

Hartford crowns Skirvin, Torrens King and Queen of Courts

HARTFORD — Seniors Tyler Skirvin and Lindsay Torrens were crowned Hartford High School's 2020 King and Queen of Courts Friday, Feb. 14. This year's theme was "Paradise," and the ceremony was held after the conclusion of the boys' varsity basketball game against Lyndon. In the king and queen of courts games, the Hartford High School Lady Jaguars defeated Lyndon 36-26, while the HHS Jaguars took a tough loss, 69-46.

Queen Lindsay Torrens is the daughter of Marlan and Amanda Torrens. She has participated in volleyball, basketball, cheer, track and softball. She has been involved in Athletic Christian Team, Student Council, Scholars Bowl, Future Business Leaders of America and the USD 252 Honor Flight. Lindsay also works at Hartford City Hall and Crosswinds for her internships. After high school, Lindsay will attend Neosho County Community College, majoring in counseling and playing on the Panthers' softball team.

King Tyler Skirvin is the son of Donna Skirvin and Larry Skirvin. He is the manager of the boys' basketball team, president of Student Council and Kansas District VII Vice-President of FBLA. He has also participated in golf, football and Scholar's Bowl. He will be a student guardian this spring for the USD 252 Honor Flight. After high school, Tyler plans to attend Hesston Community College, majoring in criminology, and then attend an undecided university to receive his master's degree. Tyler's end goal is to become an FBI agent or be a member of a S.W.A.T. team.

Other candidates, also seniors, were Schyler Schmidt, Allison Stithem, Cody Thomas and Dakota Aye.

Schyler Schmidt is the daughter of Amy and Chris Sull. She has participated in volleyball, basketball and softball. She has been involved in FBLA, Student Council, Athletic Christian

Team and USD 252 Honor Flight. Schyler's future plans are to attend Emporia State University, majoring in Elementary Education with a minor in Leadership.

Cody Thomas is the son of Becca Thomas and the late Mike Thomas. He has participated in basketball, football, track and the USD 252 Honor Flight. Cody's future plans are to attend Emporia State University, majoring in sports management.

Allison Stithem is the daughter of Pamela and Daniel Stithem. She has participated in band, choir, cheer, volleyball and yearbook. This spring, she will be a guardian on the USD 252 Honor Flight trip to Washington D.C., escorting her grandfather who served in the Vietnam War. After graduation, Allison plans on going to Kansas Wesleyan University to major in graphic design and continue her passion for photography.

Dakota Aye is the son of Sam Aye and Brandi Aye. He has participated in basketball and golf. Throughout his high school career, he has been involved in Athletic Christian

Team, Student Council, National Honor Society, Jaguar Accountability Group, Scholars Bowl, FBLA and USD 252 Honor Flight. After graduation, Dakota plans to attend Butler Community College, majoring in Criminal Justice, and then transfer to Wichita State University to pursue a major in Forensic Science.

