

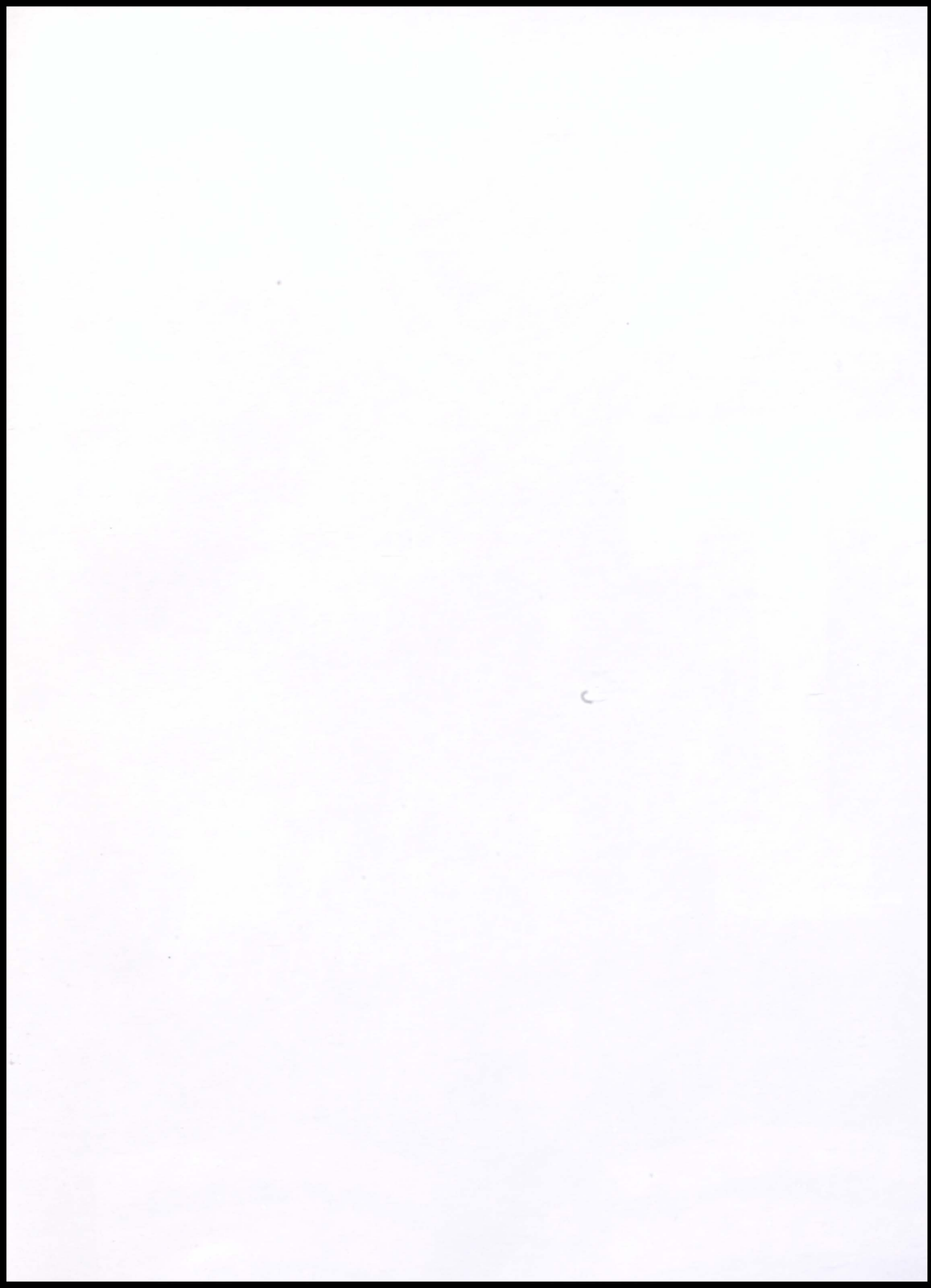
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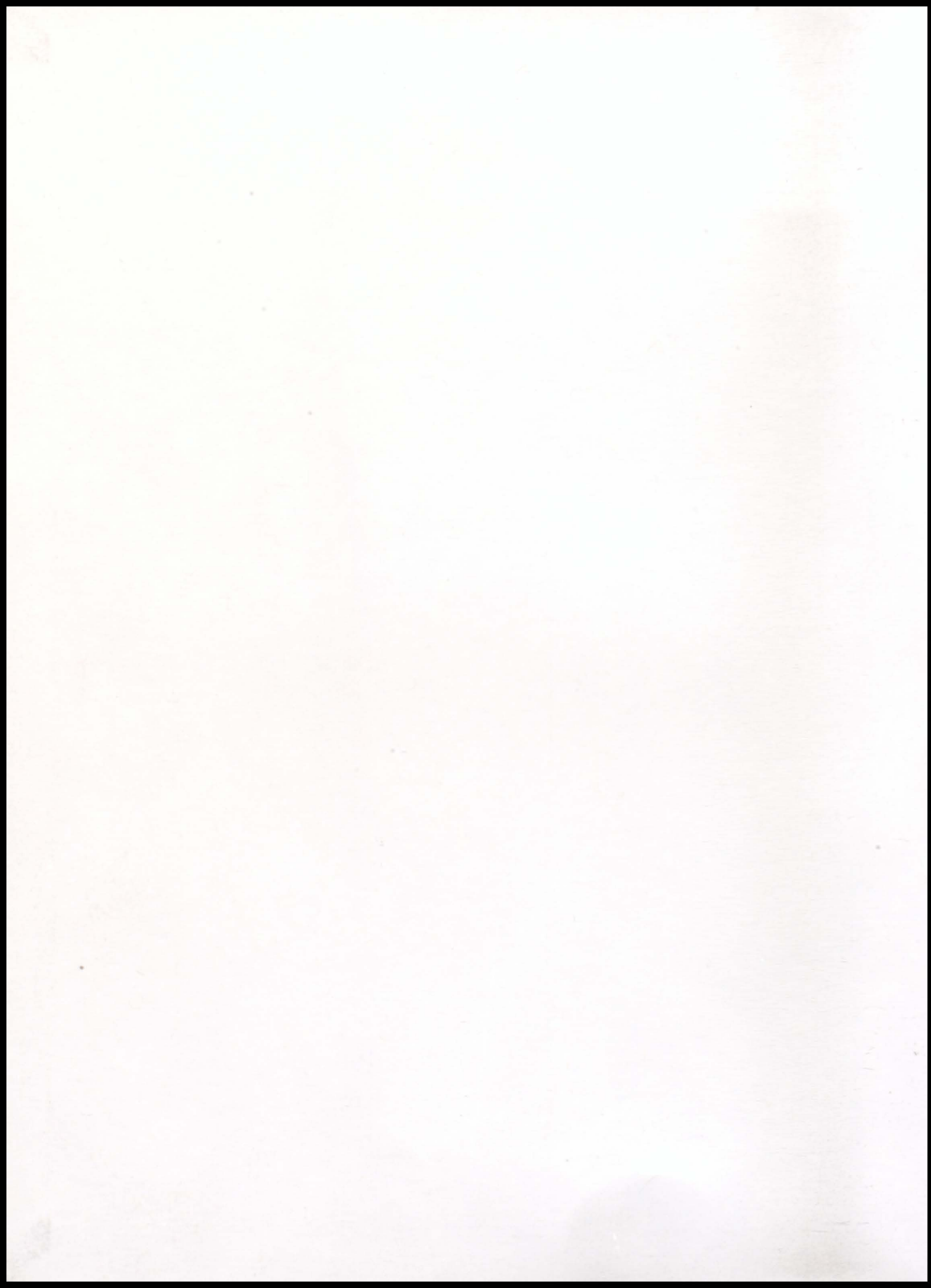
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Above: Troy High school students show not only their high school spirit but also college spirit. Students dressed up in their favorite college school colors as a part of Homecoming Spirit Week. The Troy High School was a house divided multiple times. Students were dressed in Cornhusker, Wildcat, Jayhawk, Sooner, and local Highland Scottie attire. Spirit Days have been a tradition at Troy High since its existence in 1922. Photo by Jennifer Keller

2014-2015

Our theme was influenced by the recent completion of the Troy History Book. Throughout the year the publication staff reminisced about past years' accomplishments. The staff also learned more about their school's history. Through looking at old yearbooks dating back to 1922, the staff was able to see how the publication process of the yearbook has changed.

Looking back can be bittersweet. The sweetness can be found in our school's accomplishments. The bitterness can be felt by the retiring of Mr. Gene Velharticky. Twelve years ago "Mr. V" came out of retirement to travel each day to Troy from Topeka. In addition to teaching industrial arts,

Mr. V he helped out with construction for numerous school events, plays, and activities. Although it was sad to see him leave Troy High, the students will never forget his quick wit and helpful nature.

Although the year has come to a close, that does not mean that the memories made within the halls of Troy High School go away. They stay with all of the students for the rest of their lives. The publications department hopes that these pictures and stories help the students of Troy High School USD 429 remember and look back at all of the fun and enjoyable moments that they shared with their friends and the knowledge learned from their teachers.

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Above Left: Cheerleaders Cailyn Anderson, Holly Whetstine, Madison Marriott, and Makayla Ross cheer at a home football game. The cheerleaders were divided into two groups. The first group, consisting mostly of junior and senior girls, cheered at football games, and the second group, consisting mostly of freshman and sophomore girls, cheered at basketball games. Cheerleading was coached by Janel Anderson. **Photo by Trae Shelton**

Above Right: Co-Valedictorian Trae Shelton gives his address to his fellow classmates about looking back at their previous grade school years. One memorable line of his speech was, "Be ready for the future, but we can't forget our past. We need to be memorable, be smart, and be prepared for whatever comes our way." **Photo by Tracey Klaus**

Looking Back at...



Athletics

A variety of athletics excelled, winning honor after honor. The football team made it farther than any other team in the school's recent history by making it to the sub-state round.

Cross country and volleyball both had new coaches. Roger Purdy was the cross country coach and Julie Werner was the head volleyball coach with Emily Purdy assisting.

The boys' basketball team made to the sub-state championship, becoming sub-state runners-up. The girls' basketball team also made it to the sub-state championship

becoming sub-state runners-up. Emily Purdy was the new assistant coach.

Tristan Speer became a state champion in wrestling for the second year in a row with a career 111-14 record. Tori Olberding was the new assistant coach for softball, helping returning coach Matt Allison.

Junior Holly Whetstine and sophomore Lexi Norris both attended state track after placing in the top four at regionals. The baseball team made it to the state level for a second year in a row with a 20-1 record.



Far Top Left: Seniors Jake Ross, Alex Schmile, Jay Whetstine, Tristan Speer, Collin Jasper, and Nathan Gaarder lead the football team through the crowd of fans during the Doniphan West football game. Photo by Trae Shelton

Middle Top: Junior Cailyn Anderson jumps up to block the ball during the volleyball game against Doniphan West. Photo by Trae Shelton

Above: Senior Nathan Gaarder shoots over two Frankfort players during the TVL tournament. The Trojans received fifth place at that tournament. Photo by Trae Shelton

Far Middle Left: Dancers perform a dance to a mix of songs by Beyonce during the football game against Inman. Photo by Trae Shelton

Middle left: Junior Preston Robinson throws the shotput at the Hiawatha track meet. Photo by Madyson Guffy

Far left: Senior Jay Whetstine hugs his mother at senior night during the halftime of the basketball game against Frankfort. Photo by Trae Shelton



Left: Derek Jasper coaches the girls' basketball team at a timeout during the basketball game against Washington County. The Lady Trojans lost 18-66. Photo by Trae Shelton

Football ends season 10-2

Trojans make it to sub-state

The Trojans made it further than any Trojan making it to sub-state, where they suffered a tough loss by just one touchdown. Going from nine wins in a row to losing to Olpe was tough. This was Derek Jasper's second year as head coach and Don Cash's second year as assistant coach.

Receiving all-league first-team offense were Whetstine, guard; Ross, slot; Huss, wide receiver; Speer, quarterback; and Gaarder, punter. Receiving first-team defense were Gaarder, end; Whetstine, ISLB; and Schmille, OSLB. Second-team offense were Gaarder, line; Franken, back; and Jasper, receiver. Second-team defense was Ross, defensive back.

Receiving all-state in the *Wichita Eagle* were first team, Jasper, wide receiver; Speer, defensive line; and Whetstine, linebacker. Receiving honorable mention were Whetstine, offensive line; Ross, wide receiver; Huss, wide receiver; Speer, quarterback; and Gaarder, punter and defensive line.

The Topeka Daily Capital named first team, Speer, quarterback; Jasper, wide receiver; and Whetstine, line backer; and honorable mention, Huss, wide receiver; Franken, running back; and Gaarder, defensive line.

Jasper had a total of 14 touchdowns, followed by Ross, Speer, and Franken with 11 each. Whetstine had a total of 113 tackles, followed by Schmille and Gaarder with 61 each. Franken had 759 rushing yards, and Speer had 2, 441 passing yards.

Speer was selected to play in the Shrine Bowl in the summer of 2015 and signed with HCC to play football; Whetstine signed with Butler Community College.

Whetstine received the Tom Keller Award for the most tackles for the third year in a row.



"It was a heartbreaking end to a wonderful season. When you get that close to your goal of winning a state championship it is going to hurt for a long time. I wouldn't trade the memories of this season for a million bucks," said Head Coach Derek Jasper.

"We didn't end the season the way we wanted, but we made a lot of unforgettable memories along the way. I wouldn't change anything about this season," said senior Alex Schmille.



Left: Senior Alex Schmille runs the ball against Onaga as his teammates Ben Wardlow, Wil Smith, and Jay Whetstine try to block the other team.
Photo by Trae Shelton

Far Left: Senior Collin Jasper blocks Olpe so that Derek Franken can run to score a touchdown. The outcome of the game was 28-36. **Photo by Trae Shelton**

Below: The Trojan Football Team. The overall record for the Trojans was 10-2. **First Row:** Tyler Franken, Alex Martinez, and Derek Franken **Row 2:** Brandon Schofield, Kortin Blevins, Taylor Scherer, Jason Berry, Ben Wardlow, and Jarren Frump **Row 3:** Kohlbe King, Brant Hamilton, Connor McNorton, Tristan Speer, and Cuttar Huss **Row 4:** Jay Whetstine, Chris Winkel, Collin Jasper, Jake Ross, Preston Robinson, and Reid Greaser **Row 5:** Alex Schmille, Luke Smith, Nathan Gaarder, Tucker Morris, Wil Smith, Wyatt Huss, and Brody Winder. **Photo by LifeTouch**



Opponent	Score	
Win/Lose		
Washington County	30-0	W
Centralia	14-50	L
Valley Heights	42-25	W
Onaga	38-3	W
JCN	64-0	W
Maranatha	56-7	W
Doniphan West	49-0	W
Inman	63-0	W
Immaculata	47-15	W
Regionals		
Valley Heights	50-6	W
Sectionals		
Lyndon	23-0	W
Sub-State		
Olpe	28-36	L

Volleyball/ Cross Country

The Lady Trojans ended their season with a 16-18 record. They finished 5th out of 13 teams in the TVL. As a team, they finished the season with 178 aces, 397 kills, and 478 sets. The Lady Trojans took third at the Riverside tournament winning against St. Joseph Christian and Trenton. They were the number one seed coming out of Pool B. After the pool play, the Lady Trojans faced North Platte, where they came up short. Next, they played Mound City and took home third place.

The Trojans went 2-3 at the TVL tournament, winning against Doniphan West and Onaga in two matches and losing to Axtell. Sub-state was hosted by Washington County. The Lady Trojans went two rounds at sub-state. They beat Wakefield in two matches, and suffered a tough loss to Washington County in two matches. Overall, the Lady Trojans almost split their season with their overall record.

"I thought we had a pretty good season this year. All the girls worked very hard. We had set some goals at the beginning of the season and accomplished some of them. Hopefully, next year we can accomplish the rest," said Head Coach Julie Werner.

The Troy Cross Country struggled with a small team and a new coach. There were only four members: Trae Shelton, Ashley Stock, Cadence King, Kylee Anthony, and Coach Roger Purdy. The team competed at seven meets: Marysville, Washington, McLouth, Troy, Troy (TVL meet), Jackson Heights, and Regionals. At Regionals, Shelton's time was 35:25 and King's 22:59, and Stock and Anthony did not attend. Regionals was at Washington County. Overall, the Troy Cross Country team's times did improve. Anthony placed eighth at Troy's invitational.

"We set out at the beginning of the season to improve on our times and get better every day. I believe they all had successful seasons no matter what their finish times were," said Head Coach Roger Purdy.



Above: Sophomore Blair Weishaar tips the ball over to Doniphan West as junior Holly Whetstine spots her.

Photo by Trae Shelton

Bottom Left: junior Cadence King strives to get a good time as he is in front of many runners at the Mclouth meet.

Photo by Ashley Stock



"I had a blast this volleyball season! We had ups and downs, but it was a great experience, and I'm so glad I got to play with these girls!" said senior Allyson Budine.



"We all had pushed through the pain to achieve greatness! I couldn't be any more proud of our team. They kept fighting through all those cold early mornings. Side by side they never gave up and kept pushing everyone to try their best," said junior Cadence King.



Volleyball Stats

Opponent	Win/Lose
Valley Heights	L, 16-25; 20-25
Wetmore	W, 25-17; 25-21
Centralia	L, 5-25; 11-25
Hanover	W, 25-19; 25-23
McLouth	W, 25-21; 25-16
Riverside	W, 25-6; 25-23
Doniphan West	W, 25-21; 16-25; 25-20
Axtell	L, 21-25; 21-25
Wetmore	W, 25-21; 25-18
*Lafayette	L, 21-25; 15-25
*Horton	L, 25-20; 15-25; 25-27
*Centralia	L, 10-25; 3-25
*JCN	L, 14-25; 16-25
Frankfort	W, 28-26; 25-18
Axtell	L, 15-25; 18-25
Doniphan West	L, 12-25; 19-25
Onaga	W, 25-15; 25-21
Linn	L, 19-25; 16-25
Washington	L, 11-25; 17-25
Jackson Heights	L, 18-25; 20-25
Horton	L, 13-25; 22-25
Valley Falls	L, 12-25; 15-25
*St. Joe Christian	W, 25-17; 19-25; 25-13
*Trenton	W, 25-22; 25-9
*North Platte	L, 18-25; 21-25
*Mound City	W, 19-25; 25-21; 25-11
*Blue Valley	W, 25-18; 25-16
*Clifton-Clyde	L, 20-25; 17-25
*Onaga	W, 28-26; 25-21
*Axtell	L, 14-25; 18-25
*Doniphan West	W, 25-21; 25-19
**Wakefield	W, 25-18; 25-21
**Washington	L, 15-25; 8-25

*Tournament **Sub-State

Above Picture: Lady Trojan Volleyball Team: Front Row: Breanna Smith, Ally Budine; Row 2: Manager Megan Franken, Isabella Miner, Brylee Weidmer, Jennifer Keller, Brittany Klaus, Lauren Hill, Madeline Smith; Row 3: Assistant Coach Emily Purdy, Cheyenne Wigger, Allie Weis, Cailyn Anderson, Kassidy Ashworth, Haley Horner, Tristin Horton, Head Coach Julie Warner; Row 4: Holly Whetstine, Kassi Meng, Blair Weishaar, Lexi Norris, Makayla Ross, Madison Marriott. Not Pictured: Mikaela Campbell. Photo by LifeTouch

Below Picture: Troy Trojan Cross Country Team: Front Row: Trae Shelton, Cadence King, Ashley Stock Not Pictured: Kylee Anthony. Photo by LifeTouch



Personal Bests

Runner	Best Time/Course
Trae Shelton	33:00/ McLouth
Cadence King	20:37/ Washington County
Ashley Stock	22:31/Washington County
Kylee Anthony	19:27/ McLouth

Cheer, dance spread spirit

Squads elevate Trojan pride

Halftime performances, pep rallies, late night, and cheering kept the Trojan Spirit up and alive! The THS Cheer Squad and Dance Team were coached by Janel Anderson.

Shortly after the school year started, the cheer and dance team attended the annual Spirit Spreader at Highland Community College. At the Spirit Spreader the teams learned new cheers, chants, stunts, and dances taught to them by the National Cheer Association (NCA) and National Dance Association (NDA).

The cheerleaders did their best to get the crowd and team pumped up for the games and to also encourage more fans at the pep rallies to come and support the Trojans.

The Trojan Dazzlers dance team was complimented on various occasions for having a very tight and clean kick line and incorporating dance moves and stunts into the kick line.

The Trojan cheerleading squad and dance team tried to stay professional and be role models at all times rather than they are cheering, dancing, in school, hanging out with friends, or on social media. Representing Troy High School in the most positive way possible was the most important rule of being on the dance or cheer squads.



"I really enjoyed my first year of high school cheerleading. Getting to experience sub-state was the best part! I plan on being a cheerleader for the rest of high school" said freshmen Isabella Miner.



"Dancing at the playoff game for football was definitely my favorite part of dance this year." said junior Cailyn Anderson.



Above: Trojan cheerleading team. Front Row: Brylee Wiedmer and Gentry Duncan Row 2: Isabella Miner and Lauren Wigger Row 3: Cheyenne Wigger and Madison Marriott Row 4: Makayla Ross and Holly Whetstine Row 5: Alexis Horner and Cailyn Anderson Row 6: Bailey Gronniger. Photo by Lifetouch

Left: Madison Marriott rides on the back of DJ Werner's Harley into the football game against Washington County to get the crowd and team fired up for the game. Photo by Trae Shelton

Down Left: Trojan cheerleaders McKyla Barnthson, Makayla Ross, Bailey Gronniger, and Lauren Wigger get the crowd pumped up at a home football game during a time out, by doing the cheer "Fans Over Here." Photo by Trae Shelton

Below: Lady Trojan dance team. Front Row: Cailyn Anderson, Lauren Wigger, and Madison Marriott Row 2: Andrea Stock, Lexi Norris, Blair Weishaar, Makayla Ross, and McKyla Barnthson. Photo by Lifetouch



Lady Trojans end 13-11

Girls finish as substate runners-up

The Lady Trojans basketball team was coached by Derek Jasper, assisted by Emily Purdy with managers Ally Budine and Andrea Stock. The team had a successful season by being sub-state runners up.

The girls ended their season with a total of 993 points and a 13-11 record. Breanna Smith led the varsity team with a total of 295 points throughout the season. Smith ended her basketball high-school career with 470 career points, 426 career rebounds, and 221 season rebounds. She also received Honorable Mention in the All-State Selections.

The top varsity scorers included Blair Weishaar (176 points), Madison Marriott (155 points), and Alex Winder (144 points). The junior varsity team ended their season with a record of 9-7-1 with a total of 273 season points. The top scorers of the JV team were Kassi Meng (89 points), Makayla Ross (66 points), and Ashley Stock (22 points).

Being able to compete in the Sub-State Championship was a very big moment for the Lady Trojans. Much time and commitment was put into the team in order to reach the level the girls did.

"Even though I missed the first sub-state game, it still was a lot of fun being able to go down and play with the team" said Weishaar. The Lady Trojans defeated KC Christian and Jackson Heights in sub-state, but lost to Valley Falls in the championship.



"I was happy to make it as far as we did, and I hope we can make it even further next year," said junior Madison Marriott.



"I was very pleased with the team this year; they were a great group of young ladies to work with and we had a great season," said Coach Derek Jasper



Far Left: Senior Alex Winder makes a three-pointer against the Jefferson County North Chargers. The Lady Trojans won the game 21-51. Photo by Trae Shelton

Down Left: Junior Holly Whestine jumps for the ball against the Kansas City Christian Panthers during the first round sub-state game. Photo by Trae Shelton

Left: Sophomore Blair Weishaar guards a Mustang player at the Troy vs D-West home basketball game. Photo by Trae Shelton

Below: Girl's Basketball. Front Row: Holly Whestine, Ashley Stock, Breanna Smith, Alex Winder, and Lexi Norris Row 2: Makayla Ross, Kassi Mengt, Blair Weishaar, Madison Marriott, Cheyenne Wigger, and Kassidy Ashworth. Photo by Janel Anderson



Record

Opponent	Score	W/L
Wetmore	42-52	L
Hanover	36-58	L
JCN	51-21	W
Blue Valley	53-38	W
Immaculata	51-27	W
Washington Co.	18-66	L
Onaga	51-39	W
Maur Hill	37-33	W
*Frankfort	57-33	W
*Axtell	34-43	L
*Wetmore	38-42	L
*D-West	44-24	W
D-West	28-38	L
Clifton Clyde	43-37	W
Frankfort	39-38	W
Valley Heights	39-53	L
Centralia	46-59	L
Linn	52-42	W
Axtell	34-48	L
D-West	27-33	L
Riverisde	48-20	W
**KC Christian	58-37	W
**Jackson Heights	43-34	W
**Valley Falls	24-41	L

*. TVL tournament

** Sub-State

Trojan Basketball finds success

Season ends with sub-state runners-up plaque

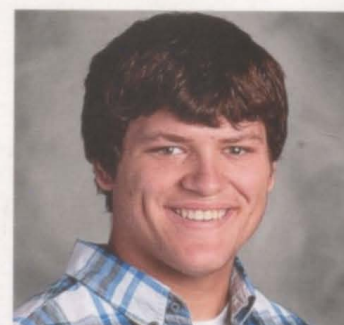
The Trojans finished the season with a 19-5 record overall and a 9-2 TVL record. This was the second year in the TVL (Twin Valley League). Collin Jasper scored his 1000th-career point during the third quarter in the game with Doniphan West. He signed to play basketball for the Highland Community College Scotties in college.

The varsity top scorers were Collin Jasper (325 points), Nathan Gaarder (280 points), Wil Smith (186 points), Jake Ross (175 points), Cuttar Huss (163 points), and Reid Greaser (135 points). They had a total of 1541 points all season.

The JV boys finished with a 15-2 overall record and a 10-2 TVL record. The JV top scorers were Brody Winder (267 points), Luke Smith (234 points), Wil Smith (131 points), and Cuttar Huss (123 points). They had a total of 942 points all season.

Collin Jasper was selected for 1st Team All-TVL, HM All-State (*Topeka Capital Journal* and *Wichita Eagle*), and participated in the NE Kansas All-Star Game. Nathan Gaarder was selected 1st Team All-TVL, HM All-State (*Topeka Capital Journal* and *Wichita Eagle*), and also participated in the NE All-Star Game. Jake Ross was selected for KBCA Academic All-State.

The Trojans were coached by Dallas Keller, head coach, and Roger Purdy, assistant coach. The managers were Kipp Jasper and Camden Anderson. Mikaela Campbell and Andrea Stock were also managers who recorded the games so the players could review them.



"Success is measured by what you leave behind and for this group, they have turned this program around. They have made Troy relevant in state once again. Going from four4 wins to 19 in a four-year window is something I'm very proud for these guys," said Coach Keller.

"We had a good overall season, it didn't end the way we wanted it to but we grew as a team and had fun," said junior Luke Smith.



Left: Senior Nathan Gaarder tries to steal the ball from a Washington County player, while Alex Schmilke attempts to trip him. **Photo by Trae Shelton**

Far Left: Senior Tristan Speer spins around the opponent during the Centralia game coming out with the win, 54-38. **Photo by Brittany Klaus**

Far Down Left: Head Coach Dallas Keller awards senior Collin Jasper with the 1000th career basketball. This means he had made 1000 points in his high school basketball career. **Photo by Trae Shleton**

Below: Boys' Basketball Team. Front Row: Tyler Franken, Tristan Speer, Cuttar Huss, Jay Whetstine **Row 2:** Jake Ross, Collin Jasper, Brody Winder, Connor McNorton, **Row 3:** Assistant Coach Roger Purdy, Alex Schmilke, Wil Smith, Nathan Gaarder, Luke Smith, Reid Greaser, and Head Coach Dallas Keller. **Photo by Lifetouch**



Opponent	Score	Win/Lose
Wetmore	73-26	W
Hanover	50-55OT	L
JCN	55-47	W
Blue Valley	94-37	W
Immaculata	70-32	W
Washington County	41-59	L
Onaga	43-40	W
Maur Hill	56-51	W
*Blue Valley	86-36	W
*Doniphan West	55-60	L
*Frankfort	75-43	W
*Centralia	51-44	W
Doniphan West	77-55	W
Clifton-Clyde	70-35	W
Frankfort	79-46	W
Valley Heights	58-50	W
Centralia	54-38	W
Linn	75-38	W
Axtell	66-56	W
Doniphan West	58-59OT	L
Riverside	58-55OT	W
**KC Christian	83-64	W
**JCN	59-45	W
**Jackson Heights	61-76	L
*Tournament		**Sub-State

Track, wrestling athletes to state

Speer repeats as state champion

The Troy High School track and field team was coached by Emily Purdy, assisted by Principal Jared Wigger. This was Purdy's first year coaching track for Troy High School, but this was Wigger's second year as track coach.

Junior Holly Whetstine and sophomore Lexi Norris were the only two who qualified for state for the Troy track team. Whetstine qualified for state for the 100-meter dash, and Norris for triple jump. The state meet of all classes was at the arena at Wichita State. Neither placed at state.

"I knew I had a chance, but I had to {triple} jump a lot farther than what I have been this year. Making it into finals was great, but qualifying for state was more exciting," said Norris. She jumped 30.25 at state.

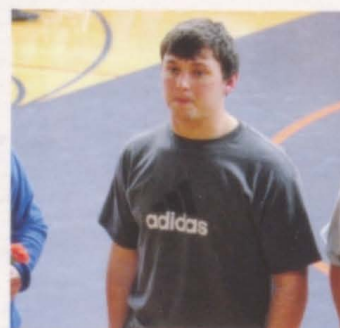
The Troy wrestling team started the season with three team members. By the time the season was over, they were down to only one team member. Sophomore Kortin Blevins was unable to continue due to a football injury earlier in the year. Alex Martinez, sophomore, wrestling eight times and having a 4-4 record, didn't finish the season.

Senior Tristan Speer was the only remaining team member. Speer ended his high school career with a 111-14 record. Speer held the 3-2-1A 195 -pound State Championship title for his junior and senior years at Troy High School. Speer had not lost a match since his sophomore year. He was a three-time state placer and four-time state qualifier.



Above: Sophomore Alex Martinez sweeps an opponent off his feet as he goes for a pin. Photo by Brittany Klaus

Top right: Freshman Brylee Wiedmer hurdles during the TVL track meet at Washington County. Photo by Lexi Norris



"I'm definitely glad it's {wrestling} over and happy it ended in the best possible way," said senior Tristan Speer.



"I competed better last year, but am still very lucky to be going to state this year!" said junior Holly Whetstine, who ran the 100 in 13.63 at state.



Track Team Placings

Frankfort: 22 placings

Atchison: 6 placings

Nemaha Central: 6 placings

Valley Heights: 5 placings

Doniphan West: 11 placings

Hiawatha: 10 placings

Lafayette: 9 placings

TVL: 3 placings

Regionals: 2 placings



Tristan Speer's Records

Season record: 24-0

Total record: 111-14

Season pins: 17

Total pins: 72

Longest winning streak: 61

State appearance record: 14-4

Top: Trojan Track and Field Team. Front Row: Cheyenne Wigger, Kourtney Davies, Lauren Wigger, Brylee Wiedmer, and Haley Wells Row 2: Assistant Coach Jared Wigger, Holly Whetstine, Preston Robinson, Cadence King, Brandon Schofield, Lexi Norris, and Head Coach Emily Purdy. Photo by Lifetouch

Above: senior Tristan Speer receives his state championship plaque from his coach and father Frank Speer during the half time of the boys' basketball game. Photo by Trae Shelton

Ball teams improve records

Baseball repeats as state contender

The softball team was coached by Matt Allison, assisted by Tori Olberding. The ladies had a season of ups and downs. They went from having a 3-9 record to a 9-9 record to end the regular season.

For the first game of regionals, they played the Immaculata Raiders. The ladies won 13-6 advancing them to the second round. In the second round, they played the McLouth Bulldogs. They had a tough loss 3-5. The ladies finished the season with a 10-10 record.

The baseball team was coached by Roger Purdy, assisted by David Pottrof. Leading up to state playoffs, they had a perfect season of 18-0. Coach Purdy was named Class 2A State Coach of the Year.

In regionals, they had a bye for round 1 and then they defeated Valley Falls and, in the championship game, they defeated Doniphan West 6-1, advancing them to state for the second year in a row, with a perfect 20-0.

The town sent them off to state with a downtown pep rally and they were escorted by a firetruck and a cop car.

At Great Bend, in state-playoff action, they faced Salina Sacred Heart, but fell to them 3-5 and were unable to advance further. Speer began strong as pitcher, but three team errors would eventually cost the Trojans the game.



"We had a great season and I had fun playing alongside my friends every day," said junior Chris Winkel.



"I thought we played one heck of a season. We had our ups and downs but we stuck together and played some softball. I'm glad I was part of it," said junior Tristin Horton.



Record

Opponent	Win/Loss
Riverside	W; 7-4, 16-1
Nemaha Central	W; 4-0, 6-2
Doniphan West	W; 13-7, 15-5
McLouth	W; 17-2, 6-2
Oskaloosa	W; 12-2, 14-3
MH-MA	W; 9-2, 2-1
Immaculata	W; 9-0, 11-1
Pleasant Ridge	W; 18-7
Atchison	W; 8-1, 11-0
*Valley Falls	W; 6-1
*Doniphan West	W; 6-1
**Salina Sacred Heart	L: 3-5

*Regionals
**State

Above: Trojan baseball team. Front Row: Tyler Franken, Alex Martinez, Jarren Frump, Lane Etherton, Austin O' Connor, and Kohlbe King Row 2: Brant Hamilton, Reid Greaser, Jake Ross, Brody Winder, Cuttar Huss, Taylor Scherer, Connor McNorton, and Tristan Speer Row 3: Assistant Coach David Pottroff, Chris Winkel, Wyatt Huss, Nathan Gaarder, Tucker Morris, Wil Smith, Luke Smith, Alex Schmille, and Head Coach Roger Purdy. Photo by Lifetouch

Above Left: Sophomore Cuttar Huss leads off third base during the Doniphan West game at home. The Trojans won 13-7 and 15-5. Photo by Trae Shelton

Down Left: Sophomore Kassi Meng grounds a ball during the MH-MA/Doniphan West game. The ladies won 16-4 and 5-2. Photo by Lexi Norris

Below: Lady Trojan softball team. Front Row: Tristin Horton, Ashley Stock, Lauren Hill, Madeline Smith, and Brittany Klaus Row 2: Alex Winder, Kassidy Ashworth, Cailyn Anderson, Haley Horner, Andrea Stock, and Alexis Horner Row 3: Head Coach Matt Allison, Ally Budine, Blair Weishaar, Madyson Guffy, Kassi Meng, Kori Bennett, and Assistant Coach Tori Olberding. Photo by Lifetouch



Record

Opponent	Win/Loss
Riverside	L; 13-2, 9-8
Nemaha Central	W;16-14, L;8-7
Hiawatha	W; 7-5, 13-1
McLouth	L; 14-0, 16-3
Oskaloosa	L; 22-3, 16-0
Pleasant Ridge	L; 14-5, 25-15
MH-MA	W; 14-7, 6-2
Immaculata	W; 18-6, 11-0
Atchison	W; 22-3, 5-2
*Immaculata	W; 13-6
*McLouth	L; 5-3

*Regionals

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Fine Arts

Fine arts programs can be overlooked at times, but this year the fine arts programs were impossible to overlook. The high school/middle school band had the privilege to perform alongside the world renowned Boston Brass ensemble. The choir sent more people to state than usual. Allyson Budine, who went to state, received a I rating.

The speech team achieved success even though numbers dropped after losing several seniors. The speech team received two plaques and third place at the Twin Valley League tournament. The speech team also sent eight

students to 11 students to state. Those students were in 11 entries, and of those 11, ten received I ratings.

Both productions performed by the drama department were performed on schedule and were seen by a larger audience. The drama department also participated in a canned-good drive that gave back to the community.

Art also wasn't able to be overlooked. The department sent over 25 art students to competitions and a number received awards. Looking back on the year, the students achieved success in every artistic program.



Far Top Left: The Troy High School choir sings at the community center as little kids meet Santa. Photo by Mary Winder

Middle Top: Senior Ashley Stock plays "Gigue in D Minor" on her violin during Fine Arts Night. She received a II on this piece at State Music. Photo by Trey Jenkins

Above: Seniors Alex Schmilke and Derek Franken are dressed as Chinese men in the *Drowsy Chaperone* during the scene where the wrong record was playing. Photo by Madyson Guffy

Far Middle Left: Junior Lauren Wigger performs "There's a Hair in My Dirt" at Fine Arts Night. She received a I for this piece at State Speech. Photo by Trey Jenkins

Middle Left: The men's ensemble consisting of Ben Wardlow, Jory Barnthson, Brenton Slater, Jason Berry, and Trae Shelton, performs "American Folk Rhapsody" at Fine Arts Night. They received a III for this piece at State Music. Photo by Trey Jenkins

Far Left: The band plays "Thriller" by Michael Jackson during halftime of the first round sub-state game. Photo by Trae Shelton

Left: Austin O'Connor threatens Nathan King as Trae Shelton watches during the second act of *Harvey*. Photo by Madyson Guffy



Harvey appears on Troy stage

New cast members make their debut

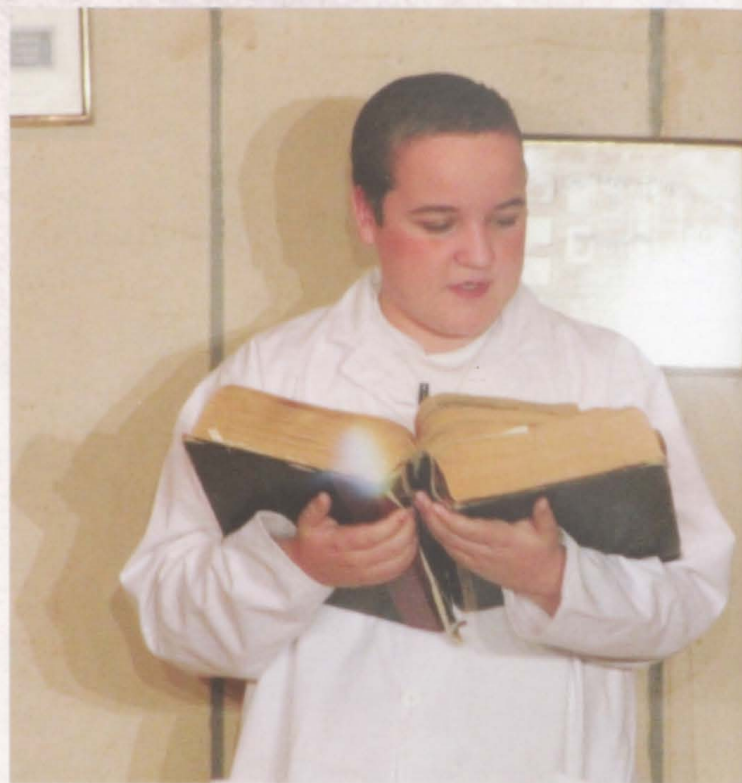
The Troy Drama Department showcased the play *Harvey* for the fall play. The play tells the story of a man who thinks he sees an invisible rabbit named Harvey and the complications that follow.

The play is set around Elwood P. Dowd. Dowd believes that he sees a six-foot-and-one-half-inch tall rabbit named Harvey. Elwood's sister Veta is tired of her brother Elwood talking about and to this imaginary animal. She tries to solve the problem by sending Elwood to mental Hospital.

Throughout the play Dowd gestures to Harvey and smiles at him. Dowd even goes so far as to hang up Harvey's coat for him. The crew and behind the scenes workers also were met with the challenge of giving the audience the appearance that Harvey was actually there. The crew designed a mechanism that would allow the door to open, apparently, on its own. This allowed Harvey to open up doors.

The play is full of corny twists and turns. By the end of the performance the entire cast sees Harvey walk across the stage.

"I think I even saw Harvey at the end," said Mr. Donald Harter, "I think he was actually six feet two to be exact."



Above: Elwood (Nathan King) daydreams about what Dr. Chumley had told him about his favorite town: Akron. Chumley's main wish is to have Harvey use his powers of time control to take him wherever he wants. **Photo by Madyson Guffy**



Top Right: Mr. Wilson looks up the word "Pooka," a word used to describe Harvey, in an encyclopedia. When Wilson finds the word in the book he discovers a text written directly towards him. Wilson then is freaked out and runs out of the sanitarium. **Photo by Madyson Guffy**

Above Right: Harvey Cast and Crew: Front Row: Trey Jenkins, Lexi Norris, Kori Bennett, Alexis Horner, Megan Etherton. Row 2: Ben Wardlow, Lauren Wigger, Bailey Gronniger, MacKenzie Harbeston, Nathan King, Ashley Stock, Lauren Hill. Row 3: Austin O'Connor, Trae Shelton, Madison Marriott, Holly Whetstine, Cailyn Anderson, Connor McNorton, Lane Etherton, Cheyenne Wigger, Jacklynn Clary. Row 4: Braden Grossman, Cole Thorberry, Tyler Christopher. **Photo by Madyson Guffy.**



“ I thought the play was awesome and the cast worked great together.”

