

# SCCHS crowns Ratzlaff, Copeland as King and Queen

LeROY — Seniors Derek Ratzlaff and Bryli Copeland were crowned the 2020 Southern Coffey County High School Winter Homecoming King and Queen Friday evening, Feb. 14, during a ceremony held after the conclusion of the boys' varsity basketball game against Marmaton Valley. The Lady Titans finished shy of a victory in the girls' game, 34-31, and the Titans earned their first win of the season, 63-35, in the boys' game. Homecoming activities culminated with a dance in the old gym Friday night.

Queen Bryli Copeland is the daughter of Aaron and Mandy Copeland. She has been involved in volleyball and basketball four years, track and student council two years and band and drama one year. She served as the vice president of her class her Junior and senior years. She has also been an Honor Flight Guardian for five trips and is attending the flight in April.

King Derek Ratzlaff is the son of Robert and Veronica Ratzlaff. He has been involved in basketball, track and FFA for one year.

Assisting with the crowning were 2019 Winter Homecoming King Jonathan Borntrager and Queen Haven Harvey. Haven is attending Allen County College and then plans to attend Emporia State University. She is pursuing a degree in Crime and Delinquency Studies. After college, she would like to have a career as a private investigator. Jonathan will be completing the HVAC certification program, which he began his senior year of high school through Neosho County Community College, in May. He is working for JB Construction, which is owned by his father, Joe Borntrager.

Other candidates included seniors Caitlin Patterson, Reed Szambecki, Jaden Pankey and Brandon Loveall.

Caitlin Patterson is the daughter of Charlie and Julie Patterson. She has been active in band four years, cheerleading three years and student council, drama and leadership two years. She served as her class president her freshman and sophomore years. She was also an Honor Flight Guardian for three trips.

Jaden Pankey is the son of Brad Pankey. He has been active in track, drama and Scholar's Bowl three years and football, student council, leadership and forensics two years. He will also be an Honor Flight Guardian for the trip in April.

Reed Szambecki is the daughter of Robert and Johannah Snovelle, Jay Szambecki, and



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Amanda Shankie. She has been involved in volleyball and basketball four years, FFA three years, track and leadership two years and student council one year. She served as her class secretary her sophomore year and her class president her junior year, and she was the FFA Greenhand President her freshman year. She has also been an Honor Flight Guardian for four trips and will be attending the trip in April.

Brandon Loveall is the son of Gene Loveall and Laura Cheever. He has been involved in FFA for two years.

Junior attendants are Makayli Walters and Larry Ratzlaff. Makayli Walters is the daughter of David and Rita Walters. She has been active in volleyball and basketball three years, track two years and band one year. She served as her class student council representative her freshman and sophomore years. She has also been an Honor Flight Guardian for three trips and will be attending the trip in April.

Larry Ratzlaff is the son of Robert and Veronica Ratzlaff. He has been active in Scholar's Bowl three years and track one year. He has been a basketball team manager one year and is the junior class student council representative this year. He was also an Honor Flight Guardian for one trip.

Sophomore attendants were Callie Johnson and Wade Gleue. Callie Johnson is the daughter of Rodney and Lori Johnson. She has been involved in volleyball and basketball two years and band one year. She was also an Honor Flight Guardian for one trip and will be attending the trip in April.

Wade Gleue is the son of Rhett and Ker-

ri Gleue and the late Chad Collins. He has been involved in football, basketball, trap shooting, FFA and student council two years and track one year. He is serving as the vice president of the sophomore class and was the Greenhand Sentinel for FFA his freshman year. He was also an Honor Flight Guardian for one trip and will be attending the trip in April.

Freshman attendants were Ross Snovelle and Raleigh Decker. Ross Snovelle is the daughter of Robert and Johannah Snovelle. She has been active in volleyball, basketball and FFA one year. She was also an Honor Flight Guardian for one trip.

Raleigh Decker is the son of Tim and Crystal Decker. He has been active in trap shooting, Scholar's Bowl and FFA one year. He is serving as the FFA Greenhand Treasurer.



