

# BECON – Jan 22, 2021

Finally! We were able to meet again and what a meeting it was. There were many members in attendance at the Metra Café and we were serviced a nice breakfast. FYI – The Fundraising Committee meeting will be at Freefall Brewery Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:45.

Denny Yonts led us in prayer and The Youth of the Year speakers, from Billings Central, were in attendance to present their speeches and a wonderful presentation was done by all. Jim with Habitat for Humanity had a guest, Tim Hayes.

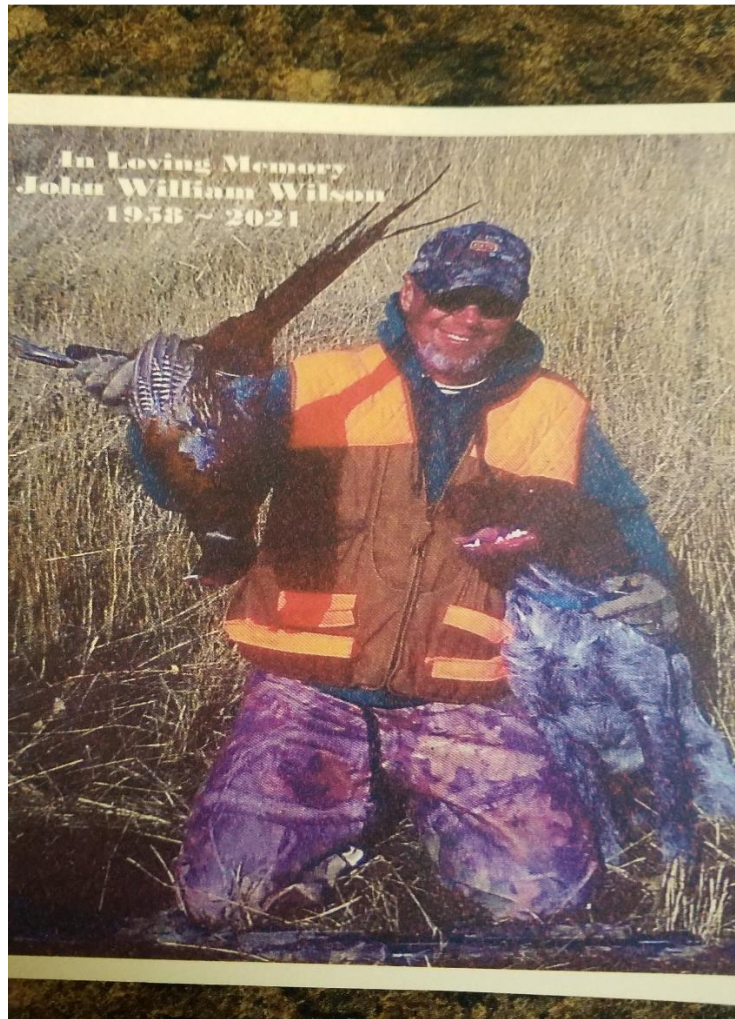
- Gabby Stock was joined by her parents Mike and Rochelle. She chose topic #2 – In an often negative world, what do you do to maintain your moral compass? She explained that in an environment where politics, social media and peer pressure all challenge her moral compass, she is thankful that she has her family support to remind her of her faith. It is her faith and the Bible that helps her keep her moral compass in check. She wants to go to U of M for Wildlife Biology.
- Logan Rigdone was joined by his mother Rhonda. He chose topic #7 – How has Covid-19 affected you, your family, your school and your life? What have you learned from it and how will you use what you've learned as you move forward into 2021 and into your future? During the pandemic he was separated from family and friends. The online process for school was challenging, since he was not able to interact with friends. But he found that even during the worst of times, it can bring out the best in people and by working together they found a different way to still be together. He and the others in the music department were still able to perform online. He wants to major in electrical engineering and IT.
- Whitney Vralsted was joined by her parents, Todd & Maggie, and her sister, Ashley. She chose topic #1 – What is the number one issue facing teens this year and what would you do to address this issue? She explained that she believed the number one issue facing teens was an increase in depression and anxiety. With the distance from friends and family in 2020, along with other social issues, it has created additional stress and social media has intensified the anxiety. She explained that 1/3 of all teens have some of anxiety. She discussed her own anxiety and how talking with friends and family helped her, which is why she wants to help others. She volunteers with Tumbleweed and the Boys & Girls Club. She wants to go to MSU and double major in Business – Economics and Finance.
- Jack Newman was joined by his mother Renee. He chose topic #4 – How important do you believe community service is in your life? How will you maintain your commitment to community service after you head off to college? Jack was taught the importance of volunteerism by his parents. He started volunteering at the age of 10. He has had many volunteer opportunities, but the one that impacted him the most was volunteering for

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Habitat for Humanity, where he has volunteered over 300 hours and helped build 5 houses. He wants to be an engineer and will continue his family's legacy of volunteering.

I was once told that nobody really reads this and I'm hoping that someone actually reads through this 😊

There were many BEC members in attendance at the Celebration of Life for John Wilson, but in case you were not able to attend, here you go...



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*John William Wilson  
January 23, 1958 ~ January 20, 2021*

John William Wilson, 62 of Billings, passed away at home on January 20th, 2021 due to cancer. John was born January 23, 1958, in Los Angeles, CA to Pat and Bill Wilson. He married Sheila Wilson at the age of 20 and had both a son and a daughter.

John spent four years in the US Coast Guard, then went on to work for a variety of companies but his love of hunting, fishing, and having fun with his life always had him coming to the conclusion that he was really better off working as his own boss. He moved to Montana from Washington State in 2003, then began Wilsonbuilt Construction. It won't surprise anyone that he moved two states away six months before Sheila just so he could qualify for that year's hunting season. He was the founding member of the Billings chapter Mule Deer Foundation, an active member of the Friends of the NRA and in the last decade became deeply involved in both the Breakfast Exchange Club and The Family Tree Center. He cared immensely about our country, the care of the land, and all the children who brought so much joy into his life.

John was preceded in death by his father and brother. He is survived by his mother, wife, son John (Sarah) Wilson and daughter Shawna (Jon) Doersch, and his grandchildren.

A memorial will be held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, January 24, at Harvest Church, 1235 W. Wicks Ln, Billings. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Family Tree Center.

Visit John's tribute page at  
[www.heightsfamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries](http://www.heightsfamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries)