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We are Troy

With previous consolidation to the west of Troy and new consolidation to the east, Troy High School became the last original school in the county. Government budget cuts made it very difficult for schools to stand on their own and many schools joined together to offset this slash in funding, but Troy stood alone. The football team used this idea to create a saying: “One town. One school. One team. We are Troy!”

The saying not only became a battle cry for the football team, but also for the school and community. An increase in school spirit and pride was seen throughout the town. From the roaring crowds at athletic events to supportive audiences at the concerts and drama productions, everyone was a part of a singular theme.

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Top: Troy High School students and staff assemble in the shape of a "I" representing the unity of the school and community. Photo by Roger Purdy

Above: Elementary students, along with middle school and high school students, huddle around the football team. The huddle was a part of Coach Nick Hamilton's speech during the Homecoming pep rally. Photo by Janel Anderson
We are... Sports
The football team finished third in the expanded, 13-team Delaware Valley League but failed to make the state playoffs for the first time in seven seasons. Eleven different football players received all-league honors, some receiving multiple awards. Four football players were named to the Class 2A All-State team. Four volleyball players were voted to receive all-league honors. Tournament games proved to be successful for both basketball teams. The boys' team finished second in the Northeast Kansas Shootout while the girls' team won all three games and the championship plaque. The boys also finished strong in the annual Nemaha Valley Invitational tournament, going 2-1 and winning the consolation bracket. Troy had its own baseball and softball teams for the first time in history. Eli Smith was the lone representative of Troy High School at state track. At regionals, Smith broke a 69-year-old THS record in the 200-meter dash.

"Volleyball was really fun and I learned a lot that I'd never known about. Our coaches helped a lot and we will miss them," said Baileigh Jenkins.

"We lost a couple close games but overall it was a good season. Go hard or go to Elwood West!" said Gunnar Huss.

"Track was interesting since we weren't very good, but Coach Cash helped the throwers learn and improve so much. I probably wouldn't have gotten a personal best without his help," said Whitlea Klaus.

"It was a pretty good season even though we had our ups and downs," said Garrett Masters.
New coach and powerful defense lead Trojans to winning season

The Troy Trojans began the season with a new head coach for the third time in as many years. After coaching as an assistant the previous season, Nick Hamilton replaced Todd Warner as head coach. Hamilton implemented a powerful, “run first” offense along with a defense that held opponents to less than 12 points per game. Hamilton was assisted by Jeremy Pruden and Roger Purdy. Under Hamilton’s direction, the Trojans won six of their nine games and of the six wins, five were shutouts. Offensively, Troy pounded the ball on the ground, averaging 206 rushing-yards per game and around 5 yard per carry.

Due to the addition of two teams, Atchison County and Maur Hill, to the league, Troy’s schedule changed from playing almost every team in the league to playing the north division teams and just one team from the south division. The number of league games was also limited by the restructured state playoff format. Instead of the traditional three-game district scenario, a fourth team was added to the mix. This change decreased the number of teams that made it into the playoffs. Troy was grouped into District 4 along with Valley Heights, Washington County, Doniphan West, and the reigning 2A state champions, Centralia. Out of these five teams, four were ranked as top teams in the state by the Topeka Capital Journal consistently throughout the season.

After failing to make the state playoffs, several Troy players received post-season honors. Delaware Valley All-League selections are as follows: first team offense: Garrett Meng, running back; second team offense: Eli Smith, quarterback; Steven Clary, running back; Kaelen Zeltwanger, tight end; Dillon Simpson, guard; honorable mention offense: Cody Bennett, center; Brent Schultz, tackle; Jordan Thornberry, tackle; first team defense: Dillon Simpson, defensive end; Garrett Meng, linebacker; Peter Masters, cornerback; second team defense: Eli Smith, safety; Garrett Masters, cornerback; honorable mention defense: Kaelen Zeltwanger, linebacker; Steven Clary, linebacker; Cody Bennett, defensive tackle; Jordan Thornberry, defensive end; honorable mention special teams: Gunnar Huss, punter.
Below Left: Peter Masters attempts to kick an extra point against the Horton Chargers. Photo by Tanner Weishaar
Below Right: Preston Foley carries the ball against Jackson Heights. Photo by Tanner Weishaar
Below: The Trojans step onto the field after halftime of their game against Wathena. Photo by Rita Clary

"Even though we lost a few close games, it was still a great season destroying all the teams with my pals," said senior Kaeleb Zeltwanger.

"We worked hard and had a good season. I'm really going to miss it," said senior Eli Smith.

Troy Trojan Football Team

Front Row: Dale Delzeit, Kaeleb Zeltwanger, Steven Clary, Eli Smith, Garrett Meng, Peter Masters, Brent Schultz, Garrett Masters
Row 2: Zackary Langford, Gabe Martinez, Jordan Thornberry, Dylan Norris, Gunmar Huss, Cody Bennett, Dillon Simpson, Brantt Loroff
Row 3: Tyler Carskaddon, Chris Thorman, Daulton Jasper, Preston Foley, Cody Israel, Thomas Hegarty, Caleb Winkel
Row 4: Assistant Coach Roger Purdy, Colton Masters, Karson Zeltwanger, Daniel Cordonnier, Reece Simpson, Dalton Masters, Jacob Meng, Head Coach Nick Hamilton Not Pictured: Assistant Coach Jeremy Prudden Photo by Lifetouch

Season Scores

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Homecoming

Old traditions revived while new King and Queen crowned

"Camouflage Day" kicked off Spirit Week. Most students dressed up in their favorite hunting gear to participate. Suspenders and coke-bottle glasses were prevalent on Tuesday as it was deemed "Nerd Day." Wednesday was "Dream Job Day" where nursing was by far the most popular future profession. Thursday, "Mismatch Day," brought out a variety of colorful clothing in school. Friday was the traditional "Blue and White Day."

A few traditions were revived during Spirit Week. One of these traditions, a community bonfire at the 4H grounds, was held Thursday night.

The cheerleaders performed at the bonfire before the football team spoke to the crowd about the coming game. After the bonfire, many football players, cheerleaders, dancers, and other students decorated the businesses on Main Street with window paint.

Due to scheduling issues during the week of Homecoming, a Powder Puff football game was played the following week. The seniors and sophomores battled the juniors and freshmen. After an offensive outpouring by both teams, the seniors and sophomores came out on top.

The Homecoming festivities commenced early Friday morning as the art students began painting the football field. The art students worked throughout the day alongside four floats that represented each class. The floats were decorated following the theme "Can the Cobras."

The Homecoming activities continued Friday afternoon during the annual pep rally on Main Street. Several dances and cheers were performed by the dance team and cheerleaders before the king and queen candidates competed in a game. The king candidates "decorated" their queen counterparts with blue-and-white face paint, bows, ribbons, and jewelry in an attempt to create the most spirited queen.

Prior to kickoff of the football game, the Homecoming royalty was crowned. Steven Clary and Whitlea Klaus were chosen as king and queen. Other candidates included Alyssa Burchett-Burtis, Mackenzie Clary, Kodie Wetmore, Peter Masters, Garrett Meng, and Eli Smith.

Following the ceremonies, the Trojan football team defeated the Jackson Heights Cobras, 66-0.

Above: Alyssa Burchett-Burtis, Garrett Meng, Queen Whitlea Klaus, King Steven Clary, Mackenzie Clary, Peter Masters, Kodie Wetmore, and Eli Smith pose for pictures after the Homecoming ceremonies. Kindergarten attendants Abe Houghton, Jake King, Emma Matthys, and Caydence Jeschke accompany the candidates. Photo by Tanner Weishaar
Below: Olivia Robinson, Katie Cluck, Trevor Bembrick, Samantha Stanton, and Cody Bennett create an outline of the field design before painting. Photo by Steven Clary

Below Left Middle: The cheerleaders perform at the community pep rally on Main Street. Photo by Nroh Wykert

Below: The Homecoming candidates look on as Kelsey Smith, center, asks the crowd to determine a winner. Eli Smith and Kodi Wetmore ultimately won the game. Photo by Tanner Weishaar

Bottom: Dale Delzeit, Steven Clary, Eli Smith, Kaelbel Zeltwanger, and Garrett Meng lead the football team to the bonfire. Gunnar Huss, Cody Bennett and the rest of team follow. Photo by Rita Clary

“Homecoming was a lot of fun because we brought back old traditions and did new things too. It was exciting to win also!”
- Whitlea Klaus
Lady Trojans improve under new coach

New coaches, new teammates, and new strategies led to a volleyball season with more victories than the previous year. The Lady Trojans were coached by Kristie Klaus and Jennifer Whetstine. Whitlea Klaus and Mackenzie Clary, playing their fourth year of volleyball, had to step up and lead the team.

"Although we didn’t have a great season, I had a lot of fun with the team. We worked hard and improved a lot to make it a fun season," said Klaus.

The Lady Trojans placed in the Wathena tournament for the second consecutive season.

"We had another rough season, but made an amazing improvement from the past years," said Clary.

To get a jump start on the season the coaches offered optional practices during the last two weeks of summer to improve individual skills.

The team was inspired by the quote “Hustle and heart set us apart.”

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Troy Trojan Volleyball Team

Cross country team compete as individuals, act as team

As the new school year began, so did the cross country season.

New runners were Katie Cluck, Samantha Stanton, Trevor Bembrick, and William Boeh.

Although the boys and girls didn’t have enough runners to compete as a team, they acted like one.

“I had a lot of fun at the practices, and at the meets there was always someone there to cheer me on. I hope more people go out next year so we can compete as a team,” said freshman Trevor Bembrick.

Because of the lack of numbers, the runners chose not to compete at Regionals.

As the season progressed the personal best times also improved, making Head Coach Derek Jasper very proud of his small but driven team.

“I was really proud of them. I thought for our small group we worked really hard all season long. We saw a dramatic improvement in each runner’s personal time. However, it was quite difficult not having enough kids to compete as a team. But, it was a pleasure to coach the kids that participated.”

Left: Senior Levi Dunn strides uphill mid-race, in hopes of passing his opponent from JCN. Photos by Alex Stanton

Troy Trojan Cross Country Team

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Cheer and dance strive to further support

From half-time performances, to chants and cheers, the dancers and cheerleaders kept the Trojan spirit alive.

Both squads attended the Spirit Spreader at the Highland Wellness Center. There, the cheerleaders learned new chants and cheers to get the crowd involved at games. They also learned new stunts to perform. The dancers had a choreographer who taught them new dances.

The dancers performed at half-time of the varsity boys' football and basketball games. They also held the junior dance clinic. The dancers danced at pep rallies and other community events such as March for Meals.

