Board representative Miles Gibson, Mr. Jim Goss, and Superintendent Doug Huxman celebrate Miss Anna Goss’s retirement after 50 years of teaching at Troy High School. Photo by Julie Perry.

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Corinne Ruhnke, Janna Cash, and Suzie Oyerly sing the national anthem before a volleyball game against the Pleasant Ridge Rams. Throughout the season the anthem was played or sung by players. Photo by Katie Culp.

School principal Martin Stessman serves Johnathan Clack during a rushed second lunch. Mr. Stessman helped serve the town kids when Bea Koehler had to leave for her bus route to take kids home early on one of the snow days. Photo by Katie Culp.
One Last Look
at 1998-1999

During the course of the 1998-1999 school year, many memories were made. In this yearbook you will see forgotten memories, dreams shattered or achieved, and students working as hard as possible to make the best of themselves in the future.

One hundred and thirty-eight students could be found in the classrooms throughout the buildings of Troy High. The students spent fall, winter, and spring within the hallowed halls of Troy High.

At THS one might find a student participating in sports, discussing in groups during class, working on a project for industrial arts, or performing a play or song for an audience.

Two new teachers were added, Sue Ann Wanklyn as the business and computers teacher and Byron Marshall as the math teacher. Kathy Smith became the new janitor and Angela Simpson replaced Janet Winkel as the high school secretary.

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Erin Reynolds, Lynsay Gibson, and Taylor Lister wait for a rebound during a junior varsity game against the Wathena Wildcats. Photo by Katie Culp.

Reaching for the distance in the triple jump at the Delaware Valley League Track Meet is Cole Jarrett. Cole also competed in long jump throughout the season. Photo by Gillian Guier.
For many students at Troy High athletics were an important part of the year. Throughout the year many students became student athletes. They took on opponents and individual goals they set for themselves.

The students were able to participate in seven sports during the year. Cross country, cheerleading, football, and volleyball were the fall sports. Wrestling, boys’ basketball, girls’ basketball, and cheerleading were the winter sports. Track and field was the lone spring activity.

The cross country team had two runners, Megan Boeh and Erin McIntosh, qualify for state. The football team was district champions. The volleyball team had a disappointing record, but the record doesn’t show the determination and honor each member had. The cheerleaders cheered at games and held pep rallies during the fall and winter sports.

In the pre-season Delaware Valley League Spectacular Basketball Tournament the girls placed fourth and the boys, fifth. The boys advanced to the second round of sub-state, but were stopped in their tracks by Jefferson County North. The varsity girls had a roller coaster season and the junior varsity girls went on to a record of 13-2.

In track, the girls’ team placed third in the DVL Track Meet only a few points away from second, while placing first in the Doniphan County Track Meet. Four individuals, Cole Jarrett, Taylor Lister, Megan Boeh, and Andrea Kinsey competed at State, with Taylor and Andrea both receiving medals.

Through the seasons, the competitors worked as hard as possible, because they always wanted to have the “One Last Win.”

Ashley Jensen and Corinne Ruhnke lead the student body in cheering “Go Big Blue” at the pep rally for Queen of Courts. Photo by Katie Culp.

Trying to get as many yards as possible during a run is senior Justin Engemann. Justin rushed for over a thousand yards during the 1998 season. Photo by Katie Culp.

Struggling to wrestle an opponent to the mat is junior Ben Anderson. Photo by Amanda Clary.

Layout by Suzie M. Oyerly and Marrietta R. Wood
One last cheer

Cheerleading is unlike all other sports; it starts with tryouts in April of the previous year and runs all the way through the winter sports season. Because cheerleading practice is held after all other sports practices are finished for the day, a cheerleader’s school day can last up to eleven hours. The cheerleaders were coached by Rita Jensen and Ferryl Cash.

While at a game, the cheerleader’s job is simple. Keep the crowd involved. The cheerleaders cheered at all of the football, volleyball, and basketball games and performed routines at halftime of many of these games.

Cheerleading is not only about cheering. It is also about holding activities to keep the community involved with the high school. One of the activities they held was a kiddy clinic for the grade school girls and boys that want to be cheerleaders and yell leaders in high school. The future cheerleaders/yell leaders performed a routine during halftime of the Oskaloosa football game. The children were taught the routine and a few cheers at a practice the Saturday before.

The cheerleaders also held many pep-rallies before big games. Each pep-rally had various cheers and routines and speeches from the coaches. There was also a special late-night pep-rally during the fall sports season.

