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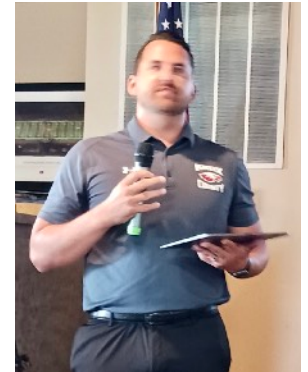
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NEW MEMBER WELCOMED: President Ruth inducted Nate Fajkus today. Nate is an account executive with Bott Radio Network. Pictured from left are Fajkus, Elizabeth Gregory (his Rotary sponsor) and President Ruth.

ALEX VAN DELFT AND RICH GREEN ON EDUCATION AT KNOX COUNTY R-1

In Jennifer Chrisman's introduction we learned that **Alex Van Delfd** (right) a Macon native and TSU graduate, is the superintendent elect of Knox County R-1 School District. He has been a principal for the past seven years. He and his wife Anna, the school's library media specialist, are raising five children.



Rich Green (left) grew up on a row crop/cattle farm near Memphis. His passion for design and technology led him to pursue machine technology at IHCC in Ottumwa, where he graduated in 2000. He has worked for Vermeer Mfg, Clow Valve, and Hopkins Lumber Co, and currently builds the Industrial Tech program at Knox County R-1. He holds a secondary education degree in Industrial Technology from William Penn University, He and his wife have three children.

EMPOWERING STUDENTS THROUGH INNOVATIVE EDUCATION: CAREER EDUCATION AND ENTREPRENEURIAL PROGRAM AT KNOX COUNTY R-1

Their statewide Flex program, under supervision by teachers, allows students to leave early for jobs that provide elective credits. Among their innovative programs are the Bus Cafe Coffee Shop (see above right), Greenhouse, School Spirit Store, Industrial Technology Program, and Journalism. Students produce a full-size newspaper "Eagle Nation News" and a digital version, a YouTube vlog, and are responsible for ad sales. Two of their teachers received awards for this program. Green said the school is also working on setting up an automated bus wash.

Bus Cafe Coffee Shop

- Student run coffee shop in a renovated bus.
- Roles: Making and selling coffee, managing resources, customer service
- Skills Developed: Entrepreneurship, financial literacy, teamwork, and customer service



50-50 Drawing: Mike Mitchell did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to \$138. Happy Bucks: \$42

Guests:

Don Bindner (guest of Jeff Romine); **Craig Dunn & Tyler Miller** (guests of President Ruth), **Laurisa Fajkus & Rose Fajkus** (guests of Nate Fajkus), **Paul Shipman** (guest of Nate Fajkus), **Aiden Riles** (guest of Jennifer Chrisman), **Alex VanDelfd & Rich Green** (speakers)

Upcoming Programs:

- Aug. 7:** President Ruth/Rotary International Convention in Singapore
- Aug. 14:** RYLA Students Presentation
- Aug. 21:** Mari Macomber/Unfunded Transportation Needs
- Aug. 28:** Dawn Howd/ TSU Lyceum Series
- Sept. 4:** TBA; **Sept. 11:** Bill Castles/United Way
- Sept. 18:** Ralph Cupelli/Service Recognition Program

Announcements

- Please notify Ramey of **any committee changes ASAP**
- Thursday, August 1, 2024 @ 11PM on zoom RAGFP Education Committee's event!
- Nominations for the **Avenues of Service Award** are open now and can be made throughout the year. Please let Ruth know if you would like to nominate someone.
- Nominations for the **Service Award for a Polio-Free World** are being accepted until Oct. 1. Please let Ruth know if you would like to nominate someone.
- Nominations for the **Sylvia Whitlock Leadership Award** are accepted Aug. 1 - Aug. 31. Any member can nominate a fellow member who has advanced women in Rotary.