"I had a great time in dance! It was a blast hanging out with the girls and making up dances. It was a great senior year," said senior Alyssa Burchett-Burtt.

The cheer squad was responsible for cheering at the boys' football games, and the varsity boys' and girls' basketball games. They also planned and cheered at the pep rallies.

"I had fun supporting all of our teams and starting new traditions to keep the school spirit alive," said senior Whitlea Klaus.

Troy Trojan Cheerleaders

Front Row: Amanda Clary, Whitlea Klaus, Kelsey Smith
Row 2: Paige Fenley, Elizabeth Hale, Airyan Boyle, Chasity Wetmore, Claire Turpin
Not Pictured: Sponsor Kristie Klaus Photo by Lifetouch
Far left: Senior Whitlea Klaus dances to “Loud.” Below: The cheerleaders perform a cheer during the homecoming game. Below Left: Senior Whitlea Klaus dances with Audrey Brown during the junior dance clinic. Below Right: The cheerleaders perform while the football team sings the Fight Song. Photos by Laurie Simpson

“I thought cheerleading was all right. It was a little disorganized but it turned out to be a pretty good year,” said sophomore Amanda Clary.

“I enjoyed my second year in dance. I love performing for everyone! I can't wait for next year,” said sophomore Tanner Weishaar.

Troy Trojan Dance Team

Front Row: Alyssa Burchett-Burtis, Whitlea Klaus, Mackenzie Clary Row 2: Jessica Weatherford, Kaylee Bennett, Harley Huss, Hanna King, Tanner Weishaar Not Pictured: Sponsor Kristie Klaus Photo by Lifetouch
Trojans find success in tournaments

The Troy Trojans opened their season with a win for the first time since the 2006-2007 season. The win against Maur Hill came in the opening game of the Northeast Kansas Shootout. After defeating Doniphan West in the second round with a half-court buzzer-beater, the Trojans lost the final game of the tournament to Wathena. Because of the loss, Troy and Maur Hill tied for the best record in the tournament. Troy lost the tie-breaker to the Ravens, having given up 11 more points overall.

Tournaments proved to be a successful atmosphere for the Trojans, as they finished second in the NEK Shootout and 5th in the Nemaha Valley Invitational. The Trojans fell in the opening round to Falls City. Troy bounced back in the next game, defeating DVL opponent Horton. In the final round of the tournament, the Trojans took on Marysville. Troy defeated the Bulldogs in a thrilling game that was not decided until the final minutes. The Trojans won the consolation side of the bracket with a 2-1 record and finished with hardware from the NVI for the first time in four years.

Over the course of the season, the Trojans had many close contests. Of the team’s 12 losses, 7 were decided by 10 points or less. Troy’s aggressive defense slowed games down and was a major strength of the team. The Trojans limited their opponents to an average of just 44 points per game.

After defeating D-West for the second time, the Trojans moved into the first round of sub-state as a four seed. Troy rolled Immaculata and advanced to the second round where they took on Nemaha Valley. Troy failed to make it past Nemaha Valley but celebrated the school’s first sub-state win since 2005.

Eli Smith was the lone Trojan to receive postseason honors. Smith was selected as a unanimous pick to the 1st team All-League, honorable mention in the Topeka Capital Journal and the Wichita Eagle to the 2A All-State team, and second team All St. Joseph News Press.

Right Middle: The tournament team displays its plaque after winning the consolation bracket at the Nemaha Valley Invitational tournament. The Trojans went 2-1 in tournament and defeated Marysville 50-47 in the final game to take home the trophy. Photo by Rita Clary

Top: Reece Simpson and Peter Masters block a McLouth shot as Garrett Masters looks on. The block was part of a stout defensive effort that forced 18 turnovers. Above: Steven Clary and Dylan Norris scramble for the ball as Reece Simpson tosses it from the floor. Photos by Laurie Simpson
Below Left: Garrett Masters puts up a shot against Immaculata in the first round of sub-state. Masters finished the game with a season-high 23 points. Below right: Steven Clary defends a Maur Hill opponent as Dylan Norris denies the pass. Clary came away with four steals as the team won the opening game of the Northeast Kansas Shootout. Bottom right: Head Coach Dallas Keller prepares his team before their game against Immaculata. The Trojans went on to win the game and advanced to the second round of sub-state. Photos by Laurie Simpson

“We had our ups and downs but I was happy with how it turned out,” said Eli Smith.

“My favorite part of the year was when we beat D-West two times because they are a rival of ours,” said Dylan Norris.

Troy Trojan Basketball Team

Front Row: Dale Delcuit, Caleb Winkel, Christopher Tharman, Zachary Huff, Daulton Jasper, Jacob Stock
Row 2: Zackary Langford, Trevor Bembrick, Levi Dunn, William Boeh, Jeff Weatherford, Gunnar Huss, Preston Foley, Dillon Simpson
Row 3: Head Coach Dallas Keller, Colton Masters, Garrett Masters, Eli Smith, Daniel Cordonnier, Peter Masters, Steven Clary, Dylan Norris, Assistant Coach Roger Purdy Photo by Lifetouch

Season Scores

Maur Hill 42-37 Immaculata 56-38
Doniphan West 54-52 Pleasant Ridge 37-40
Wathena 36-39 Atchison County 33-55
Maur Hill 24-40 Elwood 43-56
McLouth 63-42 JCN 34-71
Wathena 43-50 Doniphan West 51-43
KCC 37-41 Immaculata 68-44
Valley Falls 37-42 Nemaha Valley 44-74
Falls City 42-50
Horton 48-40 Record: 10-12
Marysville 50-47 * Tournament
Jackson Heights 38-30 ** Sub-state
Horton 30-32
Roller-coaster season brings teammates together

A roller-coaster season described the Lady Trojan basketball team as Coach Derek Jasper tried to find the right combination of players. Three seniors returned to lead the young team in a tough season as no starters returned. The team faced diversity as Kodie Wetmore took over point guard for the first time, and Whitlea Klaus moved to a guard along with playing a post on occasion. Kelli Marriott and Tanner Weishaar stepped up, playing a lot of varsity for the first time.

The Lady Trojans started their season off right as they took home the championship trophy for the 1st annual Northeast Kansas Shootout where they played Maur Hill Mount-Academy, Doniphan West, and Wathena.

“I thought it was a really great achievement, winning the NEK Shootout because it really showed people how good the team could really be,” Mackenzie Clary said.

The team returned from Christmas break with a 4-1 record after a heart-breaking over-time loss by one point to Maur Hill Mount-Academy. Jasper and Assistant Coach Kevin McNorton continued to try to find the team’s niche as they faced diversity of young players and injuries. The Lady Trojans took on the Immaculata Raiders for their first round of sub-state. Although teammates worked for a win, they fell short to the Raiders 30-46. The team finished the season with an 8-12 record.

Paige Fenley led the team in points with 153, and Claire Turpin dominated the boards as she led the team in rebounding with 206. Kodie Wetmore led the guards in defense, stealing the ball 33 times, with post Paige Fenley following with 27.

Paige Fenley was awarded 2nd team All-League for her achievements during the season.
Bottom left: The Elwood Panthers made the Lady Trojans earn their win as they fought until the end of the game for every possession. Kodie Wetmore dives for a ball as she tries to keep the opponent away. Bottom right: Paige Fenley sets a screen for Kodie Wetmore during the play called “Fire” as Claire Turpin sets up for a shot against Valley Falls. Below: The Lady Trojans took home the trophy for the first “Northeast Kansas Shootout” which consisted of Maur Hill, Doniphan West, Wathena, and Troy. Photos by Laurie Simpson and Katie Smith

“Basketball seemed more fun this year because everyone worked together instead of a war about who was better. I’m excited for next year!” said Jessica Weatherford.

“We didn’t really have a great season, but we really stuck together and worked hard no matter what. I was really honored to get 2nd team All-League,” said Paige Fenley.

Lady Trojan Basketball Team


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*Tournament **Sub-state
Spirit Week amounted to one day due to inclement weather that kept students out of school until Friday. Students showed their school pride during “Blue-and-White Day” Friday with beads, headbands, blue-and-white socks, and many other accessories.

A pep rally was held at the end of the day for all high school and middle school students. Cheerleaders fired up the crowd with different stunts and cheers and threw pep items while the dance team entertained the crowd by dancing to “Ice Cream Paint Job” and “Blow.” During “Blow” the dancers performed in the dark using glow sticks in their hands and around their ankles.

Next, the candidates participated in a game called “chariot races.” Each couple had to go through four different obstacles which included making a basket at the basketball goal, jump-roping three times while holding hands, blowing a bubble with gum after getting the gum from whipped cream with no use of hands, and popping a balloon by sitting on it. In order to get from obstacle to obstacle, the boys had to drag the girls on a sleeping bag while the girls couldn’t use their hands to hold on. Kodie Wetmore and Eli Smith won the game.

“The game was fun even though my team got last place. It was challenging,” Peter Masters said.

The crowning took place during half-time of the boys’ varsity game against the Horton Chargers. Candidates were Garrett Fenley, Garrett Masters, Peter Masters, Eli Smith, Alyssa Burchett-Burtis, Mackenzie Clary, Katie Cluck, and Kodie Wetmore. The kindergarten attendants were Jerrit Norris, Jaidyn Johnson, Keely Jasper, and Austin Grable. Garrett Fenley and Mackenzie Clary were named king and queen.

The basketball teams took on the challenge of playing the Horton Chargers with a week of no practice due to inclement weather. The boys were able to shortly practice after school Friday, but neither varsity team was able to pull off a win.

“It was tough not practicing all week because I don’t think we were prepared or focused enough for the game,” sophomore Kelli Marriott said.

Above: Sophomores Daniel Coordonnier and Airyan Boyle sway to “Strawberry Wine,” during the Queen of Courts dance.
Photo by Nroh Wykert

Front row: Jerrit Norris, Jaidyn Johnson, Keely Jasper, Austin Grable Row 2: Garrett Masters, Alyssa Burchett-Burtis, Queen Mackenzie Clary, King Garrett Fenley, Peter Masters, Katie Cluck, Eli Smith, Kodie Wetmore Photo by Whitlea Klaus
Belon: Kodie Wemore tries to steady herself on the sleeping bag while Eli Smith drags her as quickly as he can to the next obstacle during the candidate game. Photo by Katie Smith

Belon: Kodie Wetmore and Eli Smith attempt to jump rope simultaneously while holding hands at one of the four obstacles of the candidate game. Photo by Katie Smith

Above middle: Olivia Robinson, Kayla Boyle, April Porter, and Nick Ploeger show off their best dance moves during “PokerFace,” by Lady GaGa. Above: The Queen of Courts candidates attempt to make a basket in order to get ahead during the candidate game. Photos by Nroh Wykert and Katie Smith

What was your favorite part about Queen of Courts and why?