Senior candidates Jaden Pankey and Caitlin Patterson



Senior candidates Brandon Loveall and Reed Szambecki



Junior attendants Larry Ratzlaff and Makayli Walters



Sophomore attendants Wade Gleue and Callie Johnson



2019 Winter Homecoming Royalty Jonathan Borntrager and Haven Harvey

## Lebo-Waverly USD 243

### Board OKs calendar, track coaches

Ida Wilson  
Reporter

WAVERLY — The Board of Education for USD 243 Lebo Waverly approved the 2020-2021 district calendar, as presented, when it met in regular session on Monday, Feb. 10. The calendar is much like last year's and was prepared with input from the teachers.

Consideration has always been given to accommodate patrons, teachers, and students and to have the USD 243 calendar align with area college and technology schools. It was impossible to align Spring Break, March 15-19, 2021 with all area colleges and technology schools because those institutions do

not align with each other.

President Jerry Riley presided over a full board when it met. This included Jim Davies, Jeff Holmes, Perry Ott, Denise McNabb, Caroline McWilliams and Todd Wallace. Others present were Superintendent Corey Reese, Clerk Patty Medina, Principal Duane Ford, and educator Jessica Gaddis.

The board went into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss nonelected personnel with Supt. Reese present. Upon returning to open session, the board hired Aaron True as Lebo head track coach and Max Mickunas as Lebo assistant junior high/high school track. The board accepted the resignation of

Felicia Edson as second grade teacher at Lebo effective the end of this school year.

The board extended the contracts of administrators Duane Ford, Patty Wildeman, Libby Self and Bethany Thomas for one additional year. Their contracts are now effective through the 2020-21 school year with terms and conditions to be negotiated.

A written and oral report was presented to the board by Lebo Principal Duane Ford. The report included professional development of staff, plans for field trips, and curricular and extracurricular activities. The accomplishments of students in such areas as spelling, Forensics, band, FFA, and Quiz Bowl

were mentioned. Information on student achievements in that principal's report will appear in a separate article in this newspaper.

The board approved monthly bills and payroll totaling \$518,394.22.

The board approved the following Lebo school field trips:

- Fourth and fifth grade "Day at the K" on May 6.
- Third grade to Science City, date to be set later.
- Seniors to Florida April 29-May 6.
- Eighth grade to Worlds of Fun on May 15.
- Career and Community Class to Nordstrom's and Children's Mercy Hospital on Feb. 19.

## LeRoy-Gridley USD 245

### Board member resigns

LeROY — The LeRoy-Gridley USD 245 Board of Education met Dec. 2 to accept a board member's resignation, review the superintendent's evaluation, discuss administrative contract as well as other business.

Board members present at the regular monthly meeting were Heather True, Nathan Morray, Jeremy Lind, Kevin Ohl, and Charlie Patterson. Also attending were Superintendent Russ Mildward, Board Clerk Nikki Houston, Jay Applegate, Kayla Kraft, Janna Cole, Gabi Brite, Jeff Brite, Lyle Peterson, Dale True, Tim Decker, Bryson Meats, Madison Meats, Sandy Meats, Ed Jones, Keith Blackburn, Donna Luney, Jalea True, Stacy True, Terry Tyler, Justin Robinson, Nikki Houston, Amber Jewell, Kaitlyn Meats, Christine Williams, Kyle Hull and Aaron Copeland.

The board accepted the resignation of board member Damon Birk. And approved publishing the board vacancy resolution in The Coffey County Republican.

The board discussed cur-

rent building options. Keith Blackburn, of HTK Architects, brought his findings to the board and discussed different options with the board. Mildward discussed new volleyball uniforms to be purchased for next school year, no motions were made. Mildward also gave updates on finalizing the school van purchase and archery.

Mildward discussed findings from a rural school study that showed 25 percent of students attend rural schools and they are more apt to take dual credit classes.

The board entered into 15-minute and 10-minute executive sessions to discuss the superintendent's evaluation.

The board then met in five executive sessions with Supt. Mildward - 5, 5, 10, 5 and 2 minutes respectively - to discuss nonelected personnel regarding administration contracts.