- Junior cast member MacKenzie Harbeston

Left: Dr Chumley (Ben Wardlow) shows a hat worn by Harvey that Elwood left in the sanitarium. The hat has holes in the top so that Harvey's ears can poke out comfortably. Photo by Madyson Guffy

Below: Dr. Chumley (Ben Wardlow), Veta (Mackenzie Harbeston), Wilson (Austin O'Connor), Myrtle (Ashley Stock), Judge Gaffney (Jacklynn Clary), and Dr. Sanderspn (Trae Shelton) congregate to decide whether or not Elwood should be “cured” from seeing Harvey. Photo by Madyson Guffy



Music Department raises the bar

More students qualify for state competition

The Troy Music Department led by Matt Allison reset the standards again for quality performances. The band performed with the world-renowned Boston Brass, and the choir sent several students to state.

The high school/middle school band performed "An Epic Expedition" with the Boston Brass Ensemble. The Boston Brass then performed a concert for those who bought tickets.

Next the band and choir participated in the fifth annual Feast of Carols Christmas program. The choir and band sang/played songs that were centered around the theme of Christmas.

Students in small ensembles and solos who competed at regionals did well. Ensembles and soloists who went on to state were Allyson Budine singing "Lady Moon," and "Sebben Crudele," receiving a I; Ashley Stock playing "Gigue in D Minor," receiving a II rating; and the boys' ensemble singing "American Folk Rhapsody," receiving a III rating. Other ensembles and soloist that performed at TVL and Regionals included the girls' small ensemble, group mixed ensemble, and Trae Shelton.

The spring concert's theme was "A Dark Night." The gymnasium was decorated with various lights and glow sticks. The lights were turned off to surround the audience in darkness.

Looking back at the year Matt Allison said, "Having to balance the Christmas concert, pep band games, the concert with the Boston Brass and state competitions was tricky but I think we did well in all of the events . . ."



Top: Eighth grader Elizabeth Shultz leads the band into the Donald M. Cash Memorial Football Field for the pep-band field show. The band performed songs by Michael Jackson including "Thriller" and "Beat it." **Photo by Trey Jenkins**

Above: Director Matt Allison conducts and gives advice to junior Tyler Christopher. Christopher was one of the five percussionists in the band. Christopher played the quads during pep band and the snare drum for concerts. **Photo by Nathan King**

Left: Senior Ashley Stock plays the violin for the Feast of Carols Christmas Concert. Stock played the songs "Let There Be Peace on Earth," "Frosty the Snowman," and "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas." **Photo by Trae Shelton**



Left: The high school choir sings at the Feast of Carols Christmas Concert. Photo by Alexis Horner
 Below: The Troy Marching Trojans. Front row: Megan Schmile, Kourtney Davies, Kailer Barnthson, Amanda Stock, and Director Matt Allison Row 2: Morgan Masters, Madeline Harbeston, Dakota Sharp, Sierra Christopher, and Owen Root Row 3: Amy Clary, Nathan King, Caitlyn Johnson, and Ben Wardlow Row 4: Holly Williams, Andrew Net, Joseph Parks, Cole Thornberry, Jacob Moore, Lane Etherton, and Elizabeth Shultz Row 5: Lexi Norris, Macy Norris, Braden Grossman, Cale O'Connor, Cale Morris, and Lauren Wigger Row 6: Sydney Fleek, Alanda Jamvold, Tyler Christopher, Megan Etherton, and Taylor O'Connor. Photo by Lifetouch



Speech surpasses expectations

Members bring home ten gold medals

The speech team experienced success with only 10 members. As a team, they received one second place, two third places, two fourth places, and one fifth place.

Throughout the season, the team competed at Sabetha, Jefferson County North, Hiawatha, Perry LeCompton, Riverside, the TVL meet at Troy, and finally the state festival at Kansas City Kansas Community College.

Fine Arts Night and the State Speech Festival were the climax of the season. Seven speech performances were given on Fine Arts Night. Of the 11 entries at the State Speech Festival, ten received I ratings and gold medals and one received a II rating.

I ratings went to Ashley Stock ("The Highwayman"), Trae Shelton ("The Star-crossed Romance of Josephine Conowski" and "The Hitch-hiker"), Lauren Wigger ("Hunger in America" and "There's a Hair in My Dirt"), Nathan King (University Days), Lane Etherton ("The Waiter from Hell"), Ben Wardlow and Stock ("I'm Herbert"), King and Wardlow in IDA, and Austin O'Connor and Etherton also in IDA. Madyson Guffy ("And To Think I Saw It on Mulberry Street") received a II rating.

"I was afraid our numbers would be small, but I was pleasantly surprised that we were small and mighty. This was the best that we have ever done at the State Festival. Getting ten I ratings is remarkable," said coach Martha-Jean Rocky.



Top: Speech team. **Front Row:** Trae Shelton and Ashley Stock **Row 2:** Ben Wardlow, Nathan King, and Lauren Wigger **Row 3:** Megan Etherton and Madyson Guffy **Row 4:** Cheyenne Wigger, Lane Etherton, and Austin O'Connor

Above: Junior Nathan King tells about James Thurber's college experience in his humorous solo "University Days," during Fine Arts Night, May 1.

Left: Junior Ben Wardlow and senior Ashley Stock reminisce about the old days, while trying not to get confused. **Photos by Trey Jenkins**



"I think our team did well, considering it was so small. I loved my duet with Ben."

- Senior Ashley Stock

Left: Senior Trae Shelton describes the appearance of the hitchhiker that is following him in his serious solo "The Hithch-hiker," by Lucille Fletcher. He performed this piece along with his humorous solo during Fine Arts Night. Photo by Trey Jenkins

Below: State speech competitors hold their gold medals after the State Speech Festival at Kansas City Kansas Community College. Out of 11 performances, the speech team received ten I ratings and one II rating. Front Row: Ccoach Martha-Jean Rockey, Ashley Stock, Trae Shelton, Lauren Wigger, and Lane Etherton Row 2: Austin O'Connor, Madyson Guffy, Nathan King, and Ben Wardlow. Photo by Lyle Rockey



Spring musical is first for many

The Drowsy Chaperone lights up THS stage

The Drowsy Chaperone was the spring musical for the drama club. *The Drowsy Chaperone's* music and lyrics are by Lisa Lambert and Greg Morrison, with book by Bob Martin and Don McKeller. The story behind the production is that it is a musical comedy about a musical.

It all takes place in a New York apartment when the Man in the Chair (Trae Shelton) puts on his favorite record "The Drowsy Chaperone." The audience gets to listen and watch as the record comes to life. Frequently the Man stops the record and everyone freezes as he tells about the plot.

There are a number of characters: the bride, Janet Van De Graff (Lauren Wigger); the groom, Robert Martin (Austin O'Connor); Janet's producer, Mr. Feldzieg (Jay Whetstine); Feldzieg's Plan B, Kitty (Ashley Stock); the Drowsy Chaperone (Allyson Budine); best friend of the groom, Georgie (Holly Whetstine); and the King of Romance, Aldolpho (Nathan King).

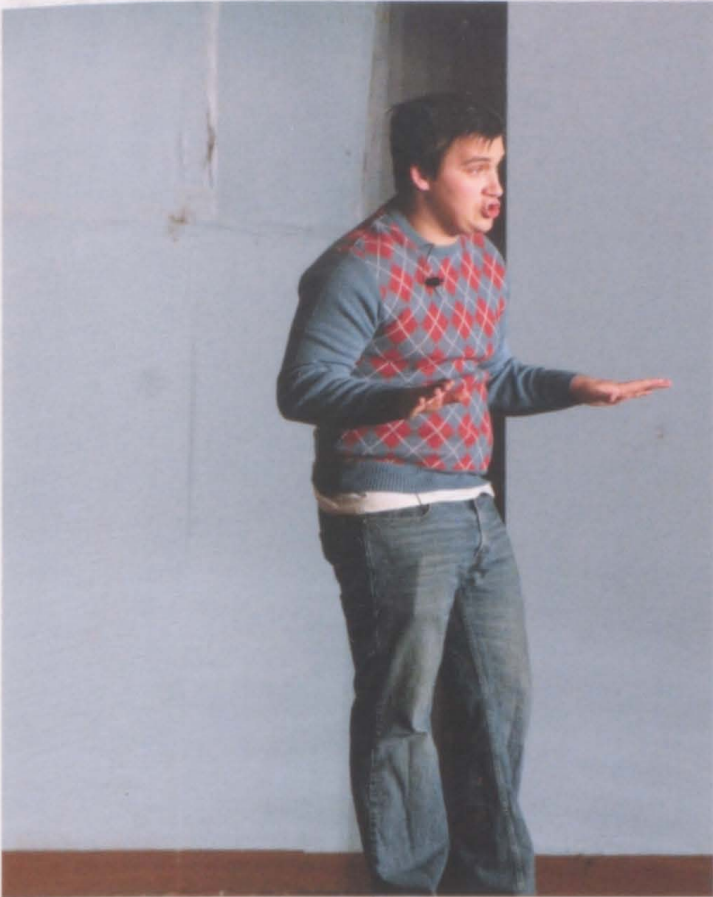
Other characters include the gangster pastry chefs (Nathan Gaarder, Derek Franken, Collin Jasper, and Alex Schmille), Tottendale (Cheyenne Wigger), Underling (Luke Smith), and Trix the Aviatrix (Lexi Norris). The musical also had extra characters (Madison Marriott, Connor McNorton, Isabella Miner, and Haley Horner) as show-girls and reporters.

The musical was performed March 19 and 20, with the dinner theatre March 21. The cast and crew supplied salads and desserts for the dinner. Parents and booster club members cooked and provided the meal.

The Drowsy Chaperone was directed by Martha-Jean Rockey and student directed by Cailyn Anderson and Taylor Scherer. Brittany Klaus controlled the sound system, while Trey Jenkins controlled the light system.



Top: Kitty (Ashley Stock) tries to tell Feldzieg (Jay Whetstine) that she is ready to be in the lime light, but Feldzieg plans to get Janet back.
Above: The emperor of China (Nathan King) complains about Americans during the scene where the wrong record is playing.
Left: Janet Van De Graff (Lauren Wigger) lounges by the pool as she entertains questions from two reporters. Photos by Madysen Guffy



“It was hard to learn all of the lines, but it was all worth it in the end. It was also fun getting to work with more of my fellow classmates than usual.”

- Senior Trae Shelton

Left: *The Man in the Chair* (Trae Shelton) is explaining *The Drowsy Chaperone* before he puts the record on the record player.

Below: *The Drowsy Chaperone* cast and crew. **Front Row:** Allyson Budine, Luke Smith **Row 2:** Isabella Miner, Madison Marriott, Holly Whetstine, Trae Shelton, Lauren Wigger, Austin O'Connor, Lexi Norris, Ashley Stock **Row 3:** Haley Horner, Cheyenne Wigger, Nathan King, Collin Jasper, Nathan Gaarder, Derek Franken, Alex Schmille, Jay Whetstine **Row 4:** Trey Jenkins, Connor McNorton **Row 5:** Reid Greaser, Brittany Klaus **Row 6:** Cailyn Anderson, Taylor Scherer.

Photos by Gentry Duncan.



Artists take creativity up a notch

Class wins 39 awards at art shows

Art was taught by Mr. Roger Purdy. Throughout the year, the students worked on illustrating, outline drawing, and art techniques such as the “torn paper project” where students were allowed to create images through torn papers from magazines.

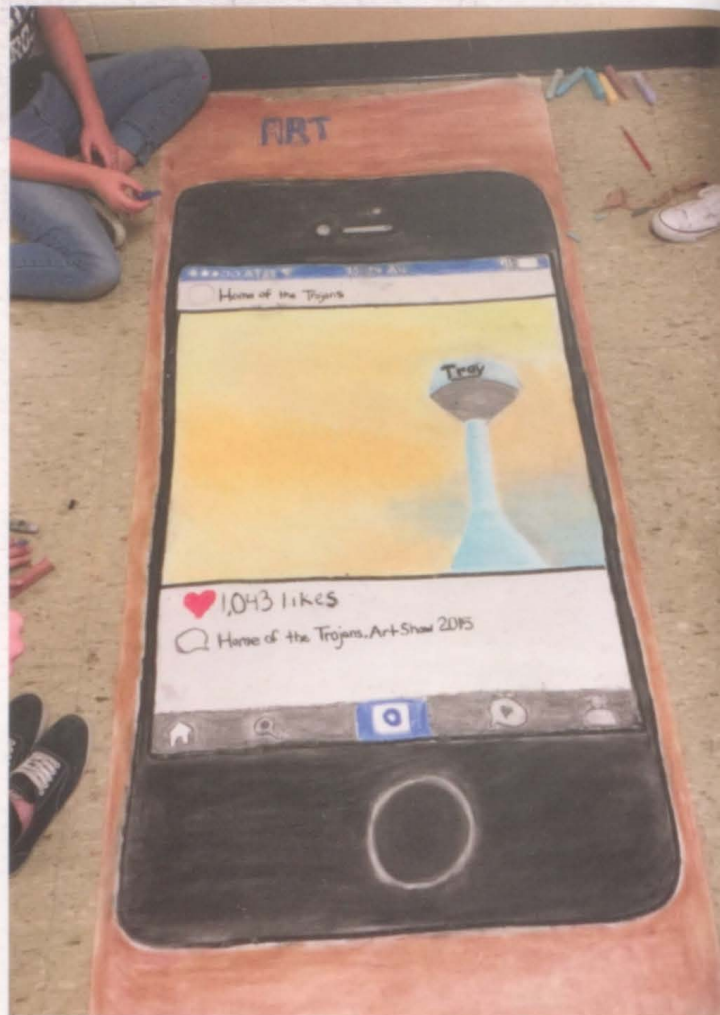
The students created projects through “Zing Tangle,” where the students had to come up with ways to create pictures through different lines.

Art students competed at Doniphan West High School in the TVL Art Competition, where both the girls and boys won the poster board contest. The students won a total of 34 honors. The winners who received gold medals were Blair Weishaar (*In the Jungle*, torn paper), Ben Wardlow (*Trapped in my Mind*, stippling), Ashley Stock (*Honey Bee*, watercolor), and Lauren Wigger (untitled, watercolor).

Art members traveled to HCC to attend the annual art show where students from many different schools participated in activities, such as making pieces from clay, painting, chalk sketching, and basic drawing. It is harder to place at the Highland Art Show because there are bigger schools that attend. THS students earned five honorable mentions. The student who won the honorable mentions were Andrea Stock, Cailyn Anderson, Lauren Wigger, Ben Wardlow, and Morgan Jamvold.

The art classes were also involved in designing the football field during Homecoming week and made/created the “Scene” board for the Junior/Senior Prom.

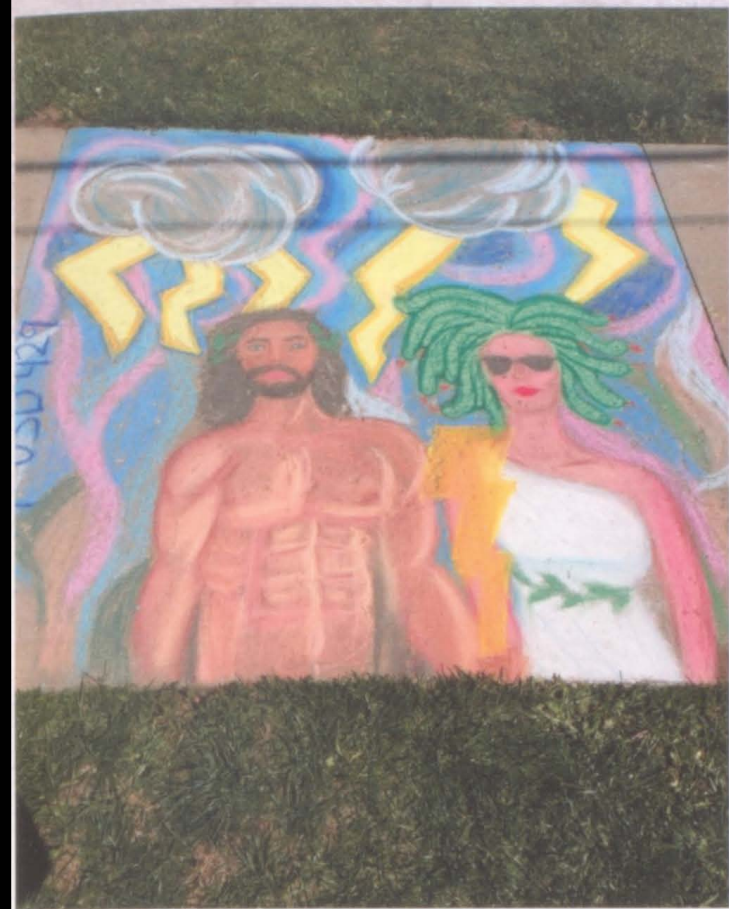
“It was cool to get a medal at the TVL. Overall I think we did a pretty good job,” said junior Cailyn Anderson.



Top: Troy art students work together to show off their “Instagram of Troy” artwork, which was a TVL group project. Photo by Roger Purdy

Above: Junior Madison Marriott draws details on the “Zing Tangle” project. Photo by Lexi Norris

Left: Sophomore Bailey Schofield works on an acrylic painting on cardboard. Photo by Madyson Guffy



"We had a good deal of success this year at the art shows and we hope that continues to motivate the students as they grow as artists throughout the years." - Roger Purdy

Left: Ben Wardlow and Andrea Stock display their artwork at the TVL competition at D-West. **Photo by Roger Purdy**

Below: Art teacher Roger Purdy accepts the Field of Excellence award with a Pioneer Rep. and Principal Jared Wigger. The art classes did several decorations for the football field. **Photo by Trae Shelton**



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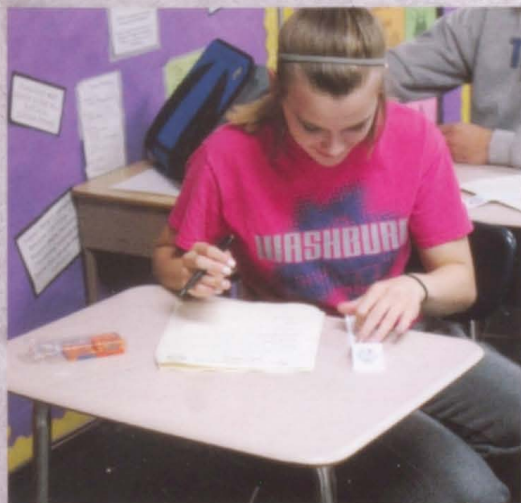
Academics

Academics are the cornerstone for achieving success and more opportunities. Without academics there would be no reason to come to school. Education comes before all of the extra-curricular activities. The faculty and staff of Troy High School continued providing guidance, respect, and knowledge to the students.

Troy High school gained four new teachers, beginning teachers Tori Olberding, David Pottroff, and Jonathan Rodvelt, and experienced teacher Sara Booth. Booth started the STEM program at Troy, a math-and-science-oriented club. Olberding, a resource teacher, also was

assistant softball coach. Pottroff was ag teacher, FFA sponsor, and assistant baseball coach. Rodvelt was social science and physical education teacher.

Very few changes occurred in the schedule. The purpose for seminar was altered to fit the needs of the students. Instead of having seminar designated for ACT prep and various topics discussed by teachers, seminar was changed to allow more time for students to finish homework and for meetings. Second semester the seniors spent much of seminar time working on scholarship essays and applications.



Far Top Left: Senior Morgan Jamvold shows her cat for the small animal care assignment in animal science. Animal science was taught by Mr. Pottroff. Photo by Nathan King

Middle Top: Junior Lauren Wigger decorates Mrs. Martha-Jean Rockey's doors for the Christmas door-decorating contest inspired by a Christmas movie. Ms. Olberding and Mr. Velhartickey's doors won the competition. Photo by Nathan King

Above: Senior Braden Grossman and his father Travis Grossman put up lights for the Feast of Carols. Photo by Nathan King

Far Middle Left: Art teacher, Mr. Roger Purdy, helps sophomore Brody Winder on his monochromatic painting during the fifth-hour art class. Photo by Kori Bennett

Middle Left: Sophomores Connor McNorton and Reid Greaser read a chapter out of their modern world history book during third hour. This class was taught by Mr. Jeremy Prudden. Photo by Trey Jenkins

Far Left: Freshman Megan Franken works on an assignment during Algebra I first hour. Photo by Trey Jenkins

Left: Sophomore Andrea Stock reviews her plans before cutting a board in industrial arts class. Photo by Jennifer Keller

Ag, industrial arts classes busy

Students experience hands-on activities

Mr. David Pottroff finished his first year of teaching ag mechanics, horticulture, animal science, food science, small animal care, and agri-science. In ag mechanics, the students learned how to weld. In horticulture the students planted and sold flowers and vegetables. In animal science, they learned about different animals, while in food science, students were able to get the hands-on experience of how to cook different variety of foods, such as chicken and beef jerky. Agri-science was a class only freshmen could take.