Rachel Clary, Janna Cash, Ashley Jensen, Allisha Benitz, and Janna Cash show off their moves while performing a routine at the pep rally before the Queen of Courts game. Photo by Erin Murphy.
The 1998-99 cheerleaders were front row: Ashley Jensen, sophomore; and Allisha Benitz, senior. Row 2: Alicia Jenkins, sophomore; Rachel Clary, sophomore; Janna Cash, freshman; and Corinne Ruhnke, sophomore. They supported the sports teams throughout the year by cheering at all of the games. The also entertained the crowd with routines at halftime of the home games. Photo by Bray.

Left: Megan Johnson shows off the sophomore class "alien" after it had been judged by Corinne Ruhnke and the other cheerleaders. Since the theme for late night was *Men in Black*, each class was asked to make an alien for the class competitions. Photo by Ferry Cash.

Below left: Kari Schultz and Janna Cash perform with the future cheerleaders of Troy High School during halftime of the Oskaloosa football game. This was the final performance of the kiddy clinic. K-3 students performed to "Ghostbusters" and 4-6 students performed to "Monster Mash." Photo by Ferry Cash.

Below: Alicia Jenkins, Rachel Clary, and Kari Schultz perform a routine at the Homecoming pep rally. It included speeches from the coaches, contests between king and queen candidates, and, of course, cheers and routines from the cheerleaders. Every year the cheerleaders have a special pep rally on Main Street for Homecoming. Photo by Erin Murphy.

This year was better than ever! We had a very spirited, dedicated, and agreeable group. I look forward to it next year.

-Rachel Clary

We got along really well and had a lot of fun this year. I loved my first year of cheerleading. If I make it next year, I hope it is just as great and better.

-Janna Cash

Layout by Jesse Cash and Marietta Wood
Erin McIntosh keeps pace with two opponents at the Jackson Heights meet. In her first year, she finished second on the team at most meets just behind Megan Boeh. Photo by Amy King.

Ryan Grable rounds the corner of the ballfield at the Troy meet. Being the only senior boy, Ryan was the strong leader and good motivator he needed to be. Ryan had a disappointing time at the regionals meet. He pulled a muscle and was unable to finish the race. Photo by Katie Culp.

Far right: Megan Boeh gets to the top of one of the many hills on the Troy course. There was an extra meet at Troy giving the home crowd two chances to support the team. The first was September 24. The second was regionals which was October 24. Photo by Katie Culp.

I was really happy with the Cross Country season this year. I think everyone did a great job. We ran hard every meet to be the best that we could. I am really going to miss my teammates next year.

-Megan Boeh

I thought that everyone had fun throughout the season. I won't miss the running, but I will miss the fun times the team had.

-Ryan Grable

I think that the season went exceptionally well, because of the chance to go to state and compete. I hope that next year the whole team will be able to compete at state.

-Erin McIntosh

The Trojan Harriers had strong numbers with eight girls and seven boys. At times it seemed like there were fewer because of the many injuries that the team suffered. Front row: Manager Amy King, junior Brandi Strong, senior Megan Boeh, junior Angie Bramlage, junior Melissa Albers, and Manager Erica Huss. Row 2: Coach Jennifer Plante, junior Jesse Cash, freshman Cassie Robinson, sophomore Megan Johnson, freshman Erin McIntosh, and junior Tad Blanton. Row 3: junior Ross Turpin, freshman Blaine Luedke, senior Ryan Grable, junior Michael Jenkins, and junior Jared Pickerell. Photo by Visual Sports.
Through rain and sleet in the early morning, the cross country runner must push on. Well, to tell the truth, the weather couldn’t have been nicer during the cross country season.

The first meet was September 12 at Wamego. Troy took five boys and seven girls to this meet. The boys, who had just enough for a varsity team, placed 13 out of 14 teams. The girls placed 14 out of the same number of teams.

The first meet where the entire team was present was the county meet at Troy September 24. No one wanted to disappoint the home crowd. The boys placed 2nd with three runners in the top ten. The girls placed 3rd with two runners in the top ten.

The next big meet was DVL at Horton October 14. It was a windy experience. The team had trouble even setting up the tent. The girls didn’t seem too bothered by the wind and placed 4th out of 7th teams with two runners in the top ten. Megan Boeh placed 3rd and Erin McIntosh placed 5th. The boys placed 5th and didn’t have any runners finish in the top ten. The closest runner was Ryan Grable who placed 11th.

Just ten days later the team had to compete at regionals. This meet was also at Troy. It was the first time Troy had the opportunity to host regionals. Neither the boys nor the girls placed high enough to send the whole team to state, but Megan Boeh and Erin McIntosh placed 7th and 8th, respectively to go to state individually.