“Being late for the ceremony. Like my mom always says, ‘Better late than never!’” Garrett Fenley said.
The track team consisted of 20 athletes. Although the team was small in size, it still competed strong. Many athletes medaled at the meets.

Whitlea Klaus and Eli Smith were the only athletes to compete at regionals. Smith got first in both the 100m and 200m, and Whitlea Klaus threw the discus and javelin. She placed 8th when throwing the discus.

Eli Smith broke the school record in the 200m dash. Marvin Harris had held the record since 1942. He ran it in 22.4 seconds, while Smith ran it in 22.14.

"I had a blast this season. Breaking the record was awesome, I have been chasing it for so long. Getting second at state in both events was the perfect ending to my senior year," said Smith.

At the state track meet in Wichita, Smith placed second in the 100m dash with a time of 11.21. He also placed second in the 200m dash with a time of 22.28. He was .02 of a second away from taking home the gold in the 200m dash.
Below: Chris Tharman jumps the hurdles at the Elwood meet. **Lower Left:** Eli Smith runs the 200m dash during the meet at Wathena. **Lower Right:** Justin Boyle hands off the baton to Jacob Stock during the relay at the Wathena meet. **Photos by Juli Smith and Marla Taylor**

“I’m glad I got to go to regionals my senior year. It was tough, but without Coach Cash’s help, I wouldn’t have even made it to finals in discus,” said Whitlea Klaus

“I thought track was fun. Our track team did well even though we didn’t have many people go out,” said Chasity Wetmore

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**Troy Trojan Track Team**

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Troy High School Track Team Front Row: Chasity Wetmore, Nicki Stanton, Whitlea Klaus, Alex Stanton, Katherine Foshe, Russell Ostertag Row 2: Jacob Stock, Austin Foshe, Brant Loroiff, Carmen Turpin, Dillon Rush, Chris Tharman, Jessica Weatherford Row 3: Trevor Bembrick, Dillon Simpson, Eli Smith, Daniel Cordonnier, Dalton Masters, Levi Dunn, Justin Boyle

**Not Pictured** Assistant Coach Don Cash and Coach Lyle Rockey **Photo by Lifetouch**
Baseball a first for Troy

For the first time in history, Troy High School fielded its own baseball team. In years past, athletes from Troy and Wathena combined to form a Doniphan County team but the two schools decided against that idea in what would have been the team’s fifth year of existence. Elwood and Wathena combined to form the Riverside baseball team a year before the two schools are scheduled to officially consolidate.

The Trojan baseball team was made up of 16 players, coached by Nick Hamilton and Roger Purdy.

Experience levels varied dramatically on the team, as some players had been a part of the Doniphan County team, while others hadn’t played baseball since grade school. The Trojans battled inexperience throughout the season and fought to find playing time. Due to the team’s late creation, Troy did not have a full schedule during the season. While it was difficult to find games, when the Trojans did find competition, it was against teams outside of the DVL such as Holton, Atchison, and Northeast Nodaway. The team rarely played more than one game per week unlike other teams.

Overall, the Trojans had a difficult first year but laid the groundwork for successful future teams.

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*Regional Game  
Record: 7-10

"Being a first-year team, we had to work hard for everything we accomplished," said Cody Bennett

"This year was fun, even though we had our ups and downs. We really appreciate everyone who came out so we could have a team," said Zach Langford

Front Row: Cody Bennett, Preston Foley, William Boeh, Dillon Simpson, Jordan Thornberry  
Row 2: Head Coach Nick Hamilton, Jake Stock, Dale Delzeit, Cody Israel, Daulton Jasper, Caleb Winked  
Row 3: Dylan Norris, Steven Clary, Reece Simpson, Eli Smith, Colton Masters, Assistant Coach Roger Purdy  
Not Pictured: Zach Langford

Photo by Lifetouch
Softball has success

The Lady Trojan softball team had a successful season as it went 10-12. They were a new team from previously playing as Doniphan County with Wathena. Troy was coached by Matt Allison in his first year and in her third year was Abra Rush. The team was young with only one senior and two juniors, but they fought through and gained experience.

They played many DVL teams and bigger teams such as Hiawatha and Atchison.

For the first round of regionals they played Oskaloosa. The Lady Trojans took the Bears into extra innings but couldn't come up with the win. Their season ended with a tough loss, 4-3.

When asked about the season, Coach Matt Allison said, "I'm very proud of the hard work, commitment, and progress we made this softball season. The girls played great all season long and have improved greatly. We finished at almost .500 and that is a huge leap for us. I cannot wait for next year; we have a very young team and will be even better and more competitive next season."

Left: Kelli Marriott bats against Riverside. Photo by Ryann Marriott

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Academics
Students continued to excel in education as many classes received recognition for achieving the Standard of Excellence in assessments. The senior class achieved Standard of Excellence in both reading and science from their last year's test. U.S.D. 429 achieved Standard of Excellence building wide for reading and science.

Changes were made in classes as the Spanish students learned from two different teachers and seniors were allowed to take “Senior Release” during second semester if their grades and attendance were high enough.

Seniors came back to school after senior trip to make up days due to inclement weather and used a “skip day” that they received for their assessment scores.

“I liked theater arts because we got to do creative things like painting different animal faces. It was fun,” said junior Tyler Carskaddon.

“The more fun we had during art class, the more we accomplished. I really liked all the ideas Mr. Purdy had and the assignments we did,” said senior Levi Dunn.

“I liked how I could do some of my own workouts and work out at my own pace even though I got lazy and dropped the class second semester,” said senior Brent Schultz.

“I thought physics was a challenging class. It was like going to a different school for the first hour of every day--a pretty cool experience,” said senior Steven Clary.
Three science classes were taught by Mr. Kevin McNorton. They were general science, biology, earth and space, and chemistry. Physics was an Integrated Distance Learning class that three seniors took through Horton.

General science was taken by freshmen. They learned about machines and how work is put into them, how energy and matter take place, and how to make electricity and magnetism.

The sophomores took biology. They learned about cell structure, classifying organisms, and genetics. When asked what she liked in biology, sophomore Chasity Wetmore said, "I like it because it's interesting to learn about how cells work and genetics."

Both chemistry and earth and space were taken by juniors and seniors. Earth and space students learned about resources, natural disasters like earthquakes and volcanoes, how erosion and weathering take place, the atmosphere, and space. Chemistry students learned about chemical language, interpreting the periodic table, symbols and dimensions, and chemical bonding.

In physics the students learned about the principles of motion, energy and momentum, the phases of matter, sound and light, and the atomic and nuclear physics.

Mrs. Stephanie Affield, a new teacher at Troy High School, taught pre-algebra, Algebra I, math fundamentals, and business math. Her classes did some of their work and assignments on computers. Affield used computer programs and new technology to help the students complete assignments.

"It has been a great adventure with a great group of students," said Affield.

Mrs. Michelle Newkirk taught a math fundamentals class also, along with geometry, Algebra II, college algebra, and calculus. Her students mostly worked out of their text books, but sometimes they would get worksheet packets to work on for review. Newkirk's geometry classes did worksheet packets to review their Algebra I skills before taking the Kansas Assessments.

"Only in mathematics do two negative statements create a positive outcome," said Newkirk.

Above: Sophomore Tori King looks through the microscope to observe cells during biology class.  Photo by Kelli Marriott

Above: Juniors Jordan Thomber and Kendra Lysaght work to complete their assignment in Algebra II over exponentials and logarithms.

Photo by Tanner Weishaar

Right: Senior Steven Clary prepares to conduct an experiment illustrating the effect of gravity and mass on the centripetal acceleration of an object.  Photo by Katie Smith
Below: Juniors Haley Whetstine and Olivia Bennett measured sulfur in the lab as one of their many projects in chemistry. Photo by Katie Smith

Above: Sophomores in the Algebra I class work on review questions to prepare for the Kansas Assessments. Photo by Tanner Weishaar

Left: Sophomore Preston Foley works to complete worksheets given in geometry class. These worksheets were review for the Kansas Assessments. Photo by Tanner Weishaar

Left: Sophomore Jacob Winkel makes a poster of mitosis during biology class. Photo by Kelli Marriott
Mr. Jeremy Prudden and Mrs. Martha-Jean Rockey taught all the English classes.

English I was taught by Mr. Prudden. It included grammar, persuasive essays, and reading comprehension.

For English II, Mr. Prudden taught creative writing, where students wrote stories using proper English; Edgar Allan Poe/Mystery, where students learned about the creator of horror stories; and grammar. Mrs. Rockey taught speech, a class meant to give students more confidence in their public speaking; mythology, a class using literature about the ancient beliefs; and news writing.

“My favorite part of teaching English is the creative side, students coming up with creative ideas and turning them into a creative story,” said Mr. Prudden.

The publications staff consisted of only seven members, advised by Mrs. Martha-Jean Rockey. Six of the seven qualified for state journalism as well as six other journalism members. The journalism team took 26 entries to state and nine placed. Troy placed 4th out of 13 2A schools.

There were six Troy High School journalism members who placed at state. They were Steven Clary, 1st in headline writing and 3rd in editing; Hanna King, 1st in yearbook copy writing; Whitlea Klaus, 3rd in both feature and headline writing and honorable mention in yearbook copy writing; Mackenzie Clary, 3rd in advertising; Peter Masters, honorable mention in newspaper sports writing; and Nroh Wykert, honorable mention in academics photography.

The staff also published the first color yearbook in the history of Troy High as well as five issues of the Trojan Trumpet.

Above Left: Junior Katie Smith applies a sea fantasy-styled mask using make-up crayons in theater arts. This came at the conclusion of a unit on theater makeup. Above Right: The Troy High School Publications staff. Front row: Kelli Marriott, Tanner Weishar, Nroh Wykert. Row 2: Whitlea Klaus, Katie Smith, Hanna King, Steven Clary. Right: Rather than make himself up, Tyler Caruskodon chose to apply a tiger face to Josh Peden. The students could choose from fantasy, animals, or horror images to use. Photos by Martha-Jean Rockey
Left: Sophomore Chasity Wetmore gives a prose reading during speech class. Each student in sophomore speech had to read aloud with expression. Photo by Steven Clary

Below: Sophomores Chasity Wetmore, Missy Sprague, and Hannah Woosley take turns telling each other a folk tale. Photo by Steven Clary

Above: Nicki Stanton and Katherine Foshe study for their upcoming English test over how to write a story with the proper punctuation and writing styles in freshman English. Photo by Nroh Wykert

Left: Junior Jordan Thornberry writes an analysis paper over one of the characters in a duet piece during theater arts. With a partner each student performed a duet selection for the class. As part of the assignment they were to analyze their characters and create an introduction for the piece. Photo by Steven Clary

Left: Hanna King works to complete her yearbook page during summer break. Photo by Kelli Marriott
Mrs. Jene't Brown taught computer applications, desktop publishing/Multimedia I, and Multimedia II.

In computer applications students worked in Microsoft office, Adobe Photoshop, and I-movie. They did a lot of hands on activities to help them learn the programs.

The students in desktop publishing/Multimedia I focused on desktop publishing first semester and Multimedia I second semester. They used Adobe Photoshop and Adobe InDesign during desktop publishing, and Adobe Flash and I-Movie for multimedia.

"I thought that desktop publishing/Multimedia I was a great class. I feel like what we learned in this class will be beneficial to our future. Whatever projects we were assigned, Mrs. Brown always managed to add some fun to them," said sophomore Jacob Winkel.

In Multimedia II, the students used I-movie to make movies, garage band for audio and videos, and adobe flash for animations.

"It has been a great year in computer class. Students have been so creative. I really enjoy their creativity, and the great work that comes as a result of their hardwork," said Brown.

P.E. classes were taught by Derek Jasper. Weights and freshman P.E. were held in the mornings before Jasper went to the grade school. During weight lifting, students completed workouts which targeted different muscles in the body each day of the week.

"I liked weights because it kept me active and healthy! It was also fun to play basketball on game days," said Christopher Tharman.

During freshman P.E., students played different games such as basketball, volleyball, mat ball, and many other games.

"Mat ball was my favorite game because it didn't have many rules to follow and it was was," Trevor Bembrick said.

Jasper also taught a freshman health course where they discussed the dangers of drugs and alcohol and different aspects of the body. During second semester, Jasper also took students to the weight room and had them participate in different types of workouts.

Above: Russell Ostertag spots William Boeh as he attempts to complete his last rep. Photo by Nroh Wykert

Above: Jacob Meng, Justin Messinger, and Ryan Franken work on a data base scavenger hunt over different computer terms in computer applications class. Photo by Tanner Weishaar

Right: Austin Weis completes a race track for his movie in multimedia class. Photo by Tanner Weishaar
Left: Nicki and Alex Stanton learn the rules of playing lacrosse. Photo by Steven Clary

Below: Mr. Derek Jasper spots Dalton Masters while other classmates work on bench and other aspects of their workout. Photo by Nroh Wykert

Above: Nick Ploeger works on his aquarium project using Adobe Flash animation in Multimedia II class. Photo by Tanner Weishaar

Left: Michael Teague maxes out on bench. Photo by Nroh Wykert

Left: Josh Peden and Eli Whittaker film for their cooking show assignment in Multimedia I class. Photo by Tanner Weishaar
Spanish and Social Sciences

The Spanish classes were taught by Mr. John Chavez during the first semester. Due to Mr. Chavez's health issues, a new teacher was hired for second semester, Mrs. MaryAnn Eisiminger.

During first semester, in both Spanish I and Spanish II, the students did many activities that helped them learn the language. They made a God's Eye, cascarones (a blown-out egg that is decorated and hung on a Christmas tree), clocks, and a Spanish recipe book. They also sang many different Spanish songs and watched Spanish movies.

In second semester, the students had to go through a change in teaching styles. They got more involved in learning the language and culture. They did a few activities on the side that went along with Mexican holidays.

When asked about the adjustment to the change in teachers, sophomore Tanna Meng said, “I think our class adjusted really well having two different teachers in one year. We got to experience two very different teaching styles, and we learned a lot about the culture and language.”

Mr. Lyle Rockey taught world history, American history and geography. When asked if she enjoyed her world history class, sophomore Claire Turpin said, “It is really hard but, very interesting, and I like Mr. Rockey’s teaching style.”

American history was a required class for the juniors.

Junior Katie Smith was asked if she was interested in the material covered in American history. “Oh yes! The things are very interesting. I like the [class] because the teacher knows so much... making it very easy to learn...,” said Smith.

In world geography students learned about the different places around the world's terrain, a brief history and economy.

Mr. Bruce Reynolds taught economics and American government, a class required for seniors. In economics students learned about money management. In American government they learned about government branches and functions. They also attended County Government Day. There they were able to witness some actual court trials as well as job shadow some county officials.

Above: Sophomore Claire Turpin finishes a Spanish assignment using direct objects in her sentences. Photo by Kelli Marriott

Above: Junior Brannt Loroff completes a worksheet about the Civil War assigned to him in his American history class. Photo by Nroh Wykert

Right: Sophomore Carmen Turpin reads a section in her text book about Africa for her assignment in world geography. Photo by Nroh Wykert
Left: Sophomore Daniel Cordonnier writes a Spanish sentence in past tense during Spanish II. Photo by Kelli Marriott

Below: Junior Haley Whetstine looks at her grade on a test over the history of the Civil War taken in American history. Photo by Kelli Marriott

Above: Students discuss the worksheet about Africa in world geography. Photo by Nroh Wykert

Left: Sophomore Hanna King works on her God’s eye, which is an item of yarn woven around small sticks, during Spanish class. Photo by Kelli Marriott

Left: Students in Mr. Rockey’s world geography class study for their upcoming test over Africa and its historical landmarks and people. Photo by Nroh Wykert
Mr. Nick Hamilton taught four different types of ag classes which included ag mechanics, ag welding, research in ag, and horticulture/wildlife management. Ag students were able to participate in many different activities such as Jeopardy, which helped students study for tests; leadership games; and many other activities that helped each student excel in his or her class. Hamilton taught students ways to give shots to animals by allowing the students to practice on oranges. The students also were able to participate in different plant activities in the greenhouse to prepare for a plant and flower sale at the end of the school year.

“I really liked planting new plants and getting to work in the greenhouse,” senior Eli Smith said.

Ag welding and ag mechanics students studied shop safety and took a safety test before working in the shop where they completed different types of welding skills, made preparations for individual projects, and then worked on the projects. Students in ag welding completed projects such as a picnic table and a hunting dog box.

“I really liked being able to build something I’ll actually need or could use,” said junior Jacob Stock.

The industrial arts program consisted of five different classes. Mr. Gene Velharticky taught Industrial Arts I, Industrial Arts II, Advanced Industrial Arts I, Advanced Industrial Arts II, and building trades. During the first semester, Industrial Arts I and II students learned how to create drafts and worked to perfect the skill. In Industrial Arts I, students were required to build an “Arcadian stool” before working on projects of their choice.

“I liked I.A. because it was fun to work with Mr. V and because of my class of three people,” said sophomore Jeffrey Weatherford.

Students in advanced industrial arts classes drafted a project of their own design. Then, they used the drawing to actually build the project. After completing the project, they figured up the cost of the materials used. A nightstand and an armoire were just two of the many unique projects the students completed.

The building trades class constructed a utility shed for the school. The class also repaired wooden stands that were used to display artwork in the Delaware Valley League art contest. All of the industrial arts students displayed their completed projects at Fine Art Night.
Mr. Gene Velharticky advises Peter Masters on securing a handle to a drawer. The drawer was a part of a nightstand that Masters made in his advanced industrial arts class. Photo by Steven Clary

Above: During animal science, sophomores Jacob Winkel and Olivia Robinson learned how to give two types of shots to animals by practicing on oranges. They practiced giving a shot just under the peel and a shot straight into the orange. Photo by Nick Hamilton

Below: Garrett Meng secures the set to the stage in preparation for the spring musical. Meng and the rest of his advanced industrial arts class assisted in the building of sets for the fall play and spring musical.

Photo by Steven Clary

Left: Freshmen Dalton Masters and Justin Boyle work on different skills as part of an assignment for ag mechanics. Ag students were expected to have finished their skills by the end of the semester in order to complete a project during second semester.

Photo by Nick Hamilton

Left: Kodey Smith planes a board that was formerly a part of the bleachers in the gymnasium. The boards were then used to construct picnic tables. Photo by Steven Clary
We are... Clubs
Many clubs continued to participate in community activities. Kayettes helped families in need and decorated the gazebo at Christmas time while NHS hosted a blood drive. The FFA continued to participate in different types of contests and held their annual plant sale and community banquet. The organization also helped the 4-H members host 4-H day for grade school students.

FBLA became more established as 23 students participated and competed at the state competition. Six members of speech qualified for state contest, some in more than one event.

“My favorite part about Kayettes was the Secret Santa party because we got to exchange presents!” said freshman Alaine Stock.

“I liked FFA because you got to leave school and go places and do many things you haven’t done before,” said freshman Colton Masters.

“I found drama club extremely educational and a great experience...” said sophomore Chris Tharman, here as the Caterpillar in Alice in Wonderland.

“STUCO went very well this year. We accomplished a lot and we had fun doing it,” said junior Shane Miller.
The student council kept a long standing tradition, the Thanksgiving dinner. They used their funds to purchase turkeys. Members served the meal at the high school and grade school and also decorated the cafeterias festively for the meal. Along with the dinner they also bought decorations and decorated for the Homecoming and Queen of Courts dances, and sold suckers to students for Valentine’s Day. A new thing the student council did was the “Soup-er Bowl,” a canned-food drive held the week before the Super Bowl. Students in the high school and grade school brought cans of soup and placed the items in the tub of the team they thought would win the Super Bowl. The stuco members then took the canned items to the Highland Food Pantry with their new sponsor, Kristee Grable.

“I felt that it went very well. We were able to collect lots of cans for the food pantry. I think it’s something the student council should continue in years to come,” said junior class representative Shane Miller.

T-Club sponsored the men’s alumni basketball tournament. Members of the T-Club helped run the clock and keep the score book at the tournament. They provided t-shirts to the winning team.

T-Club kept track of the students who lettered in each activity. They supplied pins and T’s for sports, academics, speech, and music letters.

For National Fine Arts Day, T-Club gave the students who were involved in fine arts lanyards to show appreciation for all their hard work and dedication to the programs. For National Coaches and Sponsors Day, T-Club gave muffins to the entire USD 429 staff to show the club’s appreciation.