Mr. Pottroff kept all the students in his class busy. They went to horse judging, cow judging, chicken judging, and many other judging competitions. In small animal care, some students brought some of their pets. Bailey Gronniger brought her bunny to show the class, and Morgan Jamvold brought her cat.

In ag mechanics class, Kortin Blevins made deer hangers, Kolton Constant made a boat and a camper shell for his truck, and Alex Martinez made a desk.

Ag Mechanics raised money by making and selling Trojan heads as yard decor and boot scrapers.

After being in education for 50 years, Mr. Gene Velharticky decided to retire. He received a plaque in honor of those 50 years. Velharticky taught 25 years of wood working. At Troy, he taught Industrial Arts 1 and Industrial Arts 2 and advanced wood working.

Many students made projects. Tristan Speer made an arcadian stool, Alex Winder and Breanna Smith made gun cabinets, Luke Smith made a tv stand, and Brittany Klaus made cutting boards. In Industrial Arts 1, it was mandatory for the students to start out with making an arcadian stool. In Industrial Arts 2 and Advanced Art 1, students were allowed to make whatever they chose.

To start any project, the students were to first draw out what they would be making on AutoCad, which is a program that told the dimensions, so the students would know exactly how long their projects will be and they could figure the expense of the project. After they made their drawings, they were then allowed to start building their projects. They could either build a project from scratch or they could bring in broken furniture to fix.

"I believe kids should be taught to work safely with hand tools and machinery work. I have had only two people get hurt here at Troy," said Velharticky.



Top: Seniors Megan Scmille and Moran Jamvold judge at one of the year's competitions. Photo by Mr. David Pottroff

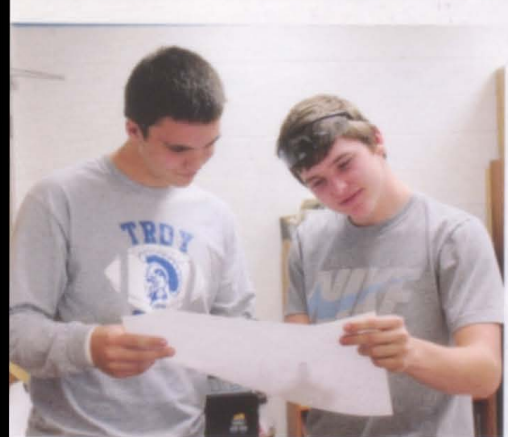
Above: Sophomores Reid Greaser and Wil Smith work together on their IA project. Photo by Jennifer Keller



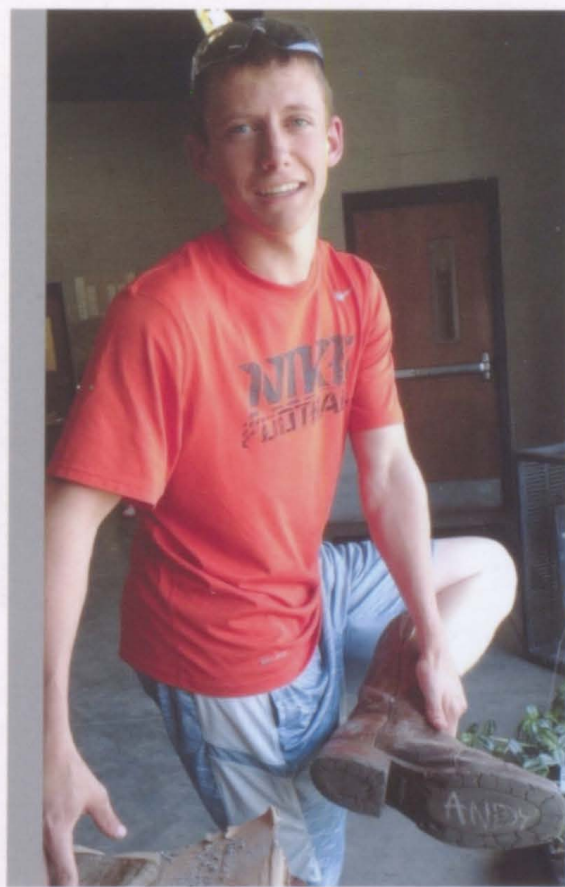
Above: Sophomore Braden Hansen, freshman Madeline Smith and sophomore Alex Martinez ride horses at a horse judging competition. Photo by Mr. David Pottroff



Middle Left: Sophomores Wil Smith, Brody Winder, and Tyler Franken pose for a picture while holding wood for their projects in IA. Photo by Jennifer Keller



Down Left: Sophomores Wyatt Huss and Connor McNorton look over their drawing from AutoCad before they can start the project itself. Photo by Jennifer Keller



Left: Junior Taylor Scherer poses for a picture in ag mechanics. Written on his boot is Andy, as in the movie *Toy Story*. Photo by Brittany Klaus

Science, math see changes

New class, new teachers join THS

After a year of battling and overcoming cancer, Troy High School science teacher Kevin McNorton was back in business. Mr. McNorton taught biology for freshmen, earth and space science for sophomores, and chemistry for juniors. McNorton was also the sponsor for the senior class.

"I'm glad to be back; it was rough at the beginning but I'm getting stronger every day. I really appreciate all of the support I got from the students and the school and still get. Always remember 'No One Fights Alone,'" said McNorton.

For the mathematics department Sara Booth taught Algebra II, geometry, college algebra, and physics. Students took college algebra as a dual credit through Highland Community College.

This was the first time physics had been offered since 2007. Mrs. Kerrie Howard was the last person to teach physics for Troy and she taught from a class room at Horton High School. Mrs. Booth was also the class sponsor for the freshmen.

Booth also took on a new project that Troy has never had, STEM program. STEM is a curriculum based on the idea of educating students in the four specific disciplines: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, in an interdisciplinary and applied approach. Rather than teach the four disciplines as separate subjects, STEM integrates them into a "cohesive learning paradigm based on real world applications."

"I really like it here, the small classes, and getting to know students better. The students are very well mannered and nicer, and get a lot of parent support," said Mrs. Booth.

STEM members were Braden Grossman, senior; Tyler Christopher, Cole Thornberry, Ben Wardlow, juniors; and Lane Etherton, freshman. The five boys made a machine that launched a cart they had also made. They later took the same cart and raced it through an obstacle course at the engineering competition at the University of Kansas.

"The best part was competing against other schools. They had a lot of technology and engineering stuff so it was nice of them to show us that," said Thornberry.

Angela Johnson taught Algebra I for the high school, along with seventh and eighth grade math, for the first time.

"It was an adjustment adding the high school classes to my schedule, but it was also fun to have students back with me after middle school," said Mrs. Johnson.



Top: Mrs. Johnson helps freshman Haley Horner study for the first Algebra I test of the year. This is the first time Johnson had taught that particular class. **Photo by Kori Bennett**

Above: Mrs. Booth helps sophomores Kassi Meng and Cuttar Huss understand how to calculate the angles of a rhombus in geometry. This was Booth's first year at Troy. **Photo by Kori Bennett**



Above: Mr. McNorton helps freshman Cheyenne Wigger draw the cell life of a plant and animal in biology to see how they differ. Photo by Kori Bennett



Far Middle Left: Braden Grossman, Lane Etherton, Tyler Christopher, Ben Wardlow, and Cole Thornberry attended an engineering conference for STEM. Photo by Sara Booth



Far Left: Seniors Ashley Stock and Jacob Ross time and record how long it takes for a piece of metal to stop swinging when let go from a 45-degree angle in physics. Photo by Kori Bennett



Left: Junior Madison Marriott weighs a handful of copper foil strings to see how much nitric acid she will need to dissolve the copper and create nitrogen dioxide. Photo by Kori Bennett

English, Spanish restructured

Students adjust to class changes

English was taught by Mrs. Martha-Jean Rockey, Mr. Jeremy Prudden, and Mrs. Janice Bunck. Mrs. Rockey taught English II, English III/IV, and English Composition I and I through HCC. Mr. Prudden taught English III/IV for the first time in several years. Mrs. Bunck, for the first time, taught English and Spanish I for the high school, as well as her middle school classes.

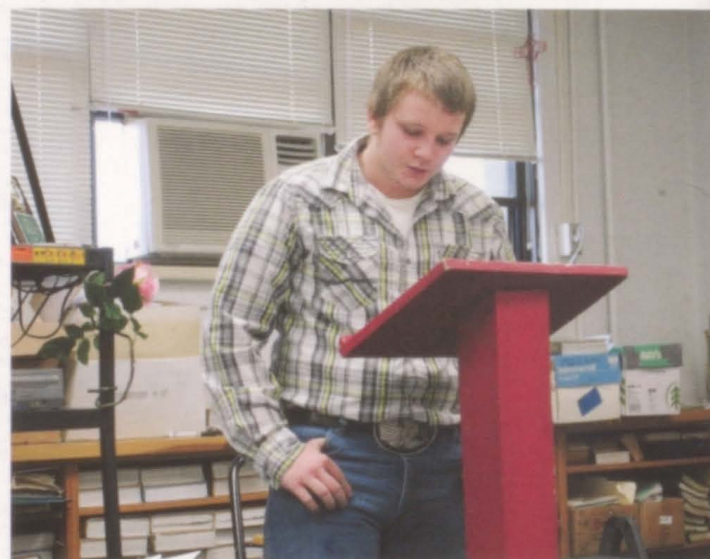
English II started the year learning about Greek mythology. They also had a unit of public speaking, one on poetry in which they also wrote few poems, and a drama unit that focused on *Julius Caesar*. Their final project was to work in small groups to read and present a story from the text to the class, with an analysis of its structure.

English III and IV classes were combined. Mrs. Rockey's classes began with an advanced grammar unit that also practiced ACT drills. In the spring semester, she taught modern British literature and the history of drama, with a focus on Greek, Restoration, and Shakespearean plays. Mr. Prudden's classes had creative writing, a study of novels, and American western.

For the second quarter, juniors took Mr. Prudden's class to learn to write a basic research paper and do some persuasive writing. Mrs. Rockey had the seniors that quarter, and they created resumes, researched careers and did job shadowing, and wrote a biographical essay. Students looked at a variety of careers. Two, Alex Schmille and Ashley Stock, followed a pharmacist, prior to enrolling in that program at the University of Kansas.

College English Composition I focused on writing in reaction to nonfiction. They did a small research paper, wrote a compare-and-contrast paper, and practiced writing concise summaries. English Composition II focused on reacting and writing to fiction, with units on the short story, poetry, novel, and drama. They kept reading journals in both classes.

Spanish had only two students, and they were assigned to Mrs. Bunck. Much of the class was taught through on-line work, dvd's, etc.



Top: Senior Ashley Stock looks at books on the College English Trip during the lunch break at Oak Park Mall. The class went to Avila and saw *Romeo and Juliet*. Photo by Trae Shelton

Above: Sophomore Jason Berry presents his speech seventh hour in English 2, which was taught by Mrs. Rockey. Photo by Trey Jenkins



Above: Juniors Cadence King and Tucker Morris watch a video in Spanish class. Spanish class was second hour. The class was monitored by middle and high school teacher Mrs. Bunck. Photo by Lexi Norris



Far Middle Left: Sophomores Kolton Constant and Brant Hamilton research for an English II assignment. Photo by Kori Bennett



Far Left: Junior Madison Marriott receives help on an English III assignment from teacher, Mrs. Martha-Jean Rockey. Photo by Madyson Guffy



Left: Sophomore Marissa Teague gives her informative speech to the second-hour English II class. The class had to write and speak about a person that they viewed as a role model. Photo by Kori Bennett

Computers, history have projects

Technology used in multiple courses

Mrs. Jene't Brown taught the computer classes: computer applications and personal finance, photo imaging, and computer graphics. In computer applications and personal finance, which were required for freshman, students learned how to use Photoshop, Microsoft Word, Excel, and Powerpoint during the first semester. Personal finance was then covered the second semester and students completed the Dave Ramsey Foundations, which covered aspects of money management.

In photo imaging, students learned how to take pictures on both a DSLR camera and their smartphones. They also edited photos using Photoshop. In computer graphics, students learned how to shoot videos and edit them with I-Movie. They also learned how to make music mixes in Garageband, and take photos on their phones or classroom camera, and edit them using using Photoshop. This class integrated all sorts of technology and project management skills.

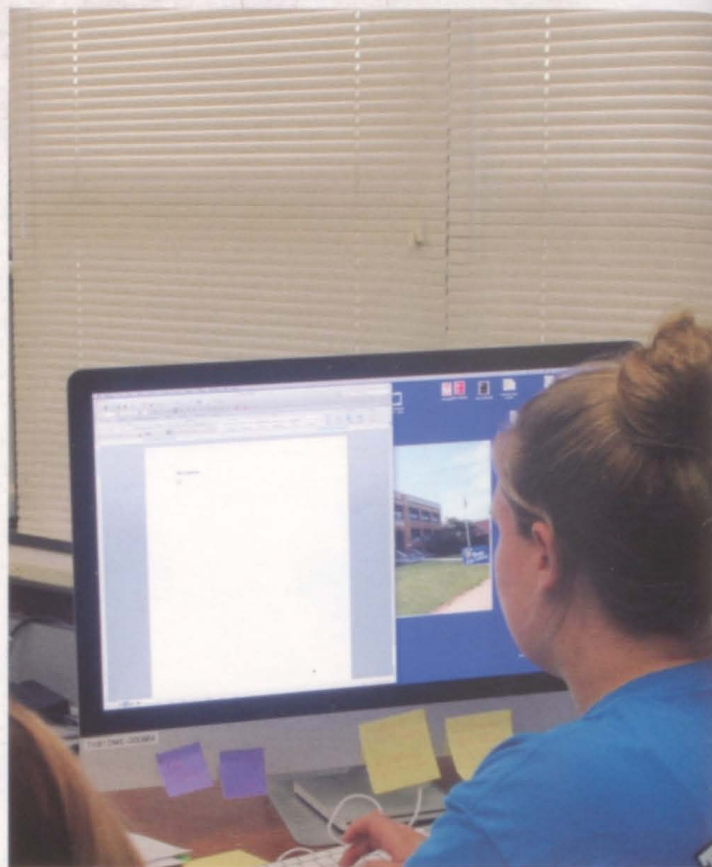
Mr. Jeremy Prudden and Mr. Jonathan Rodvelt both taught social science classes. Mr. Prudden taught American history, required for juniors. He also taught American government, for seniors. In American history, students covered topics from the Civil War to the present. They also studied key events and how they shaped the world.

In American government, students covered the critical concepts of the executive, judicial, and legislative processes, including the Constitution, Congress, the President, and high-profile court cases. Students also had to write an eight-page essay toward the end of the school year. It was to cover *Crimes of the Centuries* videos. These videos were over topics including Amanda Knox, the Oklahoma City bombing, and the attempted assassination of Ronald Reagan.

Mr. Rodvelt taught ancient world history and geography. In ancient world history, students learned about how people lived in earlier times and how their governments were ruled. Students also watched some informative videos in class.

"Ancient World History was good; we took a lot of notes, but it helped us learn and do better on tests," said sophomore Reid Greaser.

In geography, students learned about different cultures and history of countries.



Top: Senior Bailey Gronniger works on an assignment in computer class. Photo by Kori Bennett

Above: Mr. Rodvelt gives students their assignment in geography. Photo by Mady Guffy



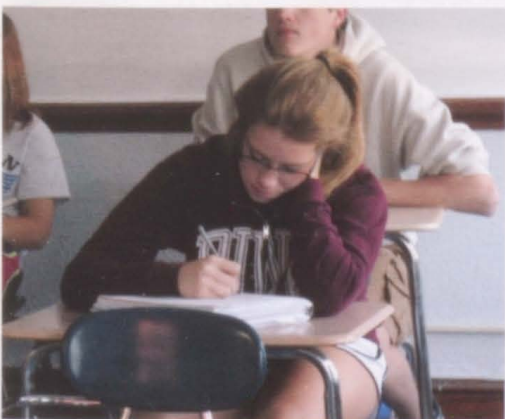
Above: Junior Dylan Langford interviews Mr. Roger Purdy for computer class while sophomore Wyatt Huss films. Photo by Trey Jenkins



Middle Left: Sophomore Blair Weishaar works on an assignment in ancient world history. Photo by Trey Jenkins



Far Left: Junior Holly Whetstine takes notes in American history. Photo by Trey Jenkins



Left: Senior Braden Grossman works on an essay for American government. Photo by Trey Jenkins

Two teach strength, conditioning

Students become healthier, stronger

Physical education and weights classes were taught by Derek Jasper and Jonathan Rodvelt. Rodvelt taught weights, and Jasper taught middle school classes, along with freshmen P.E classes.

In weights, Rodvelt focused on strength and conditioning, while Jasper worked with the students in lifting weights and would let the class pick a game they wanted to play on their days off from their progress throughout the week. For freshmen, the class was mandatory, but they had the option to take weights class later.

In the weights class, the students worked on lifting weights to work out the body and did daily running to get the amount of exercise they needed.

In freshman P.E, the two semesters were focused on two different subjects. In the first semester, the class worked on lifting and doing workouts, and in second semester, Jasper taught the class about health. This class included saying no to drinking and doing drugs and the causes/effects of drinking and drugs. Jasper, who taught students for years about the effects that teen drinking can cause, educated the students about just how serious drinking underage can be.

Towards the end of the year, Jasper also allowed the students to learn how to play golf and took the students to the local golf course so they could learn technique and fundamentals.

Both Rodvelt and Jasper worked with their classes to reach certain fitness levels. They educated the students on the value of having a healthy body. Rodvelt insured proper fitness exercises to insure ability and strength, and Jasper taught the students development, and proper fitness goals that the students should try to reach. Both classes worked hard to improve both their strength and health.

"I feel like I've gotten a lot stronger due to weights this year," said sophomore Alex Martinez.



Top: The weights class planks during their morning workout. Photo Lexi Norris

Above: Senior Derek Franken power cleans in his weight class. Photo by Madyson Guffy



Above: Junior Tucker Morris works on reps of squats through his workout. Photo by Madyson Guffy



Middle Left: Sophomore Wil Smith and junior Tucker Morris work on their push up's as one of the exercises in their weight class. Sophomore Braden Hansen does sit ups in his workout. Photo by Madyson Guffy



Far Left: Senior Collin Jasper shoots a basketball during his weights class. Sometimes for a break, the class would play basketball. Photo by Lexi Norris



Left: Sophomore Connor McNorton jumps rope to get ready for his weights class. Photo by Lexi Norris

Looking Back at...



Clubs

Many clubs took part in community activities. NHS helped the Doniphan County Historical Society and the PTO, and held a blood drive.

Student council planned and was in charge of setting up school dances in the old gym. FFA sold hanging flower baskets at most of the school events in the spring and hosted 4-H Day for grade school students.

The drama club hosted their annual Troy Invitational Speech Meet as well as the TVL meet. The drama club also took part in a national Halloween dress-up canned

food drive, "Trick of Treat So Tots Can Eat," to help the Doniphan County West food bank.

SADD members took part in several focus groups, which helped to determine problems for teens in the county.

FBLA allowed middle school students to join the high school members, making the Troy FBLA chapter one of the six schools in the state to allow this. Junior Lauren Wigger became District 2 Vice President, the first THS state FBLA officer.



Far Top Left: Senior powder puff players and coaches. Powder puff was a Homecoming event that stucco sponsored. **Photo by Trae Shelton**

Middle Top: Sophomore Kolton Constant rows the metal boat on the 4-H pond. He built the boat in shop class. Constant was the FFA secretary. **Photo by Mr. David Pottroff**

Above: Junior Makayla Ross lights the cornerstone candle that represents the office of the president during the NHS installation ceremony. **Photo by Trey Jenkins**

Far Middle Left: Seniors Alex Schmilke and Ashley Stock lip sync and dance to "Ice Ice Baby" during the Queen of Courts pep rally. **Photo by Brittany Klaus**

Middle Left: Junior Nathan King and sophomore Madyson Guffy paint the airplane that Mr. Gene Velharticky made for *The Drowsy Chaperone*. **Photo by Trae Shelton**

Far Left: Senior Jay Whetstine lights the green candle that represents character during the NHS induction ceremony. **Photo by Trey Jenkins**

Left: Senior Morgan Jamvold and sophomores Alex Martinez, Andrea Stock, Brant Hamilton, Trey Jenkins, Madyson Guffy, and Alexis Horner receive their awards at the FFA banquet. **Photo by Trae Shelton**

Clubs host activities for all

Many students participate

Stuco hosted multiple activities throughout the year such as Homecoming and Queen of Courts dances. They picked the spirit weeks days, and they choose the theme for the dances as well as the Homecoming floats. They also were in charge of the powderpuff games during Homecoming week and sold Valentine's Day suckers to raise money for the club.

