

BREAKFAST EXCHANGE CLUB

BECON

February 9, 2024

Guests.

Central Heights Students Kellan McClintock (Jane & Paul, parents) and Keagan Reas (John, dad).

Announcements.

- Trina thanked everyone who supported the BEC Foundation fundraiser at Meadowlark. Also, the SuperBowl Square Boards were on display with #'s drawn. Tony will be posting throughout the game on the winners; you could win \$250/quarter.
- Tony announced that Wiley will be auditioning with his grandson for Wheel of Fortune this next week. Send good vibes that he doesn't accidentally drop the F bomb during his shot at fame!
- Shawnee reminded us that plans are underway for a fundraiser to support Amber Parish on 3/14 at the Legion. She thanked everyone who signed up so far to help at the event, and donations of auction/raffle items are still needed. Bottles of liquor are needed for the booze pull. Let Shawnee or Trina know how you can help! Posters are available if you want to put one up at your business.
- Craig reminded members that elections of new officers is coming up. There are 3 Board positions and 2 BEC Foundation board positions available.
- The District Convention will be held at Big Horn Resort in Columbus May 3-4. Sponsorships are available for anyone who wants to help bring Erin Merryn from IL to town as the keynote to help us promote Erin's Law – a childhood sexual assault training for the schools. It is currently in 38 states. If interested, see Craig. Mark your calendars for some fun activities.

Program- Youth of the Year.

Shannon introduced two students from Billings Central High who made their presentations. She said the third student, Daniel, was unable to attend due to wrestling at the State Tourney. His essay will still be considered for the scholarship.

Keagan spoke about what a leader is and how a leader inspires others. He used the teachings of Jesus to illustrate patience, strength, service, love. He gave a nod to his HS principal for inspiring community service at school, and accolades to his parents for being his inspiration. He mentioned about being inspired to do the right thing BOTH when someone is or isn't watching. He played football, serves as the basketball team manager, is in the National Honor Society and helps with Kids Connecting Kids. He plans to attend seminary.

Kellan spoke about how important community service is in his life. His inspiration came from his experience in teaching VBS to first graders. He mentioned he learned that volunteering is not for himself, but for a greater cause; that he gained new knowledge and passions for helping others; that he learned to be unselfish; and grew his confidence. He also volunteers at Let's Make a Difference stores. His future major, environmental engineering, was inspired by a volunteer experience at Yellowstone National Park where he planted trees, picked up trash, and conducted frog surveys. He is also active with the environmental club. He played football, wrestled, and will join the tennis team this year. He is also in the National Honor Society, serves with Kids Connecting Kids, the Hack (coding) Club, and the Recycle Committee.

Every single speaker this year has been inspiring! Craig gave a shout out and round of applause to the parents of these students.

50/50 Raffle.

- Shannon won!

Next week is a business meeting, so no guests please.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Lewis