## BECON for January 10, 2025

Today we had our first round of Youth of the Year speakers from Central High School. The students were Annie Hanser and Anna Kim. Annie was accompanied by her father, Bill. We also had Joey Voto, wife of Jerry, in attendance.

## **Christmas Party.**

Shawnee reminded everyone that the Christmas party is to be held tomorrow night (1/11). She will send out a reminder. Theme is Denim and Diamonds. Start time is 5:30pm and dinner will start at 6:30pm. Location is at the Elk's downtown on Montana Ave.

## Central Youth of the Year.

Annie Hanser was the first to speak. She spoke about overcoming Hurdles and obstacles in her life. She talked about the difficulties living up to the example of four older sisters. She has also become a caregiver to her parents who both have had serious health issues that they are dealing with. She said there is always time for gratitude and hope. Annie is very active in school. She is the captain of the Central volleyball team and is a 2-time All State player. She plans to go into the medical field someday and go to either MSU or UM.

Anna Kim spoke about leadership. Anna started at Central as a shy 14-year old and has grown into one of the leaders in the school. She noted that empathy is the most important trait of a leader. She also said that the lack of empathy is one of the biggest problems in the world. Anna is very involved in producing art of some kind. She is the president of the art club at school and captain of the speech and debate team. She plans to go into architecture or engineering and would like to go to Notre Dame or MSU.

Both young ladies were very well spoken and great examples of the students at Central.

## Other Big News.

Mike Songer won the raffle.

Until next time.