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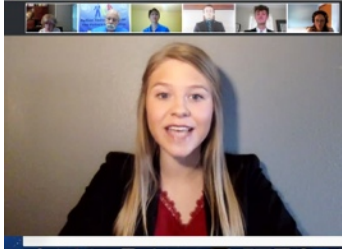
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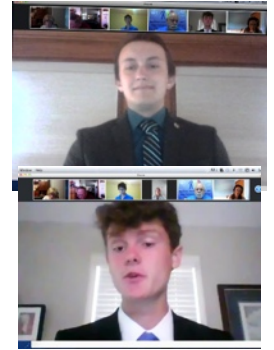
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FOUR WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Rotary District 6040's annual Four Way Test speech contest final competition was conducted on Saturday via Zoom rather than at a District Conference. We were able to hear the speeches of three impressive high school students. The competition was chaired by Thousand Hills Rotarian Janet Gremaud. The team of judges included Jeff Romine and Elsie Gaber, Thousand Hills club. (The other judges were Dan Hall and Kim LeSage.) Chillicothe

High School senior Madelyn Wilford (left) won first place and will receive \$1,000. Joe Harris (top, right), a Lee's Summit senior, who won second place will receive \$500 and John Crompt, III (lower, right), a Truman H.S. sophomore from Independence, will receive \$250 as a third place winner. Next year Madelyn plans to major in Biology and Secondary Education, while Joe plans to major in Economics.



FROM PRESIDENT DEBI BOUGHTON RE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS:

Each year our Rotary Club gives two \$750 scholarships to two High School Seniors. The applications go to the school counselors in Kirksville, Brashear and Novinger School Districts. This year our club has selected Caleb Flaim and Elyse Johnson, both from the Kirksville R-III School District. Both students have excellent grades, high class rank, high ACT scores, and many activities.

Caleb Flaim really stood out to the selection committee because in this COVID19 crisis he designed and, using the school's 3D printer, made hundreds of face shields for local doctors and nurses to use. Caleb explains in his application, "I made sure the 3D printers at the Kirksville Area Technical Center were operating correctly. I optimized print speeds and quality as well as designed several face shields to be used in area hospitals." Caleb worked at least 100 hours in the past four weeks on this project.

Elyse Johnson has been a member of the Rotary Interact Club at the Kirksville High School since she was a sophomore. She served as Vice President and President of her Interact Club and helped plan the club's service projects. In her application Elyse says: "Our club went many places but by far my favorite was to the nursing home and I saw how my service could directly affect people. When we played bingo the best part was seeing the people's faces light up."

The future is in good hands with bright, service oriented young people like these two seniors. Congratulations to Caleb and Elyse.

NO HAPPY HOUR VIA ZOOM: The internet was down throughout the area at 5 pm but we were able to have a telephone conference call instead. Some of the updates provided: **Randy Smith** said Austin and Spencer are making progress with grading at the Nature Playground and he expects they will meet the new 9/30/20 completion deadline. **Jeff Romine** said David Ward and Gail Hoskins installed 27 flag bases on Saturday and have five more to do. Donations have been made for placing flags at 2-3 public spots around town. President Debi said **Mark Burger** reports the Parks Committee hopes to have three bids for tables and chairs by May 6. Ralph Cupelli congratulated **Jeff Romine** on being chosen as a delegate to Rotary International's Council on Legislation, representing D640. Jeff said he will provide a one-paragraph description for next week's newsletter. **President Debi Boughton** said that six individuals graduated from the Rotary Leadership Institute after the April 20 and April 27th sessions via Zoom. Each of the three Kirksville clubs were represented as well as three ATSU Rotaractors. President Debi said she plans to speak with Ron Brand about possibly setting up a highway cleanup, something that can be done with social distancing. She said the board will make a decision next week about future meetings and/or a Zoom Happy Hour next week.