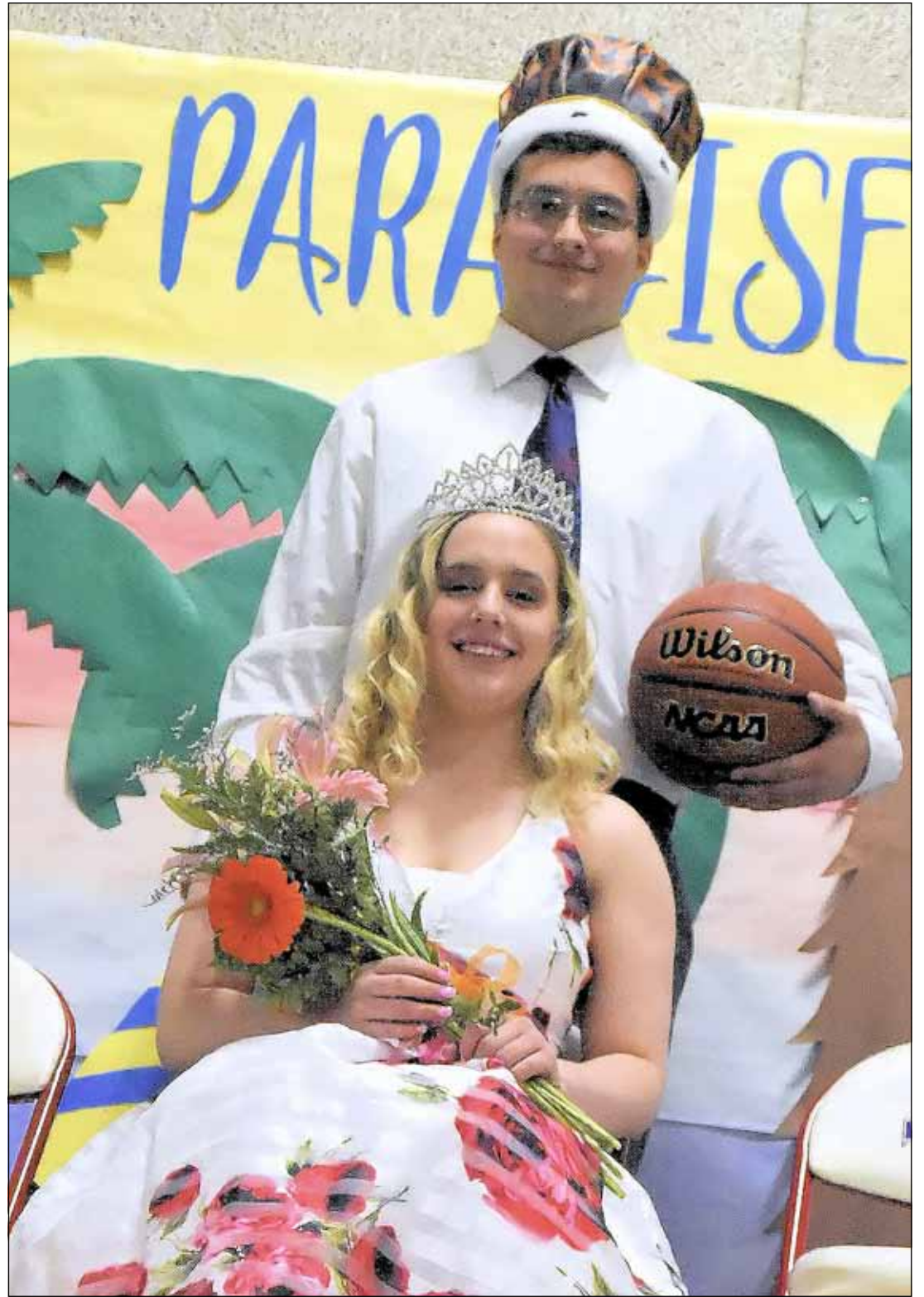
Helping with the crowning were 2019 Queen of Courts Shelbi Metcalfe, who is attending Emporia State University, and 2019 Fall Homecoming King Gabe Metcalfe, who is a senior at Hartford High School. They were assisted by this year's kindergarten escorts, Ashlyn Keighley and Mason Lambert. Ashlyn is the daughter of Jaime Burris and niece of Steve Burris and Mason is the son of Josh and McKenzie Lambert.

After the coronation ceremony, a dance was held in the community building.

Themes for spirit week were Twin Day Monday, Red, White, Blue Tuesday, Class Color Wednesday, Hawaiian Day Thursday, and no theme Friday due to school not being in session.



Assisting with the coronation were 2019 Fall Homecoming King Gabe Metcalfe and 2019 Queen of Courts Shelbi Metcalfe, and kindergarten escorts Mason Lambert and Ashlyn Keighley.



2020 King and Queen of Courts Tyler Skirvin and Lindsay Torrens



Candidates for King and Queen of Courts are, from left, front row – Schyler Schmidt, Allison Stithem; back row – Cody Thomas, king Tyler Skirvin and Dakota Aye.

BHS STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Courtesy Photo
Trinity Hanners, a sophomore, receives congratulations from Burlington High School Principal Stacy Reed after being named February BHS Student of the Month. Trinity was nominated by Renae Gifford, Maggie Schlotterbeck, Susie Becker and Travis Race. Renae said, "Trinity works hard to better herself and she contributes to the school by making and delivering popcorn to the staff. She is friendly to others and says 'hi' in the hallway. She helps others by doing and folding laundry and is becoming more independent." Maggie said, "Trinity has been showing a lot of willingness to behave better. She is being very positive and has been very helpful. She loves everything big and little in life." Susie said, "Trinity never ceases to amaze me. She can do anything that she sets her mind to. I love how she appreciates the little things in life." Travis said, "Trinity has a way of bringing a smile to your face regardless of your mood." The Student of the Month program is the school's incentive to recognize students who stand out among their peers. Certified staff nominate deserving individuals and one student is randomly chosen from all nominees each month, to determine the winner.

Local students graduate KSU

MANHATTAN — More than 1,430 students completed degree requirements from Kansas State University in fall 2019. The graduates are from 89 Kansas counties, 42 states and 30 countries. More than 200 students earned graduation honors for outstanding academic performance. Of those, 55 students graduated summa cum laude with a grade point average of 3.95 or above, 74 students graduated magna cum laude with a grade point average of 3.85 to 3.949, and 76 students graduated cum laude with a GPA of 3.75 to 3.849. Earning degrees locally were Nicole Nicolet, Bachelor of Science, Burlington; Blake Holmes, Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness, Lebo; Isaac Hall, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, Olpe; and Grant Pimple, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Magna Cum Laude, Olpe.



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