The T-Club awarded the Fan of the Year Award to Gracie Christenson. This award is given to a fan who goes above and beyond to show pride. Christenson attended many games and was also a member of the booster club for many years.

Members of T-Club gave stylus pens to people in fine arts, which included the people in art, band, choir, and drama, for National Fine Arts Day. They also gave a basket of candy to the football referees during for National Umpires and Referees Day during National Activities Week.

T-Club was sponsored by Mrs. Martha-Jean Rockey and had around 40 members. Ashley Stock was president; Jake Ross, vice president; and Trae Shelton, secretary/treasurer.

They held an alumni men's basketball tournament to help raise money for plaques, T's, pins, and all the other items students are awarded for lettering throughout their high school careers.

Below: Stuco members. Front Row: Ike Morris, Secretary/treasurer Valerie Mott, President Destiny O' Donnell, Vice president Alex Schmille, Sponsor Jonathan Rodvelt **Row 2:** Blair Weishaar, Connor McNorton, MacKenzie Harbeston, Austin O' Conner. **Not pictured:** Ben Wardlow. **Photo by** Trey Jenkins



Top: Holly Whetstine runs the ball as Madison Marriott watches at the powderpuff game during Homecoming. **Photo by** Trae Shelton

Above: T-Club officers Trae Shelton and Ashley Stock give Gracie Christenson a cookie cake and card for being the fan of the year at the end of National Activities Week. **Photo by** Trey Jenkins



Above: Seniors Alex Winder and Jay Whetstine dress up as Sonny and Cher and sing to "I Got You Babe" at the pep rally for the Queen of Courts game. Photo by Brittany Klaus



Left: T-Club. Front row: Wil Smith, Luke Smith, Tucker Morris, Braden Grossman, Trae Shelton, Ashley Stock, Jake Ross, Advisor Martha-Jean Rockey. Row 2: Tanner Shelton, Megan Schmille, Bailey Gronniger, Alex Winder, Breanna Smith, Mikaela Campbell, Ally Budine, Makayla Ross. Row 3: Tyler Franken, Nahtan Gaarder, Destiny O' Donnell, Jay Whetstine, Holly Whetstine. Row 4: Derek Franken, Collin Jasper, Madi Marriott, Valorie Mott, Alex Scmille, Connor McNorton, Cadence King, Chris Winkel, Jarren Frump. Row 5: Lexi Norris, Brittany Klaus, Kassi Meng, Blair Weishaar, Nathan King, Lauren Wigger, Cailyn Anderson, Andrea Stock. Photo by Trey Jenkins

Drama requires versatility

Actors speak louder than words

The Troy Drama Department produced two shows. They performed *Harvey* in the fall and *The Drowsy Chaperone* in the spring. They also hosted a dinner theatre during the final performance of *The Drowsy Chaperone*.

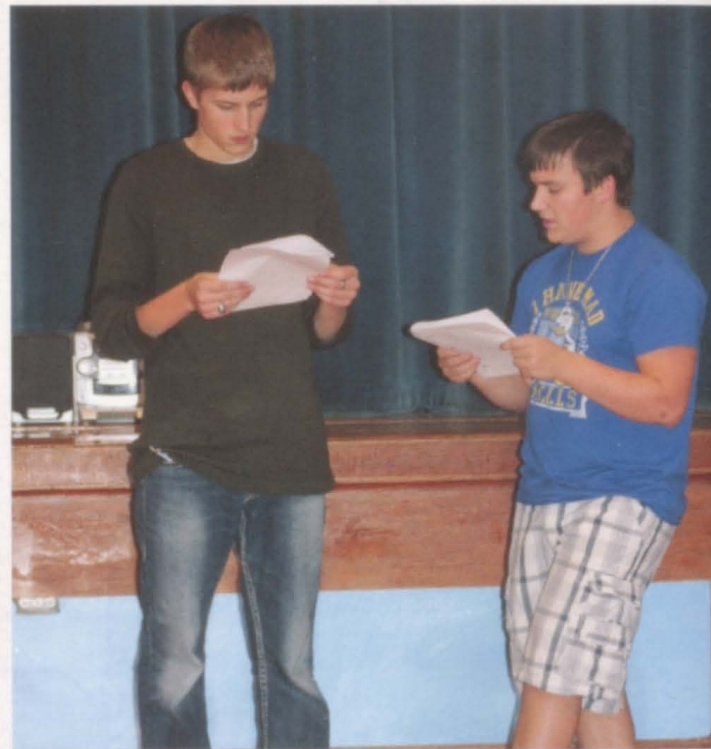
The drama club also participated in "Trick or Treats So Tots Can Eat," for the second year in a row. This was a national program in which drama clubs across the nation dress up in Halloween costumes and collect food for their local food banks. Participating members collected food for the food pantry in Highland, which helps serve Troy.

Members of the drama club also participated in an Arbor Day Skit, which was performed for the grade school students. Senior Trae Shelton, junior Nathan King, and freshman Cheyenne Wigger each had a part in the skit. The skit was performed to guarantee that Troy kept its recognition as a Tree City.

The drama club also took a trip to see *The Great Gatsby* at the Topeka Civic Theatre in Topeka, KS. After the show, the club was able to ask questions of the cast. Some speech team members performed for the retired teachers as well as for the Seekers of Light and Knowledge club (SLK).

The drama club also sold Yankee Candles as a fundraiser. This fundraiser helped the club put on the two shows. The club hosted two speech meets, which was unusual in that they usually hosted only one. They hosted the regular meet as well as the TVL meet.

The drama club ended its year with the annual Fine Arts Night. Students performed various acts including interpretations of prose, interpretations of poetry, a duet act, a serious solo, and humorous solos.



Top: Junior student directors Madison Marriott and Cailyn Anderson follow along in the play script during a practice of *Harvey*. Photo by Lexi Norris

Above: Senior Trae Shelton and junior Nathan King act out an Arbor Day skit for the grade school students. This was to help the town keep its Tree City designation. King played a tree. Photo by Madyson Guffy

Left: Juniors MacKenzie Harbeston and Lauren Wigger act in the first performance of the fall play *Harvey*. Photo by Madyson Guffy



Above: Senior Ashley Stock and freshmen Isabella Miner, Haley Horner, and Cheyenne Wigger prepare to sing "I Don't Wanna Show Off" during *The Drowsy Chaperone*. Photo by Madyson Guffy



Left: Drama Club members. Front Row: Brittany Klaus, Lexi Norris, Madyson Guffy, Megan Schmile, President Trae Shelton, Secretary Lauren Wigger, Vice President Nathan King, and Sponsor Martha-Jean Rockey Row 2: Cheyenne Wigger, Alexis Horner, Braden Grossman, Luke Smith, Bailey Gronniger, Trey Jenkins, Haley Horner, and Gentry Duncan Row 3: MacKenzie Harbeston, Holly Whetstine, Nathan Gaarder, Ashley Stock, Allyson Budine, Alex Schmile, and Austin O'Connor Row 4: Derek Franken, Collin Jasper, Madison Marriott, Valerie Mott, Cailyn Anderson, Connor McNorton, and Lane Etherton Not Pictured: Treasurer Ben Wardlow and Historian Megan Etherton. Photo by Destiny O'Donnell

FFA exceeds expectations

Members stay busy with many activities

The Troy High School FFA Chapter had many activities. Mr. David Pottroff was the new FFA sponsor. The officers were President Tabitha Porter, Vice President Makayla Ross, Secretary Kolton Constant, Reporter Alexis Horner, and Sentinel Lauren Hill.

The officers attended the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, where they went to the Louisville Slugger Museum. They also attended a concert featuring Scotty McCreery and Danielle Bradbery.

The students in FFA attended many competitions and career development events (CDEs) such as poultry, meats, dairy, and horse judging and contests where they had to deliver the FFA creed and give speeches.

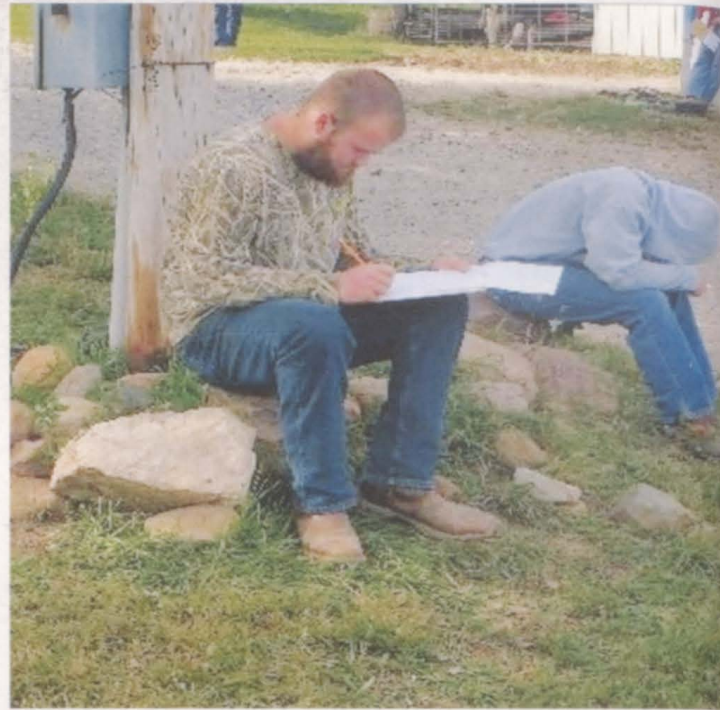
They also conducted fundraisers, such as the Seitz fruit sale and the plant sale, for which the horticulture class grew the plants. They had a number of pepper plants (which Mr. Pottroff said he really liked), tomatoes, and bedding plants.

The FFA sponsored an annual blood drive.

The club hosted two breakfasts, which they cooked and prepared for the faculty and FFA members. One of the breakfasts was the culmination of FFA week. During this week they had a trivia contest of fun facts about THS students.

They also had their annual banquet in the high school cafeteria in May. Many members received awards, and new officers were installed. Wesley Clary received the first FFA Scholarship.

Something new the club did was go to Worlds of Fun at the end of the year.



Top: Wesley Clary reviews his critiques for the cow judging competition. Photo by Mr. David Pottroff

Above: Kolton Constant and Alexis Horner bake doughnuts for an FFA breakfast. Photo by Mr. David Pottroff



Left: At the annual banquet, Andrea Stock presents Superintendent Brian Harris a certificate of appreciation for his support and the support of the board of education. Photo by Trey Jenkins



Above: FFA Members. Front Row: Jennifer Keller, Gentry Duncan, Madeline Smith, Andrea Stock, Reporter Alexis Horner, Haley Horner, and Sentinel Lauren Hill **Row 2:** Haley Wells, Jillian Stegall, Alex Martinez, Dylan Langford, and Vice President Makayla Ross **Row 3:** Sponsor David Pottroff, Brant Hamilton, Secretary Kolton Constant, Jason Berry, Madyson Guffy, and Braden Hansen **Not pictured:** President Tabitha Porter. **Photo by Lexi Norris**



Left: Makayla Ross, Alexis Horner, Andrea Stock, Kolton Constant, and Tabitha Porter spend time at the Slugger Museum while at the National FFA Convention. **Photo by Mr. David Pottroff**

Groups try something new

Scholars Bowl, National Honors Society go above and beyond

"I really enjoyed coaching Scholars Bowl," said new coach Sara Booth, "The team worked well together and were always a pleasure to be around."

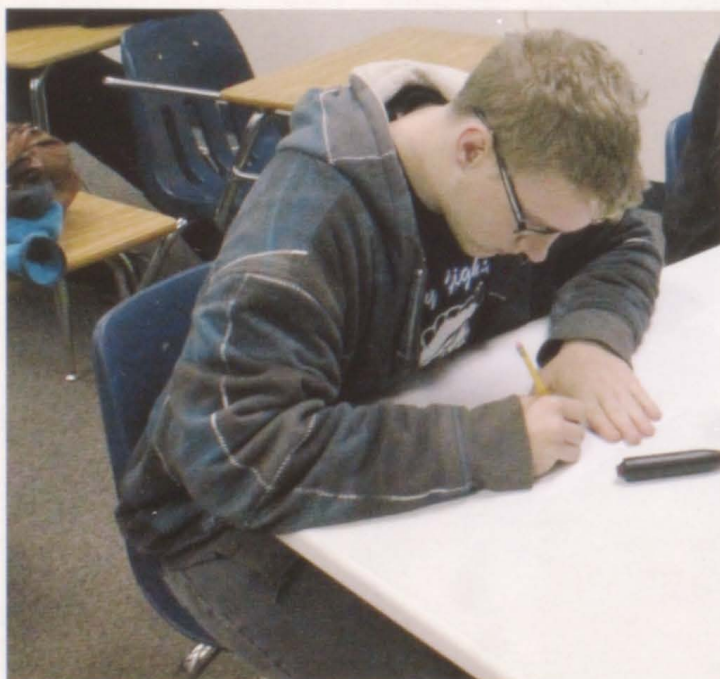
Coach Booth scheduled more tournaments this year than previous years. The team consisted of two teams, varsity and junior varsity. On the varsity team were senior Trae Shelton and juniors Megan Etherton, Nathan King, Lauren Wigger, and Tyler Christopher.

The junior varsity team consisted of junior Ben Wardlow, sophomores Madyson Guffy, and Kourtney Davies, and freshman Ike Morris. The top scorers were Varsity Captain Trae Shelton and Junior Varsity Captain Ben Wardlow. Team members attended practices that were held after school on Mondays.

National Honors Society went above and beyond by creating the Breakfast Buddies program. The program, created by society sponsor Jena Tharman, consisted of high school students sitting down and having breakfast with grade school students. The idea of the program was to provide good role models for younger students.

"I really enjoyed sitting down and eating with the grade schoolers. They seemed to enjoy us coming and talking to them. I really hope that we can have more people be a part of it next year," said junior Madison Marriott.

NHS members helped decorate the courthouse lawn for Christmas, load and unload bricks for the Doniphan County Historical society, and clean up the park on Earth Day. The society also held their annual spring blood drive. The society ended their year by inducting new members and installing new officers.



Top: NHS President Trae Shelton and member Madison Marriott decorate the gazebo for the Christmas season. **Photo by Mary Winder**

Above: Scholars Bowl team visits Camp Concordia after attending the TVL tournament. Camp Concordia was a German American work camp during WWII. **Photo by Sara Booth**

Left: Junior Varsity Scholars Bowl Captain Ben Wardlow works on a math question at the TVL Tournament. In one round of scholars bowl the competing teams are asked a total of three questions in subjects such as math, language arts, social science, science, recent events, and fine arts. **Photo by Nathan King**



Above: Varsity Scholars Bowl team members, Megan Etherton, Trae Shelton, Nathan King, Lauren Wigger, and Tyler Christopher, compete at the TVL tournament against Linn High School. The team won the match against Linn as well as the match against Doniphan West High School. "It was a great opportunity to be able to work with my friends to answer questions as a team," said varsity player Megan Etherton.

Photo by Sara Booth



Left: National Honor Society members
Front Row: Blair Weishaar, Kassi Meng, Lexi Norris, Ashley Stock, Makayla Ross, Madison Marriott, Cailyn Anderson, Lauren Hill, and Allyson Budine
Row 2: Jake Ross, Trae Shelton, Collin Jasper, Braden Grossman, Megan Etherton, Nathan King, Lauren Wigger, and Ben Wardlow
Row 3: Jay Whetstine, Cuttar Huss, Derek Franken, Tyler Franken, Nathan Gaarder, Tucker Morris, Connor McNorton, and Cole Thornberry. **Photo by Trey Jenkins**

Staff accomplishes more

Publications students advance to state

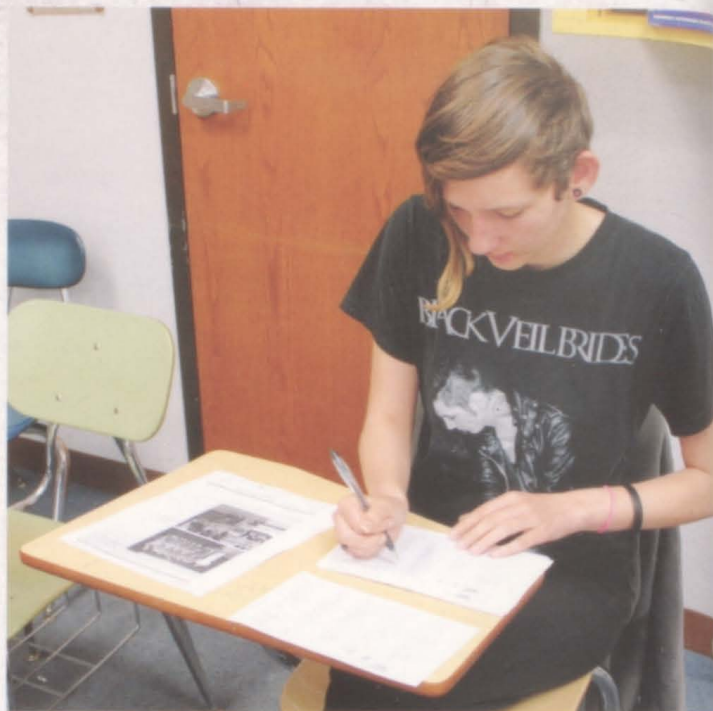
Publications was advised by Mrs. Martha-Jean Rockey. The publications staff was in charge of publishing the monthly *Trojan Trumpet* and the yearbook. The staff published eight newspapers. They also finished the *History of Troy High School* that the staff for the last two years as well as an earlier staff had been working on.

Senior Trae Shelton was the newspaper editor, history book co-editor, and yearbook copy editor. Junior Nathan King was the yearbook layout editor and the business manager.

All the members participated in the KSPA Journalism Contest. Regionals was at Kansas State University in February. Thirty-one out of the thirty-eight pieces placed. Everybody placed with at least one of their pieces so everyone got to go to State Journalism at the University of Kansas in May. The contest was sponsored by the Kansas Scholastic Press Association.

At state, senior Jay Whetstine was the state champion in yearbook sports writing, and sophomore Brittany Klaus took second in the newspaper page design category. The group also got six honorable mentions. The group placed sixth in class 2A competition overall.

"I really enjoy working with the publications staff. I really appreciated those who put in the time and effort to help contribute to both the newspaper and the yearbook," said King.



Top: Sophomore Bailey Schofield indexes pages for the yearbook.
Photo by Lexi Norris

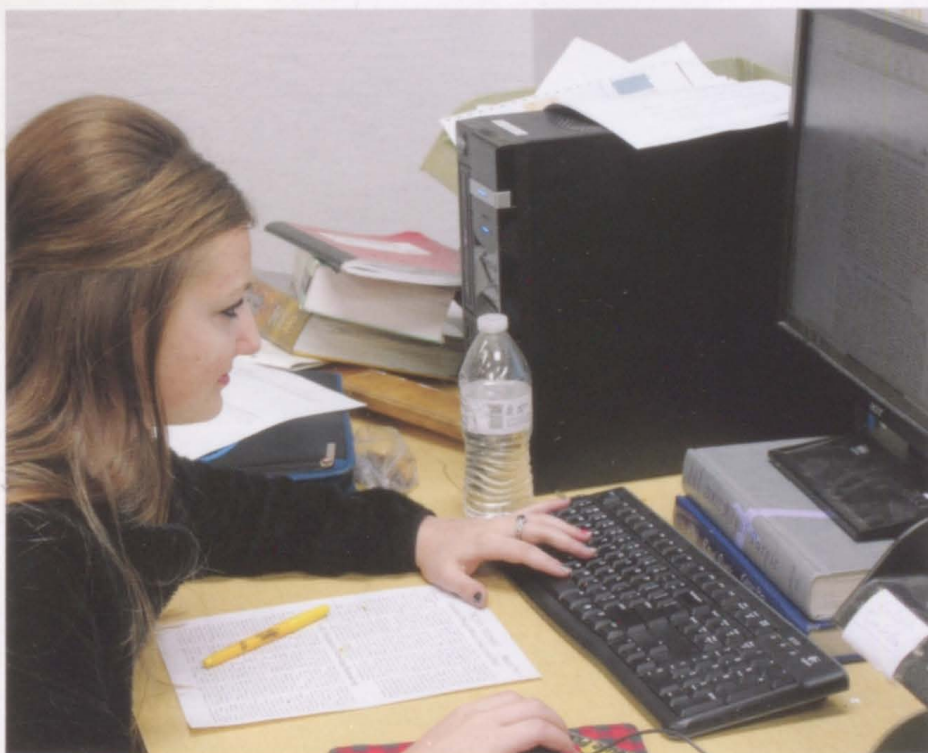
Above: Quill and Scroll members. Front Row: Destiny O'Donnell and Trae Shelton Back Row: Nathan King.
Photo by Kori Bennett

Left: Sophomore Trey Jenkins looks through old yearbooks to find pictures for the history Book the publications staff finished.
Photo by Lexi Norris



**Top: Publications staff. Front row: Mrs. Rockey, Trey Jenkins, Trae Shelton, and Nathan King
Back Row: Madyson Guffy, Jennifer Keller, Brittany Klaus, Lexi Norris, Kori Bennett, Alexis Horner, and Bailey Schofield. Publications was offered first hour as a class. Some took the class as an independent study due to scheduling, so students were in publications three additional periods.**

Photo by Holly Whetstine



Left: Sophomore Brittany Klaus works on her story for the *Trojan Trumpet* during first hour. The publication staff published one every month, writing about sports, clubs, movies, and other activities. The paper was also put on the Trojan web site.