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Tad Blanton keeps a few steps ahead of a Wathena runner at the Troy meet. At every meet Coach Plante picked out a person from another team who usually finished a few places in front of each Troy runner. The runner’s job was to keep up with their person and use them to keep pace.

Photo by Katie Culp.
For the past three years the coaching staff for the Lady Trojan Volleyball team changed, but the determination to succeed and work hard did not. The season ended with a disappointing record of 1-24.

"I think our season could have gone better, but when it came to teamwork, we all stuck together. I think this was one of our greatest achievements," said senior Betsy Schultz.

The season started with a volleyball summer camp at the school. The players did many exercises including Jazzercise, aerobics, and scrimmaging against future teammates.

The varsity played in the Delaware Valley League Tournament at Highland where they placed last. They also played in the Troy Invitational Tournament. The junior varsity played in the Jackson Heights tournament, and the Troy Invitational Tournament.

The varsity ended their season with a loss versus Wathena in Sub-state.

"I think overall the junior varsity team had a pretty good season, because we worked hard and played as one team," said sophomore Kelli Rodgers.

"This year was really exciting. We [junior varsity and varsity] had a lot of fun; the only thing that could have made it better would have been a winning season," said Kristin Grable, sophomore.

"The freshman team was a lot of fun; we worked hard as a team. We won most of our games at the Wathena quad," said freshman Cassie Robinson.

Opponent	Score
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Nodaway Holt	15-13, 5-15, 3-15
Pleasant Ridge	1-15, 5-15
Valley Falls	15-6, 15-6
McLouth	8-15, 15-11, 7-15
Horton	15-13, 11-15, 9-15
JCN	5-15, 10-15
B and B	7-15, 1-15
Highland	9-15, 2-15
Hiawatha	4-15, 8-15
J. Heights	4-15, 8-15
JCN	8-15, 8-15
Highland	3-15, 1-15
Oskaloosa	7-15, 6-15
Midway	9-15, 17-19
Midway	9-15, 12-15
Wathena	7-15, 5-15
Midway JV	15-6, 15-12
South Holt	15-11, 9-15, 13-15
Wathena	10-15, 5-15
Mound City	9-15, 7-15
Highland	0-15, 13-15
Wathena	5-15, 1-15
Valley Falls	15-8, 3-15, 7-15
McLouth	4-15, 13-15
Wathena	1-15, 1-15
At the junior varsity tournament at Jackson Heights, Kristin Grable, Corinne Ruhnke, Kelli Rodgers and Lynsay Gibson prepare for a spike against Wathena’s number 20. The JV is winning 5-0. Photo by Miles Gibson.


Leading by three points at the Jackson Heights tournament, Robin Rodgers will be serving. The tournament attracts spectators, mainly consisting of family. Photo by Miles Gibson.

"Centralia was the most exciting moment of the season. We had fun on the bus rides, being loud. The girls that played this season were a blast to be with!" Erin Murphy, junior.

"I thought this volleyball season was a lot of fun and exciting. I learned different and important skills." Kari Schultz, sophomore.

"I thought this season was a lot more fun than last year, even though we lost almost every game." Corinne Ruhnke, sophomore.
The Trojan football players had a tough year. They had good numbers but their lack of experience and size left them with a 3-6 season. This was just shy of the four-win season they were expected to have.

The season started off with a tough overtime loss to Jackson Heights. Don Allen Clary blocked a field goal in the closing seconds of the fourth quarter to send them into overtime. In overtime the Cobras outscored the Trojans to take the win and send the Trojans to 0-1.

The season didn’t look up much from there. The Trojans lost their next two games to Pleasant Ridge and the top-seeded JCN Chargers before earning their first win against Horton.

The Trojans lost their next two games to the McLouth Bulldogs and the Oskaloosa Bears, 0-30 and 8-16 respectively. Although the Trojans were able to handle the Bulldogs’ ground game, the McLouth air attack tore through the inexperienced secondary with over 150 yards on only four catches. Highland was the first game of district play. The Trojans defeated the Bluestreaks 30-7 to put themselves at 2-5.

The last game of district play was against the Wathena Wildcats. This game was especially important because of the rivalry between the two teams. With the 33-0 victory the Trojan seniors finished their high school careers without a loss to the Wildcats. It also sent them to the playoffs where they were defeated by JCN.