Prior to adjourning, the board met in a five-minute executive session with Supt. Mildward to discuss school safety.

## CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

### Tip Top 4-H

Annabelle Lehmann  
Jr. reporter

The February meeting of the Tip Top 4-H Club was called to order 7 p.m. Feb. 5 at the Waverly Community Building by President Michael Lehmann. The meeting opened by everyone standing and saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered with, "What kind of candy do you like - chocolate, fruity, or sour?" There were 35 members, two leaders, seven clover buds, 20 parents and three other children present.

Maggie Seaman, secretary, read minutes from the January meeting, which were approved. There were no communications.

Birthday committee members Annabelle Lehmann and Kaiser Fraenza, asked for all February birthdays to come forward for a treat and the club sang happy birthday. The clover bud members were then dismissed to their activity.

Kaylynn Vogts, treasurer, reported on the accounts, and the report was accepted. Annabelle Lehmann, junior reporter, said the January report had not been published yet. Rachel Stuke, council member, reminded the club the council meeting was rescheduled to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 10.

Leaders Mary Lou Ponder and Kristi Vogts told the club that T-shirts are in and ready to distribute after the meeting; the club sold 249 kits in the Little Caesar's fundraiser; and the fundraiser drawing will take place at the March meeting. They said County 4-H Day is Feb. 22 and the club is scheduled its model meeting at 8 a.m. Members should be at the Lebo school 7:30 a.m. to prepare for the model meeting. Members and parents were reminded to read their newsletters for the latest information on upcoming activities.

Mary Lou and Kristi also congratulated Kaylynn Vogts, Becky Kropf and Michael Lehmann on the KAPs being selected to advance to state judging. They also con-

gratulated Michael and Annabelle Lehmann on their placings at the National Western Stock Show and the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo with their cattle.

The model meeting committee announced upcoming practices will be Feb. 8, 17 and 19.

The exchange meeting committee will meet at the March meeting to discuss details.

The T-shirt committee reminded the club that shirts are ready.

There was no unfinished business. For new business, Kaylynn Vogts moved that the club hold a 75th anniversary alumni reunion. However, following discussion, Kaylynn then moved to table the motion until the model meeting. The motion passed and will be discussed at the model meeting.

Becky Kropf made the motion to have doughnuts, milk and juice at County 4-H Day, which passed.

There was no program and following announcement reminders about County 4-H

Day, the meeting was adjourned by reciting the 4-H Motto.

Refreshments were served by the Kropf and Fonseca/Nicholas families. The next monthly meeting will be 7 p.m. March 11.

## Students recognized for successes

Ida Wilson  
Reporter

LEBO — Principal Duane Ford recently shared competitions involving Lebo students with members of the Board of Education. Following are some of those accomplishments and events not previously mentioned in this newspaper:

- FBLA attended district completion where Kaden Schroeder placed third in Cyber Security and first in Securities and Investments. Victoria Wurm placed second in Intro to Business, second in Intro to Business Communication, and first in Introduction to FBLA. Cali Doudna

placed second in Journalism and first in Organizational Leadership. Quintin Combes finished second in Organizational Leadership. Audrey Durst finished second in Personal Finance and third in Business Calculations. Devan McEwen finished third in Advertising and Sarah Sergeant third in Agricultural Business.

- The Forensics Team traveled to Iola for its first meet. Their second meet was at Marmaton Valley on Feb. 8 where Tristan Kelley received sixth in Serious Solo. Breonna Dresher and Grace Schulze placed sixth in Duet Acting.
- FFA attended the Dis-

trict Poultry Judging and Milk Quality judging on Feb. 7. The Poultry Judging team placed seventh and the Milk Quality team placed eighth.

■ Rebecca Barnhardt, was awarded first place in the second-grade division of the Kansas Historical Society Happy Birthday Kansas Governor's Photo Contest.

■ The Lebo Career and Community Connections Class have made trauma dolls. The organization is planning a field trip to Kansas City where they will visit Nordstrom for a career-related experience and then go to Children's Mercy Hospital and donate the trauma dolls.