Photo by Lexi Norris

FBLA and SADD step up

Wigger elected as District Two vice president

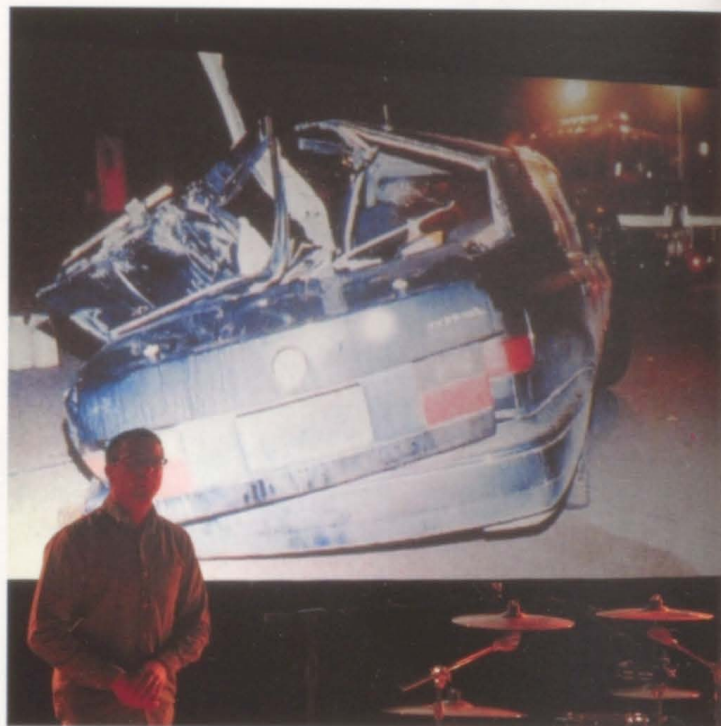
Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), began the year by electing officers. The officers were Morgan Jamvold, president; Bailey Gronniger, vice president; Lauren Wigger, secretary; Kori Bennett, treasurer. School nurse Tonya Silvey was the adviser.

SADD continued the seatbelt drawing. SADD members on certain mornings would go out before school and look to see if students were buckling up. Each month, students would be asked to take the pledge to wear their seatbelt every time they got into a vehicle and their names would be put in a box for a drawing. At the end of the month, three names would be drawn for a \$25-gift card.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) was sponsored by Mrs. Jene't Brown. FBLA officers were Bailey Gronniger, president; Trae Shelton, vice president; Lauren Wigger, secretary; Valerie Mott, treasurer; Megan Schmile, reporter. FBLA members attended the District Two Conference at Jefferson County North. Many members placed in the top ten in various categories at this conference.

These students also competed at the state conference in Topeka, Kansas. At the state conference, junior Lauren Wigger was interviewed to become the new District Two Vice President. She received this position and as a result Troy High School will be hosting the District Two Conference in 2016.

FBLA's main priority was National FBLA Week. The club handed out various emblems that represented a quotation relating to FBLA. The club was able to do this because of their two fundraisers. They sold Earth Candles and Redwheel.



Top: Lauren Wigger stands with fellow state FBLA officers at the State Conference in Topeka. Photo by Trae Shelton

Above: Keith Becker tells story of his brother's, Todd Becker, fatal drunk driving car accident. The SADD committee teamed up with the Doniphan County Draw the Line program to have the Todd Becker Foundation come to Troy High School. Photo by Kori Bennett

Left: Lauren Wigger was installed as the State District Two Vice President at the state conference in Topeka. Photo by Trae Shelton



Above: SADD members. Front row: Nathan Gaarder, Megan Schmille, Valerie Mott, Morgan Jamvold, Bailey Gronniger, and Lauren Wigger
Row 2: Tanner Shelton, Lexi Norris, Cheyenne Wigger, Haley Horner, Brylee Wiedmer, and Cassidy Ashworth
Row 3: Kori Bennett, Blair Weisharr, and Alexis Horner. **Photo by** Trae Shelton



Left: FBLA members. Front row: Megan Schmille, Valerie Mott, Trae Shelton, and Bailey Gronniger
Row 2: Cheyenne Wigger, Lauren Wigger, and Sponsor Jene't Brown. **Photo by** Destiny O'Donnell

Looking Back at...



People

Most students participated in traditions as well as desk work. The student population dropped from 116 to 100 people. Yet the atmosphere of the school was full of energy and excitement.

New students were sophomore Kortin Blevins, who transferred from Doniphan West High School; sophomore Jason Berry, who transferred from Atchison High School; sophomore Brenton Slater, who transferred from Atchison High School; and freshman Nathan Keys, who transferred from Doniphan West Middle School.

The cafeteria experienced new cooks, hired by OPAA, a new healthy food service. The new cooks were Malinda Baskins, Andrea Black, and Sunny Swanson. Cook Susan Reynolds was sent to the grade school.

Class sizes varied greatly. The smallest class was the freshman class, consisting of only 21 students. The sophomore class was the largest class, having 31 students. The junior class roster decreased to 26. The senior class graduated with a class size of 22 students. Class sizes have been smaller, but success has continued.



Far Top Left: Pep club members cheer on the Trojan basketball team during the second-round sub-state game against the Jefferson County North Chargers. Photo by Trae Shelton

Middle Top: Mr. Kevin McNorton leads the Trojan football team out of the tunnel. McNorton is carrying a "T" with "No one Fights Alone" written on it. This was the motto he used when he won his battle against cancer. Photo by Trae Shelton

Above: The Lady Trojan volleyball team celebrates after beating county rivals, the Doniphan West Mustangs. Photo by Trae Shelton

Far Middle Left: Juniors Taylor Scherer, Tucker Morris, and Christopher Winkel, and sophomore Wyatt Huss act as Sports Center commentators. Photo by Trae Shelton

Middle Left: Senior Allyson Budine sings "Unchained Melody" at Fine Arts Night. Photo by Trey Jenkins

Far Left: Senior Bailey Gronniger gets a kiss from her mother at senior night. Photo by Trae Shelton

Left: Junior Tucker Morris, sophomore Kortin Blevins, junior Luke Smith, and senior Jake Ross cheer on the Lady Trojan basketball team, while dressed as cheerleaders. Photo by Trae Shelton



New faculty add variety

Teachers shift classes

Troy High School gained a few new faculty and staff members: Tori Olberding was the special education teacher and assistant coach for softball; David Pottroff was the vocational agriculture teacher, assistant coach for baseball, and FFA sponsor; Sara Booth was the mathematics teacher and sponsor of the freshman class; Jonathan Rodvelt was the social studies teacher for the middle and high school, the weights teacher, and the stuco sponsor; Emily Purdy was the head coach for track and the assistant coach for volleyball and basketball; and Julie Werner was the head coach for volleyball.

The kitchen staff gained three new members: Malinda Baskins, Andrea Black, and Sunney Swanson. Some teachers from the middle school had to teach high school classes. Angela Johnson taught Algebra I. Janice Bunck taught Spanish and English I. Jennifer Whetstine was the sponsor for the junior class. After 50 years in education, Mr. Gene Velharticky retired at the end of the year.



Matt Allison
Malinda Baskins
Andrea Black
Deb Becker
Sara Booth
Jene't Brown



Dallas Keller
Kevin McNorton
John Murphy
Tori Olberding
Jared Pickerell
David Pottroff



Jonathan Rodvelt
Abra Rush
Juli Smith
Kathy Smith
Sunney Swanson
Gene Velharticky



Julie Werner
Jennifer Whetstine
Jared Wigger





Above: USD 429 Board of Education. Front Row: Jennifer Luedke and Nikia Weber Row 2: Sherman Smith, Duane Weishaar, Hugh Kinsey, and Warren Grable Photo by Janel Anderson



Above: Bus drivers for USD 429. Front Row: Bea Koehler and Richard Grable Row 2: Garry Schacht, Bill Koehler, Rick Simmons, Donald Harter, and Kevin Winkel Not pictured: Kevin McNorton, Don Cash, and Jared Wigger. Photo by Trey Jenkins



Janice Bunck
Brian Clary
Brian Harris
Lorraine Huff
Derek Jasper
Angela Johnson



Jeremy Prudden
Emily Purdy
Roger Purdy
Susan Reynolds
Martha-Jean Rockey



Top Left: Art teacher Mr. Roger Purdy and Elementary Special Education teacher Mrs. Emily (Unzicker) Purdy pose for their wedding picture. They were wed in the fall at the 4-H grounds.

Left: At Awards Night in May, Superintendent Brian Harris presented Mr. Gene Velharticky with a plaque in recognition of his 50 years in education. Photo by Janel Anderson

Freshmen have new opportunities

Class of 2018 joins THS student body

Entering high school for the first time can be very nerve-wracking. Freshman have to fit in with the schedule and the other students. Their required classes were physical education, English I, computer applications, biology, and Algebra I, so they could pick only two other classes to take. They also gained a new student, Nathan Keys, who transferred from Doniphan West.

The freshman class sponsor was Sara Booth. The class as a whole was involved in only a few activities. For Homecoming, their theme for the float was the Hulk.

They decorated a trailer with green and black balloons.

They also worked some concession stands. Something new the class did was go to the middle school for English and algebra. Some freshmen were involved in activities, such as acting in the fall play and spring musical, going out for sports, and trying out for cheerleading.

"Freshman year was pretty good and I really enjoyed it," said Megan Franken.

"What we are is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God."

-Class Motto

Kassidy Ashworth
Brandon Boone
Silas Christian
Gentry Duncan
Lane Etherton
Megan Franken



Jayden Grier
Haley Horner
Nathan Keys
Kohlbe King
William Messinger
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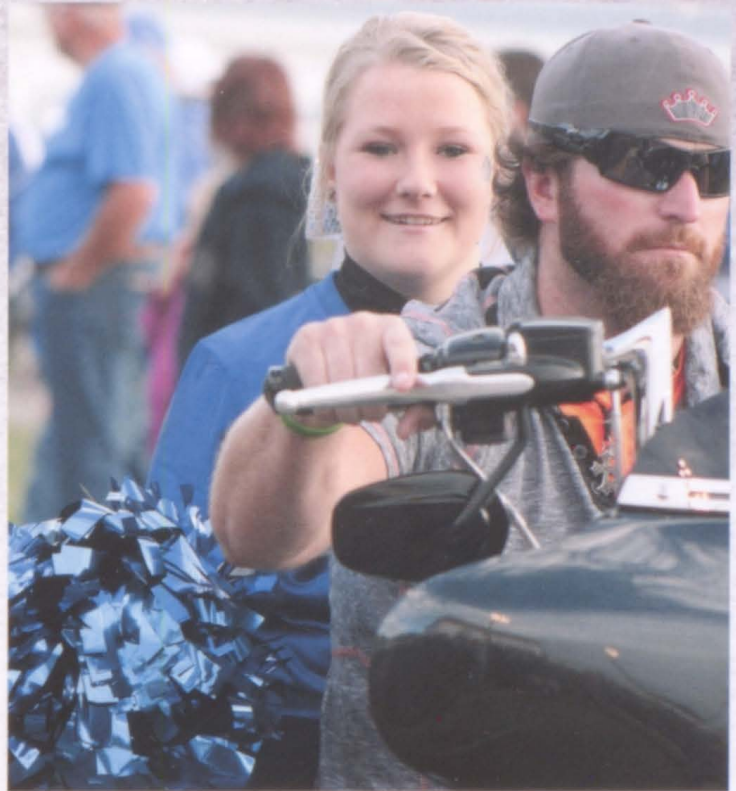


Isaac Morris
Austin O'Connor
Jillian Stegall
Matthew Sharp
Madeline Smith
Allie Weis



Haley Wells
Brylee Wiedmer
Cheyenne Wigger





Top Left: Haley Horner serves the volleyball at the JV game against Doniphan West. Photo by Trae Shelton

Top Right: Gentry Duncan rides into the football field on a motorcycle owned and driven by Wade Sutton. Photo by Trae Shelton

Middle Left: The class officers for the freshman class were President Kohlbe King, Vice President Cheyenne Wigger, and Secretary Kassidy Ashworth. Photo by Lexi Norris

Middle Right: Isabella Miner holds up the "mirror" for Austin O'Connor in the spring musical *The Drowsy Chaperone*. Photo by Mady Guffy

Above: Nathan Keys works on an assignment in Algebra I. Photo by Trey Jenkins

Sophomores half way there

Class takes part in variety of activities

The sophomores had many fundraisers for their class. They gained three new students; Jason Berry, Kortin Blevins, and Brenton Slater.

"Sophomore year has been good. We've been very successful with sports. It's just another year of high school we have to go through until we finally graduate," said Tyler Franken.

Most of the sophomores were involved in sports whether it was football, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, track, softball or baseball. Some were just in clubs, and some also did both.

"This is my first year as the sophomore class sponsor. The year has gone well with lots of fundraising. We have sold World's Finest Chocolate bars, Value Cards, and Texas Roadhouse rolls," said Mrs. Jene't Brown.

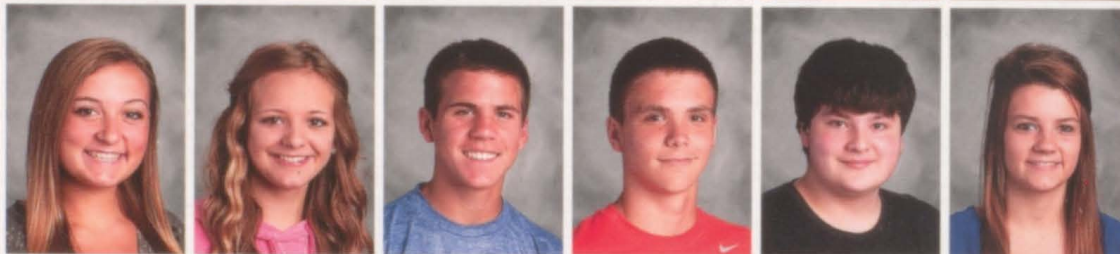
Required classes for sophomores were earth and space science taught by Mr. Kevin McNorton, English 2 taught by Mrs. Martha-Jean Rockey, Algebra 1 taught by Mrs. Angela Johnson or geometry taught by Mrs. Sara Booth, and geography or world history taught by Mr. Jonathan Rodvelt. They also had to take some extra classes which included weights, art, band, choir, industrial arts, ag, and publications.

"Art is my favorite class because it is the most relaxed class that you can have fun with and make your own. Also, Mr. [Roger] Purdy is my favorite teacher, and I love being able to make artwork for other people," said Blair Weishaar.

Kori Bennett
Jason Berry
Kortin Blevins
Kolton Constant
Kourtney Davies
Kevin Davis



Lauren Hill
Alexis Horner
Cuttar Huss
Wyatt Huss
Treyton Jenkins
Jennifer Keller



Alex Martinez
Connor McNorton
Kassi Meng
Alexis Norris
Bailey Schofield
Brandon Schofield



Brenton Slater
Wil Smith
Andrea Stock
Marissia Teague
Blair Weishaar
Brody Winder





Above: Cuttar Huss squats during first-hour weights class as Braden Hansen watches from behind. Weights was taught by Jonathan Rodvelt and was available first and seventh hours. Photo by Lexi Norris



Above: Kassi Meng gets ready to shoot a free throw during a home game against Kansas City Christian. The Lady Trojans won the game. Three sophomores, Lexi Norris, Blair Weishaar, and Meng, were involved in girls' basketball. Photo by Lexi Norris



Tyler Franken
Jarren Frump
Reid Greaser
Madyson Guffy
Brant Hamilton
Braden Hansen



Above: The class officers of the sophomore class were President Lexi Norris, Vice-President Alexis Horner, and Secretary/Treasurer Kassi Meng. Photo by Jennifer Keller



Brittany Klaus

"It matters not what you are thought to be, but what you really are." - Class Motto

Juniors overcome small numbers

Class members excel in athletics and the arts

Although the junior class was smaller than normal, the class still managed to have a successful year. The junior class excelled in many areas including sports. Several class members were on the football and basketball teams that both went to sub-state competitions. Juniors that were on the baseball team went to state for now their second time.

Nathan King, Ben Wardlow, and Lauren Wigger all received one ratings at state speech. Another change in the junior class was that many guys participated in the fall play and spring musical.

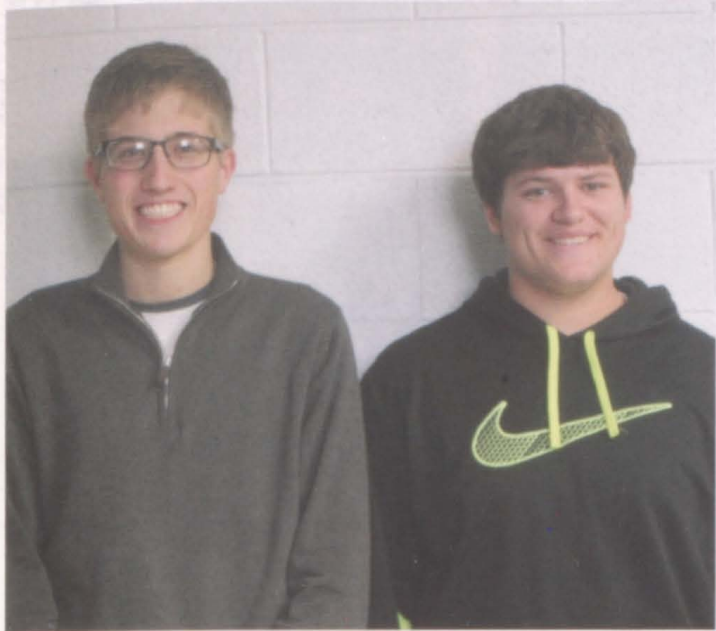
"I really liked being a part of the plays," said Luke Smith. "I can't wait to do them again next year."

The main order of business for the class was to organize and carry out the junior-senior prom. The class sponsor who helped the class schedule fundraising events, as well as manage the logistics for prom, was Board Clerk Janel Anderson. Several of the fundraisers included a volleyball

tournament and middle school sports concession stands. Even though their numbers were small, the junior class managed to have a surprisingly high turnout for all of the spirit days during Homecoming and Queen of Courts. During Homecoming week, the class worked hard in building their float for the parade. The theme for the parade was superheroes and the junior class was assigned Spiderman. The float consisted of four cardboard buildings and a Spiderman who was slinging his webs all over the city of New York.

The junior class had no trouble in planning prom. To plan for prom the class had monthly meetings discussing the logistics of the event. The class decided to hold prom at the community building because of its low rent and it was a short drive from the high school where pictures took place.





Left: Class President Nathan King and Vice-President Luke Smith. The officers of the class changed as time went on. Former Secretary/Treasurer Cheyenne Blanton, transferred to Atchison High School and was replaced by Lauren Wigger, not pictured. Former President Preston Duncan was planning on running for a third term as class president, but his family moved to Florida, preventing him from doing so. **Photo by Brittany Klaus**



Above: Junior Chris Winkel positions himself seconds away from swinging a fastball pitched by an Atchison pitcher. The Trojans won both of their games against Atchison. The first game they won 8-1, and the second game they won 11-0. Four of the junior boys participated in baseball. They were Chris Winkel, Luke Smith, Tucker Morris, and Taylor Scherer. **Photo by Lexi Norris**



Chevy Enzbrenner
Megan Etherton
MacKenzie Harbeston



*“If opportunity
does not knock,
build a door.”
-Class Motto*

Right: Junior Cailyn Anderson parades into the Donald M. Cash Jr. Memorial Football Field on a motorcycle owned and driven by P.J. Smith. All of the cheerleaders rode in on locally owned motorcycles to show school spirit and to make some noise for their Troy Trojans. **Photo by Jennifer Keller**

Seniors prepare for what's next

Life lessons are learned by class of 2015

The last year of high school is something that takes time to get to, yet goes by in a snap of a finger. Seniors filled their schedules with required classes, concurrent classes, and cadet teacher positions.