Top: Freshman Alex Stanton hangs stars from the basketball goal in the old gym. Stuco members decorated with streamers and starts for the Homecoming dance. Middle: Stuco members pose for a photo at the Highland Food Pantry after they delivered the items collected during the “Soup-er Bowl” Bottom: Senior Katie Cluck decorates the grade school cafeteria before the stuco Thanksgiving Dinner. Photos by Hanna King and Kristee Grable

Troy High School Student Council Front Row: Alex Stanton, Garrett Masters, Garrett Fenley, Millie King, William Boeh Row 2: Shane Miller, Alyssa Burchett-Burts, Kelsey Smith, Reece Simpson, Hanna King. Not pictured: Katie Cluck Photo by Kelli Marriott
Quill & Scroll inducted three new members into the society during awards night. Having done excellent work in some aspect of journalism, Tanner Weishaar, Kelli Marriott and Hanna King were inducted into the society by current members Steven Clary, Katie Smith, and Whitlea Klaus. Adviser Martha-Jean Rockey presented each new member with a certificate and pin. This induction marked the 34th ceremony and increased the Troy membership to 162.

“I was really honored to be inducted into Quill & Scroll. All of our hard work paid off,” said Marriott.

The drama club went to Avila College in Kansas City to view a play, Fahrenheit 451. They also hosted the Troy Invitational Speech meet.

Fundraisers included the dinner theatre and a Yankee candle sale.

At state speech contest, those receiving a 1 rating and gold medal were Olivia Bennett in oral oration, Hanna King in poetry and Christopher Tharman and Russell Ostertag in improvised duet acting.

“I feel like the speech season was very successful! I went to state with both of my events and had a blast with all my nerdy speech friends,” said junior Olivia Bennett.

“I enjoy speech because the interaction with friends from other schools and my own classmates is very fun! I also believe it is good to express one's self through some form of art,” said speech team member Christopher Tharman.

Top: Nroh Wykert reads her poem “The Spider and the Fly” at Fine Arts Night. Middle: State speech qualifiers pose for a picture after the festival. Front Row: Hanna King, Alex Stanton, Erin Clary, Olivia Bennett, Russell Ostertag Row 2: Martha-Jean Rockey, Christopher Tharman Right: Current members induct new members into Quill & Scroll while Adviser Martha-Jean Rockey makes the induction official. Photos by Rita Clary, Lyle Rockey and Kathy King
Troy High School Speech Team: Front Row: Katrina Tharman, Nicki Stanton Row 2: Olivia Robinson, Dalton Masters, William Boeh, Christopher Tharman, Russell Ostertag Row 3: Olivia Bennett, Hanna King, Alex Stanton, Jessica Burton, Jessica Weatherford, Erin Clary
Photo by Whitlea Klaus

Troy High School Drama Club: Front Row: Steven Clary, Olivia Robinson, Mackenzie Clary, Whitlea Klaus, Tanner Weishaar, Garrett Fenley, Eli Smith, Peter Masters Row 2: Amanda Clary, Erin Clary, Olivia Bennett, Nroh Wykert, Tiffany Weatherford, Preston Foley, Christopher Tharman Row 3: Katrina Tharman, Tanna Meng, Hanna King, Kelli Marrott, Chasity Wetmore, Tori King, Jacob Winkel, Jackie Mott Row 4: Jessica Burton, Claire Marrott, Holly Stegall, Trevor Bembrick, Alex Stanton, Russell Ostertag, Nicki Stanton, William Boeh, Dalton Masters Photo by Martha-Jean Rockey
Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), was sponsored by Amy Schmille. Members participated in a seatbelt safety program called Seatbelts Are For Everyone (SAFE). Some students attended a class to learn about seatbelt safety and how to reach out to students to wear a seatbelt.

"I thought it was really good that they had the SAFE program because it’s good for students to recognize the danger of not using a seatbelt..." said Mackenzie Clary.

All students who signed a paper saying they will always wear their seatbelt were able to participate in drawings throughout the year to receive different types of prizes such as gift cards and money.

SADD also hosted a fair with different stands that told dangers of drugs and alcohol, tobacco, germs, and information about healthy eating, fire safety, and many other things. All grade school students came to the fair and received a bag to collect coloring books, information pages, stickers, pencils, etc.

"The SADD fair is good for grade school kids because it teaches them what bad things can happen when they use drugs, alcohol, or tobacco. Some kids would never learn the dangers if members of SADD didn’t host activities such as the fair," said Garrett Meng.

National Honor Society was sponsored by Bruce Reynolds. In order to raise money, the group worked the concession stand during a middle school football game. The group also held its annual service project of the community blood drive.

Six new members were inducted into the society at awards night. The new group of members was made up of three sophomores and three freshmen. The existing officers also forwarded their positions to existing NHS members.

Top Right: Jacob Winkel and Peter Masters give a cooperative speech as part of the NHS induction ceremony. Photo by Rita Clary

Middle Right: Kendra Lysaght donates blood during the annual NHS blood drive. Photo by Steven Clary

Right: Kaylee Bennett shows the dangers of smoking and tobacco to a group of grade school students. Photo by Steven Clary
Troy High School NHS Front Row: Haley Whetstine, Alex Stanton, Nicki Stanton, Tanner Weishaar, Amanda Clary, Tanna Meng, Kelli Marriott, Hanna King, Katie Cluck, Whitlea Klaus Row 2: Katie Smith, Steven Clary, Eli Smith, Peter Masters, Reece Simpson, Preston Foley, Jacob Winkel, Trevor Bembriick, Mackenzie Clary Photo by Rita Clary

Terra Ferris sponsored Kayettes as they participated in more activities for the community. The girls provided food for a family in need in the community during Thanksgiving. Officers and a few members also helped Mary Winder and other community members decorate the gazebo with a Christmas tree, lights and ornaments. The week before Christmas break the club had a “Secret Santa” gift exchange and brought a dessert or snack to share.

“I really enjoyed the Christmas party because everyone goofed off and exchanged gifts. Oh, and of course, my favorite part was the amazing food!” sophomore Hanna King said.

At the end of the year, freshman members cleaned each of the trophy cases, and a “Senior Farewell” party was also held for seniors to share memories of high school while having snacks.

Future Business Leaders of America were sponsored by Jene’ Brown. The group attended the District 2 conference held at Jefferson County North High School in January. Many members placed in their events and, as a group, took home 30 awards. There were four 1st-place awards received by three different members.

The State Leadership Conference was March 31 in Topeka. Only nine members went and a rough day awaited them as no one placed in any events.

FBLA members had a wreath fundraiser and worked concession stands. They went to a Kansas City Chiefs game at the beginning of the year. Throughout April they collected pop tabs for Children’s Mercy that helped support and raise money for the Ronald McDonald house.

Top: Kaylee Bennett and other freshman Kayette members took an afternoon to clean both trophy cases. Middle: Nroh Wykert finishes opening her gift from her “Secret Santa,” Bryanna Keller. Bottom: FBLA members Amanda Clary and Preston Foley count pop tabs that were collected by high school students to support the Ronald McDonald house. Photos by Kelli Marriott and Steven Clary
Photo by Hanna King

Troy High School Kayettes Front Row: Kelli Marriott, Chasity Wetmore, Amanda Clary, Olivia Bennett, Mackenzie Clary, Whitlea Klaus, Kodie Wetmore, Samantha Stanton, Katie Cluck, Ashley Burton Row 2: Paige Fenley, Erin Clary, Tanna Meng, Kayla Boyle, Haley Whestine, Kelsey Smith, Alyssa Burchett-Burris, Bryanna Keller, Mickayla Shelton Row 3: Claire Turpin, Baileigh Jenkins, Harley Huss, Kaylee Bennett, Alanie Stock, Kallie Koehler, Jessica Burton, Courtney Klaus, Jessica Guffy Row 4: Sponsor Terra Ferris, Alex Stanton, Nicki Stanton, Molly Jamvold, Mica Ashford, Nroh Wykert, Katie Smith, Olivia Robinson, Jessica Weatherford Photo by Martha-Jean Rockey
FFA was advised by Nick Hamilton. The senior officers included President Alyssa Burchett-Burts, Vice President Mackenzie Clary, Secretary Whitlea Klaus, Treasurer Kodie Wetmore, Reporter Garrett Fenley, Sentinel Kody Smith, and Chaplain Garrett Meng. The junior officers included President Preston Foley, Vice President Tanner Weishaar, Secretary Tanna Meng, Treasurer Jacob Winkel, Reporter Haley Whetstine, and Sentinel Eli Whittaker.

Members of the FFA sponsored a community blood drive and sold fruit to help raise money for the program.

The group also held the FFA Banquet. They invited FFA members and their family members to attend. They served BBQ ribs, pulled pork sandwiches, potatoes, baked beans, and desserts. During the banquet there was a slide show, displaying all the memories that the FFA members shared together. Members also gave the seniors farewell gifts, and the senior officers inducted the new officers into their positions.

Every month the members would hold a meeting to discuss upcoming events. When the meetings were over, the officers and members would receive snacks and beverages.

Several FFA members attended contests such as dairy and livestock judging. The freshmen attended the Greenhand conference, which gave them their Greenhand degree.

"FFA was fun this year. Mr. Hamilton did fun activities and always taught us something new about FFA. Even though I only had him as my FFA sponsor for one year, he was the best!" said Harley Huss.

At the annual 4-H Day students worked in shifts to explain a variety of animals to grade school children who came from the county schools.

Top right: Mackenzie Clary explains different types of goats and what they are used for to a grade school student at 4-H Day. Grade school students from across the county attended this.

Right: Colton Masters takes a Greenhand test at one of the many contests that members of the FFA attended. Photos by Whitlea Klaus and Mary Winder
Left: During the community banquet, FFA members performed the ritual meeting and inducted new officers for the upcoming school year. Lower left: Whitlea Klaus and Kodi Wetmore sort through items after the annual cookie, fruit, and meat fundraiser. Below: Alanie Stock receives her Greenhand degree from Adviser Nick Hamilton as the officers congratulate her. Photos by Kristie Klaus and Tanner Weishaar

We are...
Fine Arts
The choir continued to improve and entertained crowds at their concert with the band, *A Feast of Carols*. The choir and band also performed at many other activities, helping to raise money for the band to travel to San Antonio.

Although the fall play didn't raise much money for the drama club, the spring musical brought in a large crowd for the cast to entertain. The plays brought many challenges for the cast and crew, but members of the play were creative and the productions went flawlessly.

Art students found success as many students earned places for their pieces at contests and at DVL Art Day which was held at Troy.

The speech team competed with six entries at state and earned I ratings for three of the entries.

“My favorite activity was the concert that we had the movie playing in the background. It was so much fun, but I love everything about band. I'm a band geek!” Katherine Foshe said.

“I liked art because I got to pick what I was able to do for a project and I also liked having a class with Levi,” Carmen Turpin said.

“The fall play was a lot of hard work, but it was all worth it because it turned out to be awesome!” Dalton Masters said.

