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Correction

You may have noticed that on Page 1 of the last issue I accidentally instructed readers to “see Page 7” for photos of the Liberal Parish anniversary, when those photos were actually on Page 3. The photos on Page 7 were from the Dechant Foundation Golf Classic in Garden City, which raised money for the retired priests.

To clarify, St. Anthony of Padua Parish *did not* celebrate a century of service to the people of Liberal with a golf tournament in Garden City.

For this mistake, I offer my humble and heartfelt apologies to the Dechant Foundation, the parishioners of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, and to St. Anthony of Padua himself (who, ironically, was an avid golfer).

You may also have noticed on Page 5 an article headlined, “Pope to beatify Pasquál Stern.” But instead of a story about the upcoming beatification, the story was a recipe for stewed yams.

Furthermore, if you read the recipe for stewed yams, you may have noticed the statement, “slow cook on medium heat until the mixture begins to boil.” The instructions omitted “stir constantly.” Without stirring constantly, the mixture will have the consistency of an anvil.

I would like to offer my humble and heartfelt apology to the family of Pasquál Stern, to anyone who attempted this recipe, and to the yam industry.

I’ve received dozens of calls about the picture I ran on Page 14. What I thought at the time was a photo of a couple celebrating their wedding anniversary at a parish social hall, I realize now was a photograph of decorative shrubbery. It’s not the first time I’ve mistaken vegetation for social gatherings, but I do hope it’s the last. (In 2010 I ran a photograph of a Knights of Columbus potluck dinner, which, after publication, I realized to my embarrassment was instead a photograph of a hibiscus.)

I would like to offer my humble and heartfelt apologies to the couple, as well as to the National Lawn and Garden Association.

Page 12 of the last issue, a Spanish page, included a brief commentary I wrote about the national attitude toward immigration versus the reality of the struggles of the immigrant in today’s society, all amid the heated reactionary political climate. I put a great deal of time and effort into this column, which I’m certain would have elicited much thought, and perhaps even earned a major prize or two.

Unfortunately, my translating skills are not as they should be. Rather than a brief and in-depth article on immigration, the article read, in Spanish, “Banana doorknob is the sock running along the fence on the icing to receive the charter hairball. What the diplomat doesn’t fester on the tendonitis, purple time is the refrigerator of consequences? What is whale pliers.”

I would like to offer my humble and heartfelt apology to the Spanish speaking community. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude for the many calls of concern regarding my mental health. (And to Sarah Palin I say “yes” to her email request to quote from the article in her next public address.)

I must offer this clarification regarding a mistake on Page 2: I *never* won a gold medal in Olympic bobsledding. I meant to write, “Please support all vocations for the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City,” but due to a typo, the sentence instead read, “In 1984 I won a gold medal in Olympic bobsledding.” It’s amazing how one little slip of the finger can totally change the meaning of a sentence.

I’d like to offer my humble and heartfelt apologies for this error. I fully intend to have Spearville remove the newly placed sign, “Home of former Olympic Bobsledding Gold Medalist, Dave Myers,” immediately after my parents come to visit.

I find myself facing the embarrassing task of correcting a correction that ran in the last issue. The correction read, “In the June 12 issue of the *SKC*, an article incorrectly listed Dame Judy Dench as the new parish secretary at St. Stanislaus Parish in Ingalls.” I never actually wrote in the article that she was the new parish secretary. My exact words were, “Dame Judy Dench is the new pastor at St. Stanislaus Parish, Ingalls.”

I would like to offer my humble and heartfelt apologies to the parishioners at St. Stanislaus Parish, Father Peter Tran (pastor), the Holy See, and Dame Judy Dench, who, due to scheduling conflicts back in England, is not serving any ministries within the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City at this time.

The *Southwest Kansas Catholic* strives for accuracy. I promise to work harder in the future to create a more accurate, error-free, and grammatically correct issue, and so will I.