

BECON

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It's Brawl Weekend! For those of us who've been to games during this interstate rivalry, we all know how the tempers can flare, the language gets... *colorful*, and the energy is always sky-high. In honor of the weekend, Shawnee kicked off today's meeting with a few colorful words of her own—and followed it up with a brilliant idea: a money jar for every spicy word that slips out! With our club? At this rate, we'll have funds for a brand-new BEC clubhouse, granite floors, and all the fixings by next year!

A quick reminder: *Flapjacks & Football* is tomorrow morning. Shawnee and her crew are still looking for a few extra hands for the second shift (not **at** the Second Shift—just to clarify). For the morning helpers, please arrive by **7 AM** and be prepared for dish duty. And for your own safety... **STAY OUT OF MARIA'S WAY**. Also, stick around afterward for the game-day viewing party—bring a potluck item and spend the day with us!

Today's meeting felt more like a pop-up breakfast—announcements everywhere, lots of laughs, and plenty of energy. Here's the rundown:

Announcements

1. Festival of Trees – December 4–6

Bill needs volunteers for all three shifts on Saturday: **9–12:30**, **12–3**, and **3–6**. If you'd like to help, call Bill at **406-252-9799** or **406-698-5229**.

2. Brawl of the Wild Food Drive – TODAY, 10–7

Ben Keysor is hosting a food drive in the Reno Club parking lot. Drop off donations in the appropriate trailer—Cat's or Griz—and if the Cat's fills up, we can... regrettably... help fill the Griz trailer. You'll likely see some familiar faces, and if you need to “wet your whistle,” there will be folks to help with that too. Donors from the winning trailer are entered to win a \$100 gift card. (Not one billion dollars—Bruce Glennie clearly got ahold of my pen.)

3. Norwex Presentation – Tomorrow

Stephanie Romsa will be doing a Norwex demo during breakfast/the viewing party. There was something about butter on a mirror... sounds like a party to me.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Nov 22

Flapjacks & Football

1st shift 7am

2nd shift 10am

Guest Organization: Adaptive Performance Center

We welcomed Karen, Mitch, and superstar Sammie from the Adaptive Performance Center. Today's \$7,500 grant will go toward something new: helping homeless veterans with interim housing. They've been relying on hotel rooms, but are exploring the possibility of purchasing small homes to better serve their members. They expressed tremendous gratitude—this partnership continues to be impactful and deeply appreciated.

Guest Speaker: Stephanie Bond – Spring Into Sight Foundation

Our very own Stephanie Bond, now a board member with Spring Into Sight Foundation, shared her story and the mission of the organization. Spring Into Sight provides new custom eyewear to individuals regardless of financial situation. We watched videos highlighting *The Gift of Sight*, and Stephanie shared her own journey—needing glasses as a child, then navigating the challenge again when her daughter required glasses at just 15 months old. It was honest, heartfelt, and resonated with so many of us.

Upcoming Spring Into Sight Events:

- **Bingo at The Blue Cat – April 18, 2026**
Details available at their website: www.springintosightfoundation.org
If you haven't played Bingo at the Blue Cat—apparently the pots get BIG.
- **Community Night at Hooligans – December 1**
Includes a raffle for an all-inclusive 7-night vacation for two at Secrets Vallarta Bay, Puerto Vallarta.

To donate old glasses:

Mail to:

I Care International
880 Bedford Road
Morris, IL 60450

Shawnee showed off her new X-ray vision and can't wait to donate her old prescription to a great cause!

As we head into Brawl Weekend, remember: cheers will be made, tears will be shed, and yes—more than one beverage will be consumed. Please **be safe**, enjoy the rivalry, and have a fantastic weekend!