“The spring musical was really fun. I found it hard to concentrate on my part because the King and Queen of Hearts were so hilarious!” Katie Smith said.
A kingdom in peril! A princess kidnapped by an evildoer, a prince mistaken for someone else, and a mythical beast taken as a freak.

In *The Clumsy Custard Horror Show* there are love, heartbreak, betrayal, danger, disaster, excitement, and wonder. The ruler of Zob Proper, Queen Dumb (Mackenzie Clary), announces that her fair daughter, the Prince (Whitlea Klaus), has been kidnapped by the ruler of Zob Improper, the evil Dacron (Garrett Fenley). To save the day, the gallant Swashbuck Valpariso (Christopher Tharman) and his trusty sidekick Worffe (Dalton Masters) must battle the treacherous Ice Cream Clones, the villainous Polly and Ester (Katie Smith and Hanna King), turkey spiders, and the notorious Clumsy Custard monster (Trac Shelton and Braden Grossman). The whole story is narrated by the teller of the tale Amis Boheme (Katrina Tharman).

There were many twists and turns in *The Clumsy Custard Horror Show*, like the brother-sister relationship between Malforce, the queen’s right-hand man (Jacob Winkel), and Alphasia, the princess’s nanny (Nrok Wykert), and the working relationship of Malforce and the evil forces of Dacron.

“In the play everyone works hard to make it a success and I loved my character,” said Hanna King, who was Ester, one of the ice cream clones.

When performed in front of the grade school, many played along when cued by the actors and other members of the cast, when singing “Old McDonald Had a Farm” to break the barrier keeping Swashbuck and Worffe held captive in the dungeon or helping make sound effects for the wind and birds for Arnis.

A lot of work went into producing this, work from the director, Mrs. Rockey, the student performers, the crew, and even the audience who came to see it. Sets had to be made and props found or created. Costumes were also a big effort.

“What I liked most about being in the play was having a Hitler mustache!” said Russell Ostertag.

“I thought the most fun was playing around with everyone else. Knowing that they would all be wearing such funny and weird outfits just made everything more worth it in the end,” said Olivia Robinson.

Back stage people practiced lines, straightened out costumes, traded off microphones, and joked back and forth about each other’s mistakes, even if they had not made any. Most of the cast also helped do scene changes bringing the barriers on and off stage, putting pictures on the wall, and moving furniture about.

*Top Left:* The knights, Sir Prize and Sir Cumference, played by Russell Ostertag and Trevor Bembrick, take a bow after performing. *Top Middle:* Swashbuck Valpariso, Christopher Tharman, and Worffe, Dalton Masters, escape the castle. *Bottom Middle:* The Clumsy Custard, played by middle school students Trac Shelton and Braden Grossman was feared by all. *Bottom Left:* Swashbuck and Worffe realize there is a hole in the magic forcefield that has kept them captive. *Photos by Kelli Marriott*
Left: Princess Prince explains to the crowd her fears and disappointments about meeting the Custard while chained up by the evil Lord Dacron, played by Garrett Fenley.
Photo by Kelli Marriott

Top Right: Chasity Wetmore uses different types of makeup to create a life-like Worfe. Above: During the fight between Swashbuck Valpariso and Lord Dacron, Swashbuck uses the Princess’s body as a weapon to take down the evil doer. Photos by Kelli Marriott

Long practices make the musical a hit

"I’m late! I’m late, for a very important date!"
The THS cast and crew of Alice in Wonderland worked quickly and efficiently with the little time they had in order to be ready for their performance March 24. Due to inclement weather and make-up ballgames, practices became long in order for the set to be finished and the cast to be prepared for the performance.

"Even though we had a lot of long and stressful practices, I think it paid off in the end,“ junior Katie Smith said.

The set became a series of challenges as the crew had to create a way for Alice (Jessica Weatherford) to fall down into a rabbit hole, shrink and grow, and to appear smaller than normal throughout the musical. Creativity took a major role in the musical as Olivia Bennett was in charge of designing many parts of the set as well as costuming, where she created playing cards for the cast to wear in the play.

Make-up and costuming also required creativity in order to create a life-like gryphon, rabbit, dormouse, mock turtle, frogs, Cheshire cat, March hare, flowers, and cards. The make-up crew also made the Mad Hatter and the duchess look insane which was one of the key components for the characters of the Wonderland theme. More than six students pitched in to help with make-up and costuming.

Friday, March 25, the drama department hosted a tea party before the musical began for all children through sixth grade to attend for free to enjoy cookies and punch. Children dressed up as characters in the musical such as cards or Alice.

Cast and crew provided salads and desserts for the dinner theatre Saturday and also worked as waiters and waitresses. Parents and booster club members helped cook and serve the meal to about 115 people.

"I thought the dinner theater was as successful as past years. Everyone was very supportive,” said Director Martha-Jean Rockey.

Top left: Erin Clary and Hanna King sing to Alice about the wonders of Wonderland as they portray flowers. Top Middle: Claire Marriott and Jessica Burton portray frogs before changing costume to become cards. Bottom Middle: William Boeh, Mackenzie Clary, Jacob Winkel, and Katie Smith sing the final song of Alice in Wonderland with Alice. Bottom left: Jacob Winkel, the King of Hearts, explains his verdict to Katie Smith, the White Rabbit, as she reads a mysterious letter from the prisoner during a late practice. Right front row: Hanna King, Trevor Bembrick, Haley Whetstone, Nroh Wykert, Tiffany Weatherford. Row 2: Jessica Burton, Claire Marriott, Katrina Tharman, Olivia Robinson, Jessica Weatherford, Garrett Fenley, Jacob Winkel, Russell Ostertag, Mackenzie Clary, Tori King. Row 3: Chasity Wetmore, Holly Stegall, Steven Clary, Dalton Masters, Katie Smith, Erin Clary, Whitea Klaus, Olivia Bennett, Tanner Weishaar. Row 4: Chris Tharman, Eli Smith, William Boeh, Jeff Weatherford, Preston Foley, Peter Masters. Photos by Austin Foshe and Holly Stegall
Left: Olivia Robinson, the Cheshire cat, continues to smile as Jessica Weatherford, Alice, realizes the baby in the blanket is in fact, a pig.

Top right: Alice tries to decide whether to drink the beverage or eat the cookie which makes her shrink or grow. Above: During the trial scene, members of the court explain to Alice that she must leave the court for being “Nearly two miles high.” Photos by Austin Foshe and Holly Stegall
New teacher inspires creativity while organizing events

Roger Purdy replaced Elizabeth Barbosa as the art teacher at Troy. This was Purdy’s first year teaching and with that came many new responsibilities. Along with the everyday assignment of projects, Purdy was also in charge of painting the football field for Homecoming, organizing the annual DVL Art Day at Troy, and constructing banners to hang in the gym for new schools joining the DVL.

Throughout the year Purdy assigned many different projects. These projects included lantern drawings, tissue paper designs, grid animal drawings, ceramics, and a book collage. “My favorite project was the book collage. I like scrapbooking, and it was a lot like that,” said sophomore Claire Turpin.

For the second time in three years, at least one new school joined the league. With the addition of Atchison County and Maur Hill to the DVL, the total number of schools participating in Art Day increased from 11 schools to 13. The competition was the first Art Day for these schools as well as for first-year art teacher Roger Purdy. Purdy was tasked with organizing judges, on-site competitions, and awards for the event. “It was a lot of work!” said Purdy of organizing Art Day.

Eight Troy students placed at DVL Art Day with some receiving multiple awards on different pieces. Recipients of gold medals were as follows: Jacob Pasch with "Untitled" in photography; Gabe Martinez with "Locked" in ceramics; and Samantha Stanton with "Dillon" and "Game Time," both in pencil.

The students receiving an award of merit were as follows: Olivia Bennett with "Friendship Never Ages" in photography; Olivia Robinson with “Complimentary Distribution” in wax on watercolor; Preston Foley with “Seasons” in linoleum print on watercolor; Samantha Stanton with “Love Birds,” a pastel, and “Best Friends,” a linoleum print on watercolor; Katie Cluck with “Eye of the Tiger” in pencil.

The following students received honorable mention: Jacob Pasch with “Boston,” a linoleum print; Katrina Tharman with “Untitled,” a pastel; Gabe Martinez with “Warfare,” a print on watercolor; Samantha Stanton with “White Mountains” in photography and “Rest” in pencil; Dillon Rush with “The Fighter” in construction paper.

The art students also competed in the HCC Art Day but failed to place in the competition.

Top Left: Carmen Turpin finishes her project of a monochromatic tempera painting. Top Middle: Art students paint the field before the Homecoming game. The class used a design created by Samantha Stanton. Bottom Middle: Zach Langford sketches artwork onto a ceiling tile before later painting the tile. The ceiling tile competition was one of many at DVL Art Day. Bottom Left: Jacob Pasch calmly works on a part of Troy’s sidewalk chalk entry at DVL Art Day. Photos by Steven Clary and Nroh Wykert

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Below: Levi Dunn adds to his paper mache project. “We were working on paper mache projects and I was thinking about famous artists. Then I was looking at some of Roy Lichtenstein’s works and noticed his planes that he made. It looked interesting so I attempted to create a paper mache plane. Overall, it was a fun learning experience,” said Dunn. Photo by Steven Clary

Left: Missy Sprague and Hannah Woosley concentrate intensely while creating their “Etch-A-Sketch” masterpiece at DVL Art Day. Photo by Nroh Wykert

Above: Samantha Stanton adds detail to Troy’s sidewalk chalk contest entry. The team drew inspiration from pop art artist Roy Lichtenstein. Photo by Nroh Whylert
A dramatic change was seen in the music department under a new director, Mr. Matt Allison. The marching season kicked off when the band traveled to Lawrence for KU Band Day. They marched in the parade and at the halftime of a KU football game. They also went to Baldwin Band Day, performing in a parade and attending a festival. The pep band performed at every home football and basketball game.

"A Feast of Carols" concert was held as a fundraiser for the band's upcoming trip to San Antonio. The choir sang "Carol of the Bells," "Candy Canes and Christmas," and "Deck the Halls." The band also played well known Christmas songs. The gym was decorated festively with Christmas lights, red-and-green table cloths, and several small Christmas trees.

The spring concert's theme was "A Night at the Movies." The choir sang "Only Hope" and "Summer Nights." The girls sang "Halo," and the boys sang "Desperado." The concert concluded with the band's performance, an assortment of movie theme songs accompanied by a movie presentation that played while they performed.

"I thought the music program was very impressive! It was very entertaining. Mr. Allison is doing a great job. Things have improved so much!" said choir member Tanner Wetshaar.

