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HARTFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Schroeder, Finnerty crowned at Fall Homecoming

HARTFORD — Hartford High School celebrated its Fall Homecoming Friday, Oct. 2, where seniors Trenton Schroeder and Brooke Finnerty were crowned Homecoming King and Queen prior to the football game. The Hartford Jaguars played the Rural Vista Heat, where Hartford earned the win with a 50-0 shutout.

Queen Brooke is the daughter of MJ and Heather Finnerty, the granddaughter of Frank and the late Diane Finley, also the granddaughter of the late Pat Finnerty. She has been a member of FBLA four years, serving as vice president this year, student council four years, FFA three years, serving as president this year, Jaguar Accountability Group two years and is a member of the Lyon County Busy Beavers 4-H Club. She has also played volleyball four years, basketball three years (state runner-up team), cheer, golf and softball one year and has been on the school honor roll three years. She was a participant in the K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy and has her own cow/calf pair herd. She plans to attend Kansas State University to study pre-veterinary medicine.

King Trenton is the son of Chad and Nicole Schroeder. He has played football three years and has been on the honor roll three years. He has been in FBLA, track, basketball, student council (vice president this year), Jaguar Accountability Group, Honor Flight Student Guardian,

and Athletic Christian Team. Trenton attends Flint Hills Tech in the industrial engineering program and plans to continue his education there after high school.

Other homecoming candidates were Taylor Kelley, Kristian Trujillo, Hallee Heathman and Andrew McDiffett. Taylor is the daughter of Jeff Kelley and Shelly Kelley. She has played volleyball four years, basketball and cheer one year, and has been a member of FBLA four years, FFA two years, and was an Honor Flight Student Guardian. She attends Flint Hills Technical College and is on track to graduate with an associate's degree in May from there.

Kristian is the son of Heather Payton. He has been involved in football four years, basketball two years and FBLA two years. Kristian's future plans are to attend college and play football, but if that doesn't work out, he plans to attend college to study pre-medicine.

Hallee is the daughter of Richard and Amanda Heathman. She has been involved in basketball and track three years and cheer squad one year. She is a member of FBLA and was an Honor Flight Guardian. She plans to attend college after high school.

Andrew is the son of Bobbi and Roger McDiffett. He has participated in football, basketball and track. He is the president of his senior class, and a member of FBLA. He

coaches flag football for the Hartford recreation program and wants to play football at the college level after high school graduation.

Helping with the ceremony were 2019 Homecoming Queen and King, Bailey Darbyshire and Gabriel Metcalfe. Bailey attends Kansas State University where she is studying accounting and Gabe is employed by the Lyon County Highway Department.

Students celebrated Spirit Week by dressing differently each day, with an "Under the Sea" theme. Tuesday was deep blue sea day, with everyone wearing various shades of blue; Wednesday was Spongebob character day; Thursday was neon Nemo day, with students dressing in orange, blue, yellow, pink or green; and Friday was red, white and blue day.



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2019 King and Queen Gabriel Metcalfe and Bailey Darbyshire.



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2020 Hartford High School Fall Homecoming King Trenton Schroeder and Queen Brooke Finnerty.

Getting through things together

It is October, and we are still in school on site and remotely. I want to thank everyone



Craig Marshall
USD 244
Superintendent

in our community for their efforts to help keep us in school on site. Our staff, students, families, health department, board of education and many others are working harder than ever before to educate kids in USD 244. I continue to ask for your patience and civility with everyone you come in contact with each day. We realize that these are challenging times in our country with a pandemic and questions about race and equity. We will get through this together if we can understand each other's views.

It is question and answer time for this article.

Are all USD 244 students getting free meals?

Yes. This is happening until Dec. 31, 2020, or until the money runs out from the federal government. This is a wonderful program to help our families with the cost of meals for their kids. More information is on our website or you can call (620) 364-8478 Ext. 3170 and talk to Tracey Moerer if you have questions.

How are activities going in the district?

Overall, things are going great. We have scheduling adjustments or changes in seating restrictions from time to time. Please stay tuned to our website or call the building offices if you have questions.

Are we still doing BES 21st Century After School Program?

Yes. We have some modifications to the activities for health safety. The staff and students are very flexible, and we provide a safe environment for kids after school.

Does the district have job openings?

Yes, we do have a number of job openings. Bus drivers and custodial staff are very much in need. If you are interested in employment, please go to the website or stop by our district office at 301 Neosho.

Is the first grade wing renovation finished?

Yes. We completed the project in time for the first day of school on August 21. Staff and students report a lot of positives on this newly remodeled area.

What are the next big projects for the district?

We have applied for grants for a community daycare. If we get those grants, we will look to renovate the old board of education office into a daycare. We want this program to be budget neutral and operate on grants, donations, and fees from kids in the program. BMS will need a new roof next summer. We may do this roof all at once or in two phases. The north half of the roof needs replacement next summer for sure. If we do this in two phases, we would look to do the other half in the summer of 2022.

The cost of the entire roof could approach \$1 million. We will see how bids come in for this project to determine our plan. Our track at Wildcat Stadium will need to be replaced in the

next one to three years. We have moisture under the rubberized surface. The last time this track was resurfaced, we were told it would have to be taken down to the base, and a new surface would need to be installed. The track is bubbling in some spots, and it won't get better. We want to have safe facilities in our district for the students.

BES has two chillers that are 1989 models that will need to be replaced in the future. Life expectancy of these chillers is about 20 to 25 years. Our district has done a good job of maintaining these chillers as they are over 30 years old. Replacement cost of each chiller is close to \$100,000. The district has a five-year capital outlay plan that the Board of Education has asked me to prepare and update with our administrators and directors. It is a very flexible document as sometimes we place an item for replacement on one year, and we have to do it sooner or later depending on the longevity of the item. Also, estimates sometimes need to be updated depending on price changes. Using our capital outlay funds to revitalize and improve our facilities is still much better than a bond issue to replace our buildings.

Please contact me at your convenience if you have any questions. I can be reached at cmarshall@usd244ks.org or (620) 364-8478 Ext. 3040. I am so lucky to be the superintendent of USD 244, and I look forward to continuing to serve the community with high standards.

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