Mrs. Martha-Jean Rockey and Mrs. Juli Smith worked together to help prepare seniors for their future. Seniors researched their interests, created a resume, researched their desired career, and job-shadowed a trained professional, during the required English IV class. The other required class was government, taught by Mr. Jeremy Prudden.

Many seniors chose to take concurrent classes from Highland Community College with Mrs. Martha-Jean Rockey and Mrs. Sara Booth. They were Composition 1 and Composition 2, and algebra, respectively. Many seniors even went a step farther to get ready for college by filling out college applications, filing for financial aid, and applying for scholarships.

It wasn't all about academics for the seniors, though. They sold magazines, worked concession stands, held the annual senior dinner, and held a chili/soup supper during a basketball game. All these fundraisers helped pay for the senior trip to Galveston, Texas.

"Senior year went by really fast. I can't believe I am graduating from Troy High School. I am glad to have been in this class and to have made friendships with my classmates that will last for a very long time. Our class has had many accomplishments in sports, arts, and in academics, and I hope that the classes that graduate after us will accomplish the same things we have done and more," said senior class president Trae Shelton.



Above: Class officers Ashley Stock, secretary/treasurer; Trae Shelton, president; Nathan Gaarder, vice president. Gaarder and Stock held their office positions for the fourth consecutive year; however, Shelton held the office of the president for only one year. As the president of the senior class, Shelton will have to host the future reunions for the class of 2015.
Photo by Mrs. Sara Booth



Above: The football players dressed up in funny superhero outfits and put on a skit for the grade school students. The skit was performed to show the grade school students that not only superheroes have the power to say no to drugs, but every single person has the power to say no to drugs.

Photo by Janel Anderson



Allyson Budine



Mikaela Campbell



Izak Christian



Wesley Clary



Derek Franken



Nathan Gaarder



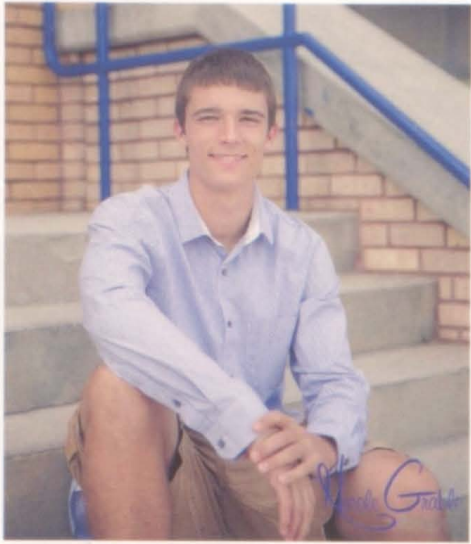
Bailey Gronniger



Braden Grossman



Morgan Jamvold



Collin Jasper



Valerie Mott



Destiny O'Donnell



Tanner Shelton



Trae Shelton



Breanna Smith



Alexandria Winder

“Dream as if you will live forever; live as if you'll not see tomorrow.”

-Class Motto



Jacob Ross



Alexander Schmille



Megan Schmille



Tristan Speer



Ashley Stock



Jay Whetstine



Right: The senior class dressed up in black for "Color War" Day during Homecoming week. Color War Day was the day that the seniors went all out for. Almost all of the seniors dressed up, showing their pride for the football team and for Troy High School. The seniors came in second place by having one less person than the sophomore class.
Photo by Jennifer Keller

Mikaela,

We are so proud of you! There has never been a dull day with you in our lives! We have lived to watch you grow into the beautiful young lady you have become! The future looks very bright for you! We love you with all of our hearts.

Love,

Dad & Mom



Mikaela Campbell

Nathan,

Congratulations on a wonderful and inspiring senior year! You and your classmates are the best group of young adults that any parent could want. Thank you for making this senior year one that we will never forget and will hold in our hearts for a lifetime. You will go far!

Love,

Mom & Dad



Nathan Gaarder

Collin,

It has been a blessing and honor to be your parents and to watch you become the young man you are today. We wish continued success in all that you strive to be. We love you sis and couldn't be more proud.

Love,

Dad, Mom, Steve, & Boys



Collin Jasper

Valerie,

We are proud of the funny, outgoing young lady you have become and we look forward to the person you will grow up to be. God bless you in all that you do and never stop believing in yourself.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Jackie, & Jacob



Valerie Mott

Tanner,

We are proud of the kind heart and gentle spirit that you have demonstrated throughout your life. We appreciate the maturity you have shown this year. We enjoy your aptitude for science and love for nature. We look forward to what the future holds for you as you explore new avenues in college. We love you and are very proud of you!

Love,

Mom & Dad



Tanner Shelton

Trae,

We are proud of the leadership you have demonstrated and the skills you have mastered. We are thankful you have been a responsible young man and that you have worked hard. We enjoy your play performances and helpful nature. Good luck as you embark on new goals in college. We love you and are very proud of you!

Love,

Mom & Dad



Trae Shelton

Braden,

We hope you know how much you are loved! "We hope we have given you wings to fly, roots to come back, and reasons to stay."

Ever your proud parents,
Mom & Dad



Braden Grossman

Morgan,

We've loved you at every stage of your life...from a bubbly little girl with thick wavy hair and big hazel eyes, a "dreamer, and a silly heart," to a beautiful young woman with a vibrant smile, jovial sense of humor, crazy artistic talent, and a zeal for God! Stay true to your passions and continue to be the amazing person that you are!

Love,
Daddy, Momma,
Molly, & Jani



Morgan Jamvold

Alex,

We are so proud of the young man you have become. We will miss seeing you every day when you go off to college. We are so blessed to have you. We love you so much and we know you will have a great future.

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Alyssa



Alexander Schmille

Megan,

Congratulations! You have grown into a beautiful young woman. We are proud of you. Keep your chin up and we know you will go far in life. Keep smiling!

Love,
Mom, Kayla, & Uncle DL



Megan Schmille

Ashley,

We are proud of the person you have grown to be. Your determination and willingness to work hard and your desire for new experiences are what have and what will continue to make you a success. We cannot begin to tell you how much we love you. Not because of your achievements, but because you are ours. 1Samuel 1:27. Be fearlessly authentic!

Love,
Mom & Dad



Ashley Stock

Jay,

We have been so proud of you on and off the field and know you will accomplish whatever you put your mind to. You have the heart of a champion and don't forget to use it to glorify God. With Him all things are possible and you will always walk in victory following Him. We love you!

From your #1 fans,
Mom & Dad



Jay Whetstine

Looking Back at...



Accomplishments

Many students at THS had accomplishments throughout the year. Many athletes received All-League and All-State honors in various sports. This was Troy's second year as part of the Twin Valley League (TVL).

There were eight students in 11 entries who qualified for state speech, with ten receiving I ratings and one receiving a II rating. The team won three plaques during the season. Thirty-two of thirty-eight entries qualified for KSPA-sponsored state journalism competition with senior Jay Whetstine becoming a class 2A state champion in

yearbook sports writing.

At the TVL art show, four pieces earned gold; eight received silver; ten received bronze; and twelve received honorable mention. At Highland Art Day, five pieces received honorable mention.

Three entries qualified for state music: Senior Allyson Budine for vocal, senior Ashley Stock for a violin solo, and a men's ensemble. The publications class finished the Troy History Book. Martha-Jean Rockey was the advisor, while Trae Shelton and Courtney Klaus were editors.



Far Top Left: The baseball players are holding their regional plaques. Photo by Juli Smith

Middle Top: Junior Holly Whetstine and sophomore Lexi Norris were the two track members who participated at state at the Wichita State Arena. They were coached by Emily Purdy. Photo by Lindsay Norris

Top: Seniors Ashley Stock and Trae Shelton hold the second place plaque that the speech team earned at Jefferson County North. Photo by Madyson Guffy

Far Middle Left: The boys' basketball players are holding their sub-state plaques. Photo by Janel Anderson

Above: The girls' basketball players are holding their sub-state plaques. Photo by Janel Anderson

Left: The senior football players stand with the four plaques that they earned throughout the season. Photo by Trae Shelton

Looking Back at...



Activities

Activities kept students busy when they weren't doing homework. Homecoming and Queen of Courts had week-filled activities that allowed students to show their school pride. Spirit Days were planned by student council representatives from each class.

Another traditional activity that students attended was the annual Homecoming bonfire at the 4-H fair grounds. Senior football players paraded into the horse arena with torches to light the fire. The Trojan Dazzlers dance team performed a routine in front of the blazing fire.

Queen of Courts candidates lip synced during a pep rally

the day before the game. Jay Whetstine and Alex Winder dressed up as Sonny and Cher when they lip synced their song.

Prom was at the Troy Community Center with after-prom at the high school. Prom's theme was Hollywood and the couples had to walk down the red carpet as Jeremy Prudden announced their names.

The seniors went to Galveston and Houston, Texas, on their senior trip. They were able to experience a plane ride and the beach. The seniors then graduated a week later in the C.W. Oliver Gymnasium with a total of 22.



Far Top Left: The senior class feels the wind in their hair as they return to the dock from the fishing charter during senior trip. Photo by Mr. Kevin McNorton

Middle Top: Senior Collin Jasper and junior Madison Marriott dance the night away at Prom. The Prom theme was "Hollywood." Photo by Nathan King

Above: Senior Destiny O'Donnell stands behind the Bonnethead shark she caught, as senior Nathan Gaarder watches during the fishing charter boat trip on senior trip. Photo by Mr. Kevin McNorton

Far Middle Left: Seniors Derek Franken and Breanna Smith walk out of the graduation ceremony with their diplomas. Photo by Tracey Klaus

Middle Left: Senior Allyson Budine rides in a car, owned and driven by Jim Moore, during the Homecoming ceremony. Each queen candidate rode in a separate convertible. Photo by Trae Shelton

Far Left: Homecoming candidates Jay Whetstone, Alex Winder, Jake Ross, and Breanna Smith chow down on a whipped cream pie during the Homecoming pep rally. Photo by Trae Shelton

Left: The Trojan Basketball team listens to their coach, Dallas Keller, during the Queen of Courts pep rally. Photo by Brittany Klaus



Breanna, Derek reign over win

Superheroes theme for Homecoming

Homecoming ended with a victory, the Trojans winning 42-15 over Valley Heights.

Spirit week was a competition between the classes to see which grade participated in spirit week the most. The 2014 King was Derek Franken and the Queen was Breanna Smith. There was a huge crowd there to support the Troy Trojans.

Monday was color war day, and Tuesday was a college day, where students supported their favorite college team. Wednesday was superhero day, Thursday was throwback

to the old days, and Friday was blue-and-white day.

Wednesday night the juniors and sophomores beat the seniors and freshman 22-0 in what has become the annual powderpuff game.

Thursday night, students and their families went to the 4-H grounds for a pep rally and a bonfire, followed by a parade through town. Friday, there was a parade with floats on the superhero theme on Main Street followed by a pep rally with a candidates' competition involving cream pies.



"It was a fun experience I had a good time at the game and the dance; the weather was very nice," said King Derek Franken.



"I definitely didn't expect to win but everything went really great! It was an awesome experience," said Queen Breanna Smith.





Far Left: The pink and blue teams gather after the powder puff game for a group picture. Luckily, no one was injured during the game. Photo by Trae Shelton

Lower Left: The senior football boys walk into the arena at the 4-H grounds with torches to light the ceremonial Homecoming bonfire. Photo by Trae Shelton

Left: Alex Winder runs the ball, while Tristin Horton and Andrea Stock try to pull one of her flags during the powder puff game. The powder puff game was a popular for the girls take part in to get them ready for the big Homecoming game. Photo by Trae Shelton

Below: The candidates were Allyson Budine, Jake Ross, Mikaela Campbell, Nathan Gaarder, Queen Breanna Smith, King Derek Franken, Ales Winder, and Jay Whetstine. the attendants were Mackenna Thomas, Bryer Ferris, Morgan Lake, and Brennan Smith. Photo by Jennifer Keller



Queen, King of Courts crowned

Trojans sweep Linn, winning both games

Queen of Courts continued a tradition that has existed since at least the 1960s. As time has passed, the number of candidates has changed; this year there were four candidates for queen and four for king, with Alex Winder and Jay Whetstine winning the honor of being crowned.

Spirit Week was the week before the Queen of Courts game. The student body participated in themed days such as Kindergarten Day, Color-War Day, Disney Character Day, Camouflage day, and Blue-and-White Day. Not as many students participated in this Spirit Week as they did during Homecoming Spirit Week.

The week ended with a school-wide pep rally. The candidates danced and lip synced famous songs. The cheerleaders and the Trojan Dazzlers pumped up the crowd for the game later that day.

The ceremony was in the C.W. Oliver Gymnasium during half time of the varsity boys' basketball game. The candidates were introduced by Martha-Jean Rockey, who listed their accomplishments.

The games were followed by the Queen of Courts dance which was deejayed by Janel Anderson. Food was supplied by Buffalo Wild Wings and Subway.



"I really enjoyed being picked as King of Courts because it was a good experience," said King Jay Whetstine.



"It was a great experience to be even nominated for Queen of Courts," said Queen Alex Winder.



Above: Students dressed as their favorite Disney characters for Spirit Week. Front Row: Kourtney Davis, Andrea Stock, Ashley Stock, Megan Etherton, Trae Shelton, Holly Whetstine, Madison Marriott, Collin Jasper and Lane Etherton Row 2: Nathan King, Bailey Gronniger, Lexi Norris, Blair Weishar, Madyson Guffy, Jacob Ross, Kassi Meng, Mikaela Campbell, and Wil Smith. Photo by Jennifer Keller

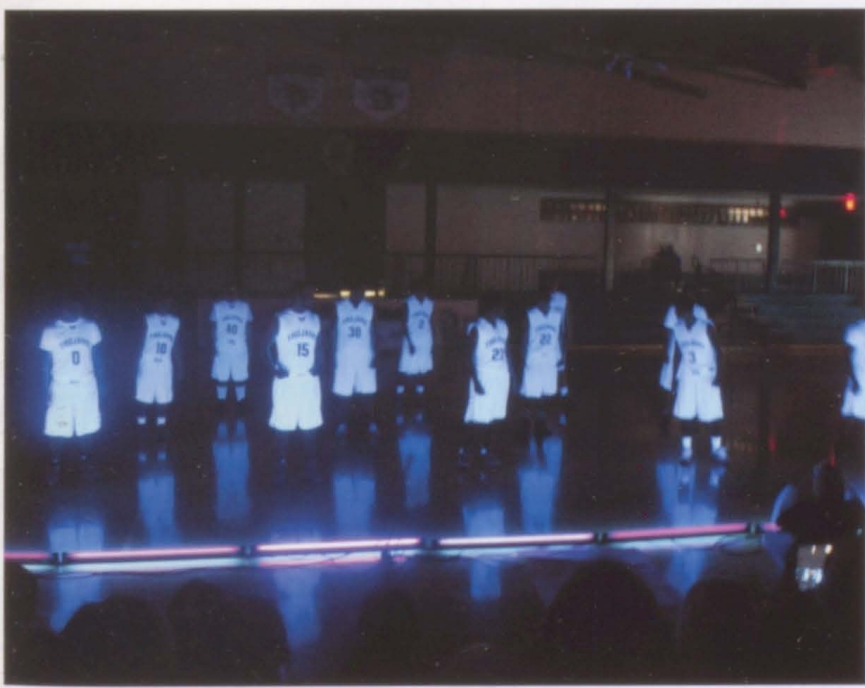


Left: Senior basketball players Jake Ross and Collin Jasper dance with junior Trojan Dazzler Madison Marriott to a mash-up of several popular songs. The dance was choreographed by Janel Anderson. Photo by Brittany Klaus

Below Left: Boys basketball players dance at the pep rally the day of the Queen of Courts game. Photo by Brittany Klaus

Below Right: Queen of Courts candidates Collin Jasper and Mikaela Campbell sing and dance to "Drop It Like It's Hot." Photo by Madyson Guffy

Far Top Left: The candidates following the crowning: Nathan Gaarder, Allyson Budine, Collin Jasper, Mikaela Campbell, Queen Alex Winder, King Jay Whetstine, Alex Schmilke, and Ashley Stock. The kindergarten attendants were Bryson Elrod, Grace Mitchell, Sophia Reno, and Ty Horner. Photo by Trae Shelton



A Hollywood Experience

Prom attendants walk the red carpet

The Junior/Senior Prom of 2015 was a night full of glamor and red carpets. Prom began at the high school with the announcing of the couples who were attending the banquet and dance. The couples strutted across the red carpet as they were announced. The cameras flashing and people cheering contributed to the atmosphere that resembled a Hollywood red carpet. Then the festivities moved to the Leonard L. Clary Community Building.

The community building was beautifully decorated by Linda Jeschke. The main decoration was the Hollywood sign that was spray painted with sparkle paint and lit up during the meal and dance.

Junior class president Nathan King gave a short speech and a thank-you to all of those that helped make prom possible.

The meal was then served by sophomores. The meal consisted of roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, a roll, and salad. Desserts included chocolate sheet cake, red velvet cupcakes, and candy from the candy bar.

After-Prom was in the Troy High School gymnasium. Entertainment included a bouncy house, blow-up boxing, hamster ball races, karaoke, and a movie room. Sub sandwiches and pizza were also available to the students.

Right: Senior Class, Front Row: Valerie Mott, Bailey Gronniger, Ashley Stock, Mikaela Campbell, Breana Smith, Alex Winder, Allyson Budine, Morgan Jamvold, Destiny O'Donnell, and Megan Schmille **Row 2:** Jay Whetstine, Alex Schmille, Tanner Shelton Derek Franken, Nathan Gaarder, Tristan Spear, and Trae Shelton **Row 3:** Braden Grossman, Collin Jasper, and Jacob Ross. **Photo by Brittany Klaus** Originally the classes planned to do a "red carpet" entrance from the courthouse steps, but rain that day forced them back to the high school for the "red carpet" event. Mr. Jeremy Prudden announced the names of the couples.