Popcorn, water, and candy were sold during the concert as another fundraiser for the band to go to San Antonio.

At the state competition in Holton, the band received a III rating. The choir performed at the grade school's Veteran's Day assembly singing patriotic songs such as "America the Beautiful" and "My Country 'Tis of Thee." They also performed Christmas carols at the community center when Santa came to town. At the DVL music day held at Highland Community College, the choir received a II as a group singing "Jubilate Deo." Jessica Weatherford also received a II for her solos, "Crucifixion" and "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley."

At the regional festival at Benedictine College in Atchison. The group received a III. Jessica Weatherford's solo received a II.

"This year, band has been a great experience. Mr. Allison is the best thing to ever happen to the music department; he really cares. I am very excited to continue to be a part of it," said band member Russell Ostertag.
Left: Band Members march in the parade at KU Band Day. Below: Kelli Marriott, Tanner Weishaar, Paige Fenley, and Hanna King sing "Deck the Halls" at the community center when Santa came to town. Photos by Nroh Wykert and Janet Winkel.

Left: The band poses for a photo at Baldwin band day. Photo by Janet Winkel. Right: Pep club member Kate Foshe plays her flute at a basketball game against Horton. Photo by Hanna King.
We are...

People
Improvements, changes, friendships, and new traditions were made throughout every activity at Troy. Students participated in different class activities, as well as doing desk work. The physics class did hands-on activities in the classroom as well as at Horton. Ag and Iarts were both activity-oriented departments, as were art and music. But English classes, such as college composition, also did activities, such as creating posters on types of propaganda.

Troy continued participating in activities as a 2A school as the student population increased. Hanna Woosley and Austin and Katherine Foshe were new to the Trojans. With new students came new staff which included Roger Purdy, Brian Clary, Bethany Cluck, Matt Allison, Anita Long, Juli Smith, John Chavez, and MaryAnn Eisiminger.

"I had a lot of fun in art creating new and fun projects since I had the choice of what I made. I also had fun overall going on senior trip and other activities only seniors got to do," said senior Katie Cluck.

"I enjoyed basketball because we played better as an overall team and really improved," said sophomore Reece Simpson.

"My favorite part of the year was beating Wathena in football... I can tell my kids that I was on the last team to beat Wathena. We have bragging rights forever," said junior Jordan Thornberry.

"How did the school year go? We are Troy. That's all that needs to be said," said ag instructor Nick Hamilton.
New faculty add youth to staff

There were eight new members to join the faculty: Mrs. Stephanie Affield, who taught math classes; Mrs. Bethany Cluck, the library aide; Mr. Rodger Purdy, the art teacher; Mrs. Anita Long, a special education teacher; Mr. Matt Allison, the music teacher and softball coach; Mrs. Juli Smith, the director of student support and athletic director; Mr. John Chavez and Mrs. Mary Ann Eisenminger, who taught Spanish classes.

In the beginning of the school year the Spanish teacher was Mr. Chavez, but due to medical issues he was replaced by Mrs. Eisenminger at second semester.

Mrs. Smith was new to the high school. "I don’t know if I like it better in the high school or the grade school, but I do enjoy working with the high school and middle school students," said Mrs. Smith.

We are a school where students and staff excel; parents and community care.  -District Motto


Charles Hopp
Derek Jasper
Bea Koehler
Bill Koehler

Jeremy Prudden
Roger Purdy
Bruce Reynolds
Susan Reynolds

Kathy Smith
Gene Velharticky
Mary Winder
Laura Winkel
Left: Art teacher Roger Purdy assists Carmen Turpin with her acrylic painting in Art II.
Photo by Steven Clary

Stephanie Affield
Matt Allison
Deb Becker
Jene't Brown

Shirley Buessing
Don Cash
Gracie Christenson
Brian Clary

Bethany Cluck
MaryAnn Eisenminger
Terra Ferris
Nick Hamilton

Kevin McNorton
John Murphy
Michelle Newkirk
Jared Pickerell

Lyle Rockey
Martha-Jean Rockey
Linda Schultz
Juli Smith
Freshmen adjust to new experiences

Freshman year is always exciting but scary with many new experiences. This includes new teachers and classrooms, many upperclassmen, sports, clubs, and other activities.

The freshmen had five required classes. These included English I with Mr. Jeremy Prudden, general science with Mr. Kevin McNorton, computer applications with Mrs. Jene't Brown, p.e./health with Mr. Derek Jasper, and Algebra I/pre-algebra both with Mrs. Stephanie Affield. The freshmen were allowed to choose two elective classes from the following: band, Spanish I, ag science, geography, world history, art, and industrial arts.

During Homecoming the freshmen participated in Spirit Week. They took first place with the impressive float they designed for the “Can the Cobras” theme.

Right: Freshmen Harley Huss and Holly Stegall tell Mr. Jasper the five main ways to say no to drugs and alcohol during health class. Photo by Kelli Marriott

Kasey Christopher
Katherine Foshe
Ryan Franken
Jessica Guffy

Daulton Jasper
Baileigh Jenkins
Courtney Klaus
Kallie Koehter

Russell Ostertag
Alexandra Stanton
Nicole Stanton
Holly Stegall

Move on; it's just a chapter in the past. But don't close the book; just turn the page. -Class Motto
Far Left: Freshmen Holly Stegall, Claire Marriott, Nicki Stanton, and Trevor Bembrick work on an assignment in computer class. Photo by Kelli Marriott

Left: Kaylee Bennett, secretary/treasurer; Alanie Stock, president; Cody Israel, vice-president. Photo by Kelli Marriott

Bodhi Anthony
Trevor Bembrick

Kaylee Bennett
William Boeh
Justin Boyle
Jessica Burton

Elizabeth Hale
Zachary Huff
Harley Huss
Cody Israel

Claire Marriott
Colton Masters
Dalton Masters
Jacob Meng

Alanie Stock
Michael Teague
Katrina Tharman
Caleb Winkel
Sophomores get involved, take pride in success

Another year, another step closer to senior year. The sophomore class had many accomplishments; several of them made it to state in journalism contest, many of them had achievements in sports, and those in choir did well in the Highland Community College Delaware Valley League singing competition.

The sophomores were required to take algebra, geometry, or Algebra II with Mrs. Michelle Newkirk or Mrs. Stephanie Afffield, biology with Mr. Kevin McNorton, and English II with Mr. Jeremy Prudden and Mrs. Martha-Jean Rockey.

"I think our class has always excelled academically and will continue to do so; I'm proud to be a part of the class of 2013!" said sophomore Tanna Meng.

The class grew larger with the addition of three new students: Hannah Woosley, Austin Foshe, and Missy Sprague.

"I think the students in our class are an exceptional group of people. We all participate in different activities which makes us an extremely versatile group. We have always set our goals high, and have always been determined to achieve them. That is whether its on the court, the stage, or in the classroom that makes our class, the class of 2013, outstanding!" said sophomore Jacob Winkel.

Life brings tears, smiles, and memories. The tears dry, the smiles fade, but the memories last forever. -Class Motto
Left: Claire Turpin, president; Tanna Meng, secretary/treasurer; Jacob Winkel, vice-president. Photo by Kelli Marriott

Middle Left: Jesse Adkins views cells through a microscope in biology. Photo by Kelli Marriott

Far Left: Sophomores Missy Sprague, Hanna Woosely, and Chasity Wetmore recite to one another a folk tale in speech in English II. Photo by Steven Clary

Jesse Adkins
Airyan Boyle

Kayla Boyle
Amanda Clary
Daniel Cordonnier
Paige Fenley

Tori King
Kelli Marriott
Tanna Meng
Jackie Mott

Carmen Turpin
Claire Turpin
Jeffrey Weatherford
Austin Weis

Jacob Winkel
Hannah Woosley
Karson Zeltwanger
Juniors organize prom while working concessions

Junior year was eventful as some students took their ACTs for the first time, others went to their first "Junior, Senior Day" at different colleges, and the whole class took their last Map Tests.

The juniors also made their Homecoming parade float, organized prom, and worked concession stands.

"I liked working with my class so we could make a less-than-great float to ride on, and get last place several years in a row. We worked really hard putting two trash cans on the trailer," said junior Erin Clary.

The juniors were required to take American history and English III and work the concession stand, their money-making project for the year so they could do their other required task, pay for Prom.

Prom was at the Landing in St. Joseph, MO, April 30, later than normal.

Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened. -Class Motto

Photo by Nroh Wykert
Far Left: Junior Zackary Langford studies basic principles of math in math fundamentals, a class correlated to the state assessments, which were given in April. Photo by Nroh Wykert.

Left: Juniors Shane Miller and Olivia Bennett get help on their homework in college algebra. This course was offered for dual credit with Highland Community College and was taught by Mrs. Michelle Newkirk. Photo by Kelli Marriott

Mica Ashford
Eliot Barnston
Cody Bennett
Olivia Bennett

Ashley Burton
Andrew Caruskaddon
Erin Clary
Braun Huss

Brannt Loroff
Kendra Lysaght
Gabriel Martinez
Justin Messinger

Dillon Simpson
Katie Smith
Kelsey Smith
Jacob Stock

Tiffany Weatherford
Haley Whetstone
Nroh Wykert
Students 'Raise their Glass' for prom

"Raise Your Glass" was the theme of prom. After the promenade, held at the courtyard, prom goers went to the Roubidoux Landing Playhouse in St. Joseph where prom was held. The ballroom was decorated with red table cloths and string lights.

Photos were taken by Lifetouch in a gazebo decorated with lights, balloons, and tulle. A buffet dinner was served of mashed potatoes, salad, dinner rolls, green beans, grilled chicken, ham, chocolate cake, and cookies, catered by Cedar Ridge.

After-prom activities held at YMCA

After the candle-lit dinner, the dance began. Prom goers danced for four hours to various genres of music. Junior Dillon Simpson said, "I loved dancing! The music was good and I loved being able to just hang out with friends and have a fun time."

"My favorite part of the dance was getting to hang out with my boyfriend Levi and getting to slow dance with him. I had a really great time at the dance. I can’t wait to go again next year!" said sophomore Carmen Turpin.

The after-prom was held at the YMCA in St. Joseph. Prom goers could eat sandwiches, cupcakes, cookies, chips, puppy chow, and pop; play racquetball, basketball, or volleyball; play video games such as Rock Band, Just Dance 2, and a snow board simulation game; and compete in the Minute-to-Win-It Challenge, which was like the game show. The winners of Minute-to-Win-It challenges won money prizes ranging from $10 to $100 or special coupons to well known restaurants.

