching this fall at Lockwood School.

This is the last BECON from me for a while... next week somebody else takes the reigns.

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