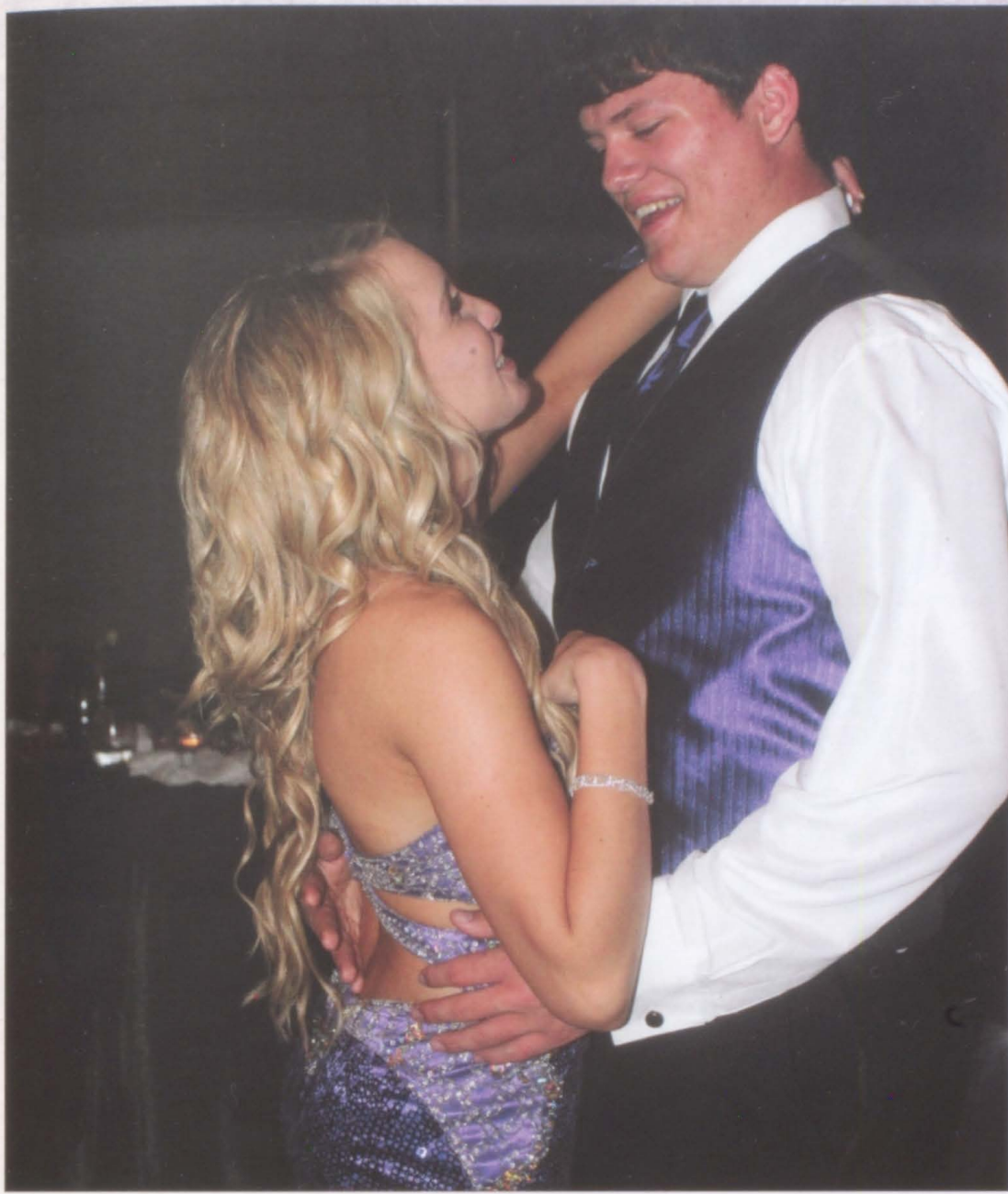


"I really enjoyed going to prom. Getting to be with my best friends was the best part," said senior Mikaela Campbell



"I thought prom was pretty cool. I really liked taking pictures with all my friends," said junior Taylor Scherer





Left: Junior Luke Smith and his date Mia Scott slow dance to one of the many songs of the night. The DJ played many slow songs. "I really like the slow song," said Smith, "It gets all quiet and it is just you and your date." **Photo by Brittany Klaus**

Far Down Left: The Hollywood clapperboard that was decorated by the junior class. **Photo by Brittany Klaus**

Down Left: Prom Attendees snack at the candy bar. **Photo by Nathan King**

Below: Junior class, Front Row: Megan Etherton, Lauren Wigger, Jacklynn Clary, Cailyn Anderson, Madison Marriott, Holly Whetstine, and Makayla Ross **Row 2:** Chris Winkel, Taylor Scherer, Ben Wardlow, Tyler Christopher and Cole Thornberry **Row 3:** Preston Robinson, Luke Smith, Nathan King, Tucker Morris, and Cadence King. **Photo by Janel Anderson**



Seniors hit the beach in Texas

Trip brings class together one last time

The class of 2015 experienced many "firsts" on their senior trip to Galveston, Texas. For many it was the first time on a plane, the first time in the ocean, and the first time on a fishing charter. Out of 22 students, 20 students went with the class sponsor Mr. Kevin McNorton and chaperone Abra Rush. The class flew out of Kansas City, Friday morning, May 8, and after a two-hour flight landed in Houston, Texas. The class was met by a driver and a school bus at the airport. Before the class headed to their beachhouse in Galveston, Texas, they stopped at the Houston Space Center (NASA). At NASA, the seniors went on a tour, met an astronaut, and for fun, got airbrush tattoos.

After the space center, the class arrived at the house and decided to spend the rest of the day at the beach. The next morning McNorton made omelets for breakfast. After breakfast, they went on a fishing charter. On the fishing charter a few class members caught fish and Destiny O'Donnell caught a baby shark. After the fishing charter, the class spent the afternoon at the beach until that night when they went to Kemah Boardwalk in Kemah, Texas. The boardwalk had big rides, carnival games, small shops, and live music.

"It was my first time being at the ocean. I thought it was pretty cool and I would want to go back if I ever had the chance to do so," said senior Tanner Shelton.

Sunday, May 10, the seniors spent the day in Houston. They first went to the Downtown Aquarium. After the aquarium the class had lunch at Hard Rock Cafe. Since it was Mother's Day, Rush received a glass that had the Hard Rock Emblem on it. After lunch, the class continued on to the Natural Science and History museum where they got a tour of dinosaur, fish, and bug fossils. Then they saw a 3D movie about whales called "The Secret Ocean." That night the class had some fun at Speedy's Fast Track, where they played arcade games, laser tag, and drove super carts, which were faster than regular go-carts.

The last morning of the trip was spent cleaning the beach house and packing up everybody's suitcases. After the house was clean the class went to the Galleria, a large shopping mall, in Houston, to waste some time until their flight left. Because of the rain, their flight was delayed for 30 minutes. The seniors finally arrived in Troy tired, yet full of memories that they will never forget.



"Senior trip was the best because I was with my friends. I liked swimming in the ocean, Valerie being a mom at Hard Rock Cafe, and the class group message about the slow bus driver. They may sound like little things, but they'll forever be memories with the best classmates," said Megan Schmile.



Above Left: Megan Schmile, Morgan Jamvold, Valerie Mott, Trae Shelton, and Ashley Stock get ready to swim in the ocean. Photo by Abra Rush

Above: Trae Shelton and Ashley Stock act scared in front of the fake white tiger statue in the Downtown Aquarium. Photo by Destiny O'Donnell



Left: The whole class assembles on the fountain that was at the front of the Downtown Aquarium in Houston, Texas. They toured the aquarium Sunday, May 10, where they were able to see fish, sharks, and other various animals. Some students even touched stingrays and watched a diver in a tank full of fish and a shark.

Below: The class enjoys the ocean and the beach during their senior trip. The house they stayed in was only one block from the beach so the seniors were able to be on the beach Friday night, May 8, and Saturday evening, May 9. Behind the class is Pleasure Pier. The seniors decided to go to Kemah Boardwalk instead of Pleasure Pier because the boardwalk was bigger and better. Kemah Boardwalk had big rides, carnival games, small shops, and live music. Photos by Mr. Kevin McNorton



Graduation marks new beginning

Diplomas given to seniors

Graduation was May 17, in the C.W. Oliver Gymnasium. The ceremony began with the processional. The band performed "Pomp and Circumstance" by Edward Elgar, as the seniors entered. Principal Jared Wigger welcomed everyone and the the Troy High School choir, under the direction of Matt Allison, sang "I Hope you Dance" by Lee Ann Womack. Mr. Derek Jasper received the Master Teacher Award and was presented a plaque. He was selected by a committee of faculty, administration, parents, and board members.

Trae Shelton and Jay Whetstine were co-valedictorians. Both of them received medals and presented speeches during the ceremony. Shelton reminisced about the past and shared some of his favorite memories. Whetstine's speech highlighted the accomplishments of the class during their senior year. They both took time to thank the people who helped them to get that point.

After the speeches, the traditional senior video was presented. The video consisted of pictures of each senior, ranging from baby pictures to senior pictures, as well as, group pictures ranging from kindergarten to senior year. The songs played during the video were "You're Going to Miss This" by Trace Adkins, "Whenever you Remember" by Carrie Underwood, "Here's to the Night" by Eve Six, and "Good Riddance" by Green Day.

Following the senior video was the rose ceremony. The graduates were able to give roses to family members and loved ones. The class chose "My Wish" by Rascal Flatts as the song for the rose ceremony. The ceremony ended with each senior receiving their diploma. The class of 2015 had 22 graduates.

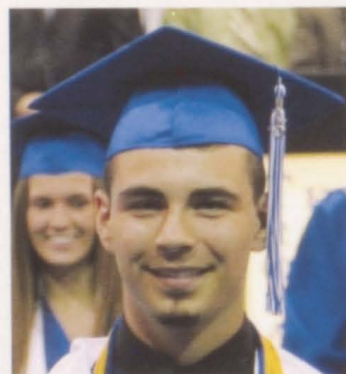
Right: Trae Shelton, Breanna Smith, Tristan Speer, Ashley Stock, Jay Whetstine, and Alex Winder turn their tassels. Moving the tassels from the right side of the cap to the left symbolizes that they graduated.



Down Right: Trae Shelton receives his valedictorian medal before his speech. His speech focused on the past.
Photos by Tracey Klaus



"I thought the graduation ceremony was very emotional and it was hard to believe that that graduation was already upon us," said Morgan Jamvold.



"It was very short, sweet, and to the point. It was nice to see so many people there to support our class and I'm sure they all appreciated the fact that the air was on," said Jake Ross.





Left: Co-Valedictorian Jay Whetstine gives his speech. His speech focused on the graduating class' accomplishments during senior year. He also thanked everyone who had helped get him and his fellow classmates to that point.

Down left: Wesley Clary and Tristan Speer walk out of the graduation ceremony with their diplomas in their hands. After the seniors walked out, they formed a line outside where their family and friends could congratulate them.

Below: Ashley Stock receives her diploma from Warren Grable, president of the Board of Education. Others received their diplomas from vice-president Nikia Weber and Nick Popple.
Photos by Tracey Klaus



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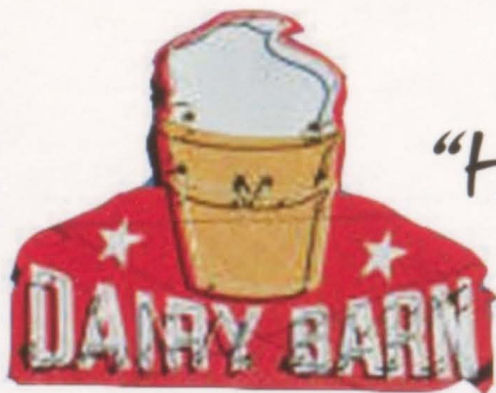
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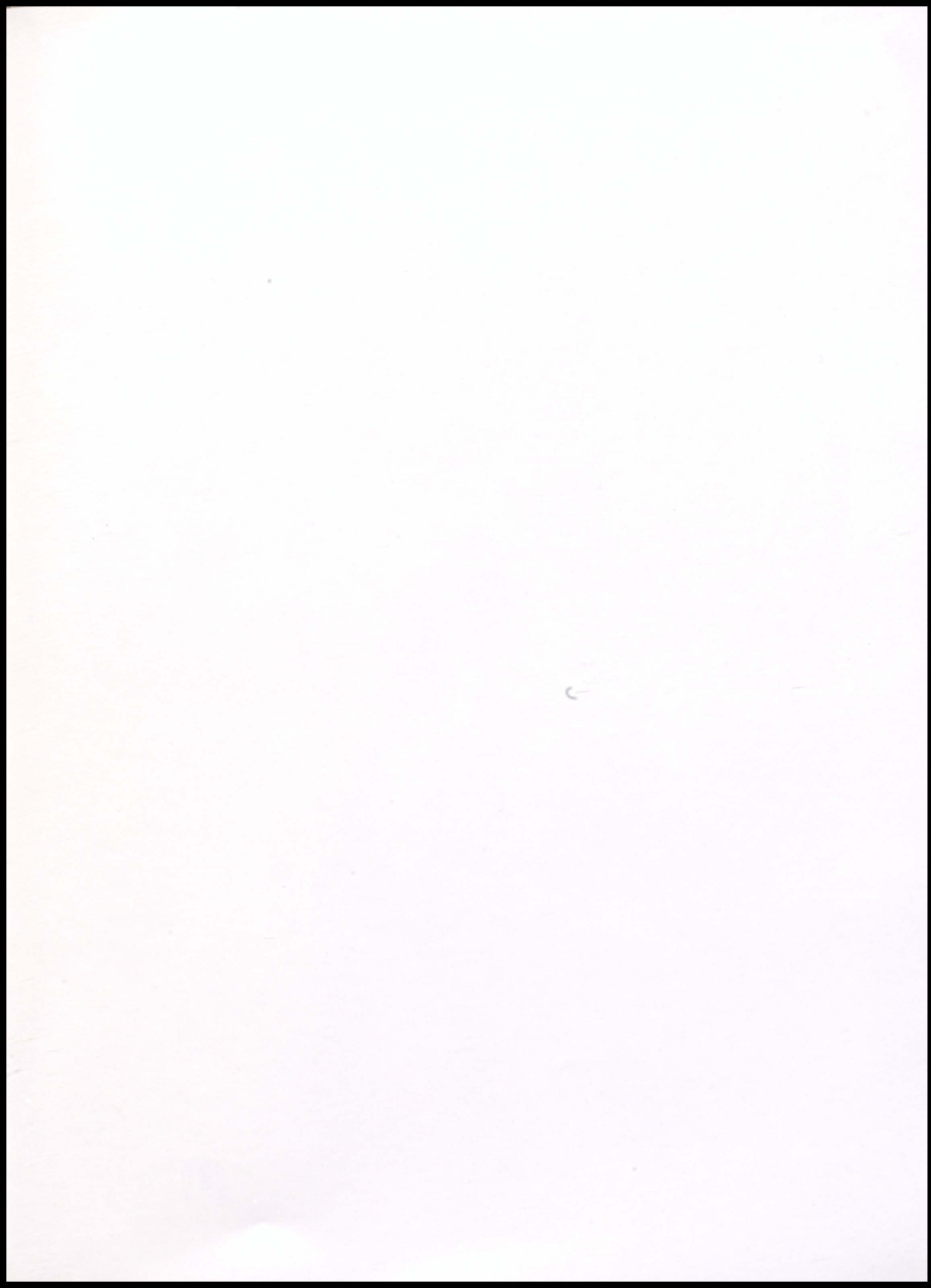
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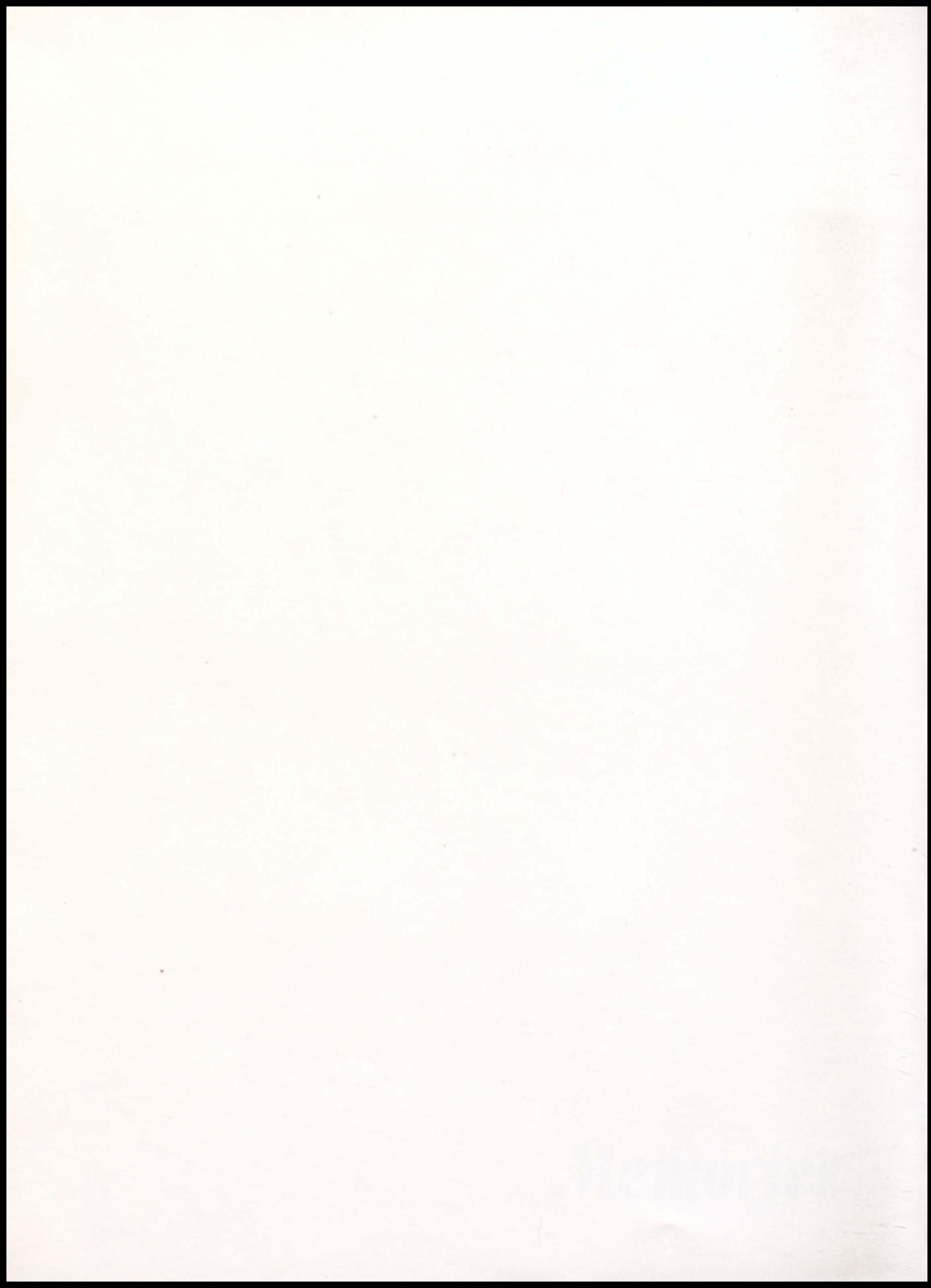
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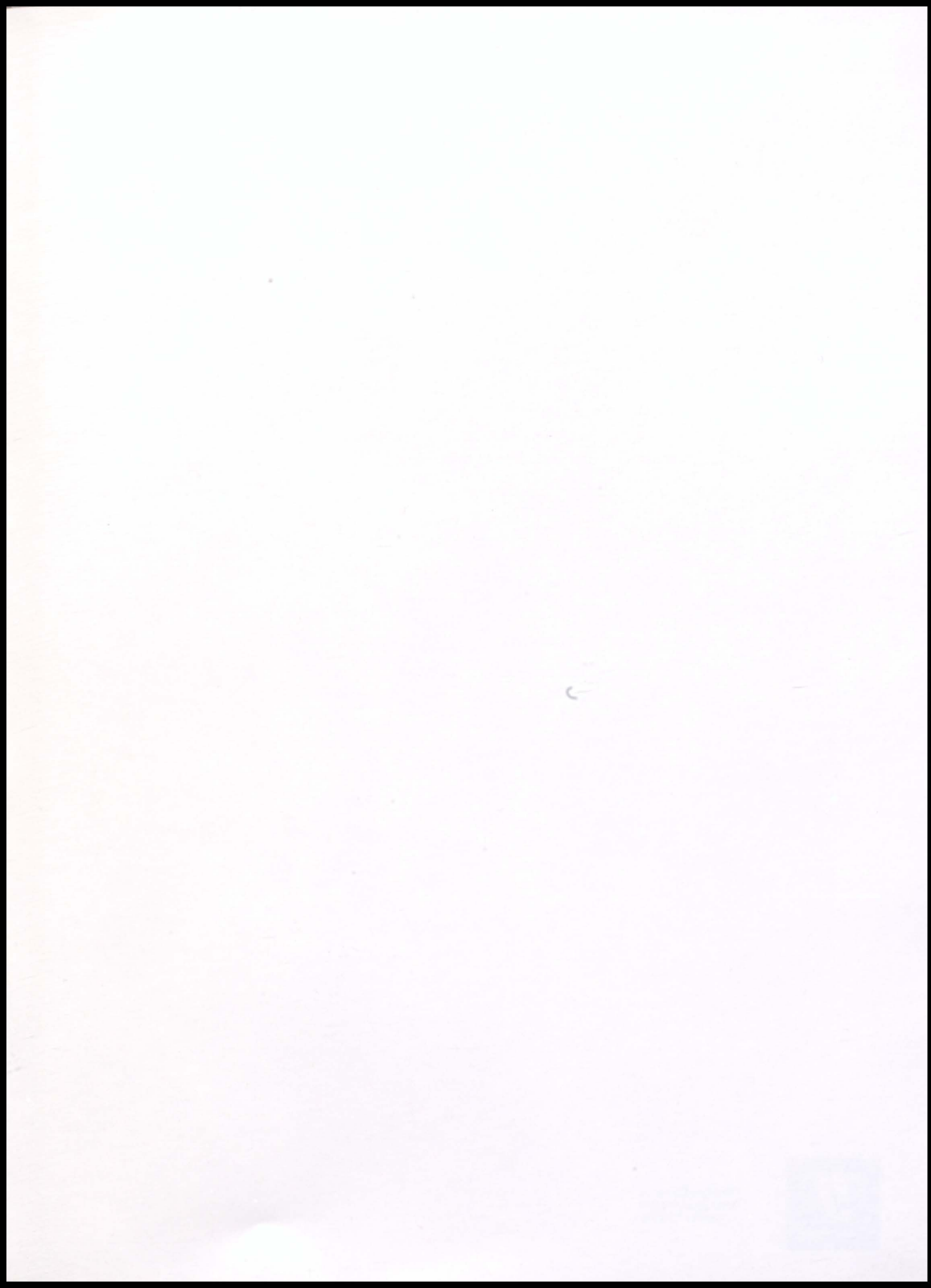
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