"My favorite part of after-prom was winning a $50 savings bond which I will not be able to redeem for another 15 years.” said junior Erin Clary.

"My favorite part overall about prom was the after-prom! I felt like there was a lot to do at the YMCA for everyone. I liked playing racquetball with Zack, Kendra, and Gabe. I had a lot of fun at prom this year!” said junior Millie King.

Above left: Katie Smith and her date Jared Meng dance. Above right: Dancers ar prom squeezed on the small dance floor after the dinner to do dances such as “YMCA.” Photos by Nroh Wykert and Whitlea Klaus
Below right: Jake Stock, April Porter, Kelsey Smith, Garrett Fenley and other students dance to the "Cupid Shuffle" as the dance began after the dinner. Photo by Whitlea Klaus

"After prom was so much fun! My favorite part was Minute-To-Win-It and racquetball even though I got nailed and it left a big welt!" Garrett Fenley said.

Top left: Students dance to "Salt Shaker." Left middle: During the "Minute-to-Win-it" game, Dylan Norris attempts to stack several Zingers on his forehead to win money. Bottom left: Nicki Stanton, Jessica Weatherford, and Nick Ploeger form a circle, dancing and singing to each other. Photos by Whitlea Klaus
Seniors stay busy through final year

For the second year, seniors were able to take Senior Release during second semester. If seniors were eligible, they could drop every class but the required classes, American government and English IV. Seniors had to take five classes if they participated in KSHSAA activities.

For Homecoming, seniors, along with other students, participated in a bonfire and vehicle snake through town the night before the game. Classmates also went up town and decorated businesses for the pep rally.

Fundraisers for senior class included magazine sales and a roast beef dinner to raise money for senior trip and roses for graduation. While working at the roast beef dinner, seniors also delivered meals around town and posted fliers at local churches.

“Even though the fundraisers weren’t fun, I’m glad we did them so that we had enough money for senior trip,” Steven Clary said.

Seniors participated in many activities including County Government Day at the courthouse and traveling to Chicago for senior trip.

Above: Many class meetings were held with Sponsor Kevin McNorton to prepare for senior trip and graduation. Below right: Whitlea Klaus, Kodi Wetmore, and Mackenzie Clary celebrate their final day as seniors. Photos by Steven Clary, Whitlea Klaus, and Garrett Fenley
"Some people dream of success, while others wake up and take it." - class motto

Top left: Seniors decorate the Homecoming float to show their school pride. Below left: The class took many group pictures on senior trip as it was their last trip as a class before graduation. Here they pose with their reflection at Millenium Park in Chicago. Below: Peter Masters signs his name on the senior poster to hang on the Homecoming float. Photos by Whitlea Klaus and Brook Luedke.
Senior Trip

Seniors celebrate, experience new activities

After months of planning and raising money, seniors traveled to Chicago by AmTrak from Union Station in Kansas City.

"I'm really glad we took the train because it was a new and exciting experience for all of us," Mackenzie Clary said.

While in Chicago, seniors and sponsors Kevin McNorton and Stephanie Affield went sightseeing. They took a boat tour, and visited the Field museum, the Shedd Aquarium, and the Hancock Tower, saw a Cubs baseball game, and visited Millenium Park, Grant Park, the Navy Pier, and went shopping. The group traveled by city bus, cab, and by the El, which were also new experiences for most, and by walking.

Brook Luedke, a former THS graduate who works for the Hyatt, helped the seniors receive a deal so that they were able to stay in the Hyatt hotel. She also took the seniors to a world-famous pizza restaurant and sightseeing around Chicago where they saw the Buckingham

"Although the city bus was so crazy, it was really fun and a great experience!" said Kaelen Zeitwanger

Top left: Seniors spent time doing different things such as watching movies or bed jumping, as Kodie Wetmore demonstrates. Above left: During the long trip on the ElTrak, Eli Smith and Steven Clary take a short nap. Above right: Brook Luedke took the seniors sightseeing and to a world-famous pizza restaurant during the trip to Chicago. Photos by Whitlea Klaus
fountain in Grant Park, among other sites. Seniors traveled back by plane, which was a new experience for some, before preparing for graduation.

"The plane was scary when we took off because it was so loud and fast, but [flying] was a really fun experience once we were in the air!" Kodie Wetmore said.

Almost immediately after returning to Troy, the seniors had Baccalaureate to attend at the high school.

With such a small class, graduation was short and sweet. The high school choir sang "Friends Never Say Goodbye."

For the rose ceremony, seniors chose "I Won't Let Go," by Rascal Flatts. During the song, seniors gave roses to parents and loved ones who had impacted their lives.

"My tear ducts definitely got a workout during the rose ceremony, but I'm so thankful for all of my family and friends that helped me through high school," Garrett Fenley said.

"I was nervous about giving my speech at graduation, but excited that the day had finally arrived," Steven Clary said. He and Peter Masters were co-valedictorians, and each gave a short speech.
Eli,
Time has gone by so quickly and we have enjoyed every moment with you. You have been a great role model for your little brother and he is very proud of you. Keep your goals set high and you will achieve whatever you set your mind to. Proverbs 16:3, “Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.”
Love,
Dad, Mom, and Wil

Levi,
We are so very proud of you. Keep your faith and spirit; you’ll go far.
Love always,
Mom, Dad, and Aaron

Steven,
We are so proud of you! Seems just yesterday you were that ornery, curly-headed little boy and now you’ve become a nice, fine looking young man. The joy and laughter you have brought us is priceless. Don’t lose sight of your goals; keep your faith in God and you’ll be among the stars. Always think positive; do your best and don’t ever give up. We wish you the very best in life.
Love Always,
Mom& Dad, Adam, Tara, and Kaleb

Peter,
We are amazed at how quickly 18 years have gone! You have been a constant source of joy in our lives, as we have watched you grow into a responsible and hard-working young man. Know that we will always be there to love and support you. We are so proud of all of your accomplishments and can’t wait to see all that the future holds for you. We love you!
Mom, Dad, Bryan, Adrienne, Nathan, Henry, and Grandma Bernie

Garrett Meng

Our loved one, Kodie Marie, with a fiery attitude, may you stand firm with your no-cheat standard, which makes your Savior proud as well as any parent! May every door you open or close, even if you need to back track, show your Savior’s love and forgiveness philosophy. May you reap his blessings soaring and conquering life and death.
Love always,
Family

Kodie Wetmore

Lou,
We are so proud of all you have accomplished. You have grown up beautifully, inside and out. We know you will be successful in whatever you choose for your future. We love you very much.
Mom and Dad

Whitlea Klaus

Nick,
Congratulations! We wish you all the best as you pursue your dreams. Squeeze the best out of life!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Stacy, Matt, and Hannah

You can do whatever you put your mind to. Life’s choices may lead you down many different paths, learn to enjoy the journey. We are very proud of you now and always.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Tanna, and Kassi

Nicholas Ploeger
Kody,
It's hard to believe that you are graduating from high school and getting ready to start a new chapter in your life. We are very proud of the young man that you have become. Always follow your heart and dreams to succeed in life.
Love always,
Mom, Dad, Kelsey, Chopper & Harley

Alyssa,
It has been a blessing watching you grow up into a beautiful young woman. We are excited to see what plans God has for you in the future. Jeremiah 29:11
Forever,
Mom, Dad, and Jonathan

Gar-Gar,
We have loved you since the first time we saw you! We have been amazed at your cell-phone and computer abilities! We are glad you are our go-to man. Always keep your great sense of humor and your interest in automobiles. You are a responsible young man and we are proud of you.
We love you,
Mom and Dad

Garrett,
We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished. It has been a joy watching you grow into such a fine young man. Thank you for so many wonderful memories. Remember to keep God first and don't forget you can do anything you put your mind to.
Love you always,
Mom, Dad, Colton, and Morgan

Brent,
Keep flashing them that wonderful smile! To think that our little boy is now a man whom we love so much and are very proud of! Always keep God in your heart; he will guide you through this wonderful life!
Love you always and forever,
Mom and Dad

Katie,
Wow! The years have gone by as if they were days. It has been an amazing journey watching our baby girl mature into a beautiful young lady. You have brought so many smiles to our faces. As one chapter in your life comes to an end, we can't wait to see what you accomplish in the next. Stay focused and hold on to your dreams!
Family

Mackenzie,
We just want you to know that we are so very proud of the responsible, mature, and ambitious young woman that you have become. Even though you are so grown up, you will always be our sweet little girl who has brought so much happiness into our lives. We love you more than you will ever know and we will always be here for you.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Kaeleb,
From tricycles and horses to cars and adventures, you have been a joyful blessing words can't express. Always share your laughter, talent, and abilities with others; be kind-hearted and work hard. Let God guide your path, and your dreams and possibilities are endless. You're an awesome young man!
Love you always,
Mom, Dad, Kelsey, Karson, & Bronson

Kaeleb Zeltwanger
Eleven football players received all-league honors, some receiving multiple awards. Four football players were named to the Class 2A All-State team. Four volleyball players were voted to receive all-league honors. Tournament games proved to be successful for both basketball teams. At regionals, Eli Smith broke a 69-year-old record in the 200-meter dash, and although he was the only representative of THS at State Track, he took 2nd place in both the 100-meter and the 200-meter dash.

Six speech entries qualified for State, with three earning I ratings, and journalism competitors took 26 entries to state and ended up placing 4th in the state for class 2a schools. Many art students earned places at the Delaware Valley League Art Day. One team qualified for state competition in the Environthon.

In all, Troy students continued to excel. We are TROY!
Top: Kelli Marriott, Hanna King, Tanna Meng, and Paige Fenley prepare for the state assessments during geometry. Photo by Tanner Weishaar
Above Left: Eli Smith stiff-arms a would-be tackler in the Trojans' contest against the Washington County Tigers. Photo by Laurie Simpson
Above Right: Tyler Carskaddon hands out straws to grade school students. Carskaddon used the straws in a demonstration to show what it feels like to breathe after smoking for an extended amount of time. This was one element of the Health Fair sponsored by SADD. Photo by Steven Clary
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The publications staff sold more ads than in previous years in an attempt to raise enough money for an all-color yearbook. New plastic bleachers replaced the old wooden bleachers in the gymnasium. Clay dirt was added to the softball field in Troy to extend the infield and improve the quality of the field. A backstop was constructed at the 4H grounds to create a makeshift baseball field. Some changes in the commerce of Troy also occurred. Abundant Life Hospice closed while Neumann's Tire relocated. Peter Toth revisited his creation, Tall Oak, to treat the statue and reinforce it for many more years to come. A project was completed that created new curbs on many of the town's main streets.
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