Opponent | Score
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Jackson Heights | 28-36
Pleasant Ridge | 20-36
JCN | 8-26
Horton | 46-8
McLouth | 0-30
Oskaloosa | 8-16
District |
Highland | 30-7
Wathena | 33-0
Bi-District |
JCN | 0-48

Senior running back Justin Engemann carries the ball versus Pleasant Ridge. Justin led the team in rushing with 1,045 yards. Breaking the 1,000 yard mark was a great accomplishment, but he didn’t do it all by himself. One of the most important and least recognized parts of the team was the offensive line. Another very necessary blocker is the receiver. In this picture Ryan Grable makes a pancake out of a possible tackler. Many people think the receiver just has to catch the ball, but any receiver who can’t make a down field block probably will not get much playing time.

Photo by Katie Culp
Beau Barnthouse waits to take in the play from Coach Cash. Cash was assisted by Derek Jasper, Bruce Reynolds, and Benny Rice. Each assistant coach was in charge of a different group. Jasper worked with the backfield and linebackers, Reynolds worked with the linemen, and Rice worked with the receivers, cornerbacks, and safeties.

Photo by Katie Culp

Far left: Head coach Don Cash talks with junior quarterback Jared Shelton. Throughout the season Cole Jarrett and Shelton, both first-year varsity quarterbacks, worked hard to earn the starting job. Photo by Katie Culp

Even in a losing season there is time to celebrate. After the 33-7 victory against Highland Troy had a 1-0 district record and the Trojans celebrated the traditional way. They made a pile. Photo by Katie Culp

It was a tough season; we lost some games we shouldn’t have. But we never gave up. I’m looking forward to next year.

-Aaron Franken, junior

I think we had a rough season. We played some very talented teams. Hopefully next season we have a different outcome.

-Dustin Ferris, junior

"...we never gave up when we knew we couldn’t win. Knowing that eases the pain that a losing season brings."

-Nathan Reynolds, senior

Boeh, Engemann crowned

The week was full of excitement as the activities of Spirit Week led to the finale of Homecoming 1998. The Homecoming Queen was Megan Boeh. Justin Engemann had the honor of being Head Escort.

"Homecoming was really nice. It was great to have. They [Justin and Megan] are both very athletic and show a lot of school spirit," said Amber Clary, junior.

The Homecoming festivities started with Spirit Week, which consisted of four days: Tuesday, "Backwards Day"; Wednesday, "Opposite Sex Day"; Thursday, "Movie Day"; and Friday, "Blue, Gray, and White Day."

The parade was a contest between the classes. Each class made a float with a movie theme, and the winning class, the sophomores, with the theme of *Tombstone*, was deemed the most spirited. The juniors received second place with *Animal House*. The freshmen's *Jerry McGuire* theme got third, and the seniors' *Grease* took fourth place. The cheerleaders did a routine to get the school spirit going. The Homecoming candidates also competed in a relay race.

The Mr. Legs contest, a contest between the senior football players to see who has the best legs, also took place during Spirit Week. At the beginning of the week, pictures of the candidates were taken and placed on jars. The students voted by putting money in the jars. Pennies gave one vote, and quarters, dimes, and nickels took away votes equal to their value. The winner was Justin Engemann. The other candidates were Brett Speaks, Ryan Grable, Clint Peden, Nathan Reynolds, Nathan Geiger, and Kyle McConnaughey.

The Trojans lost to Pleasant Ridge 20 to 36. Despite a loss there were many people celebrating later that night.

Night Magic were the DJs of the homecoming dance.

"I was very honored to be chosen queen. Being elected was the perfect ending to a really great week."

Megan Boeh, Homecoming Queen

The 1998 Homecoming Queen and King candidates are Allisha Benitz, Shane Akers, Stephanie Cook, Nathan Geiger, Katie Culp, Ryan Grable, Megan Boeh, Justin Engemann, Kristin Kinsey, Kyle McConnaughey, Betsy Schultz, and Nathan Reynolds. The flower girls and crown bearers are Whitlea Klaus, Mackenzie Clary, Levi Dunn, and Tyler Diveley. Photo by Erin Murphy

The Queen and King for 1998 are Megan Boeh and Justin Engemann. When asked about his favorite toy as a small child, Justin replied that it was a ball that he made out of a sock wrapped in tape which he used to play football in the house with his little brother. Photo by Bray
Sophomores Corinne Ruhnke, Kelli Rodgers, Kristin Grable, and Bryson Wiedmer ride in front of their winning float. *Tombstone.* Photo by Erin Murphy

Freshmen Blaine Luedke and Andrea Kinsey work on their class’s Homecoming float. It featured a football field and a goal post. Volunteers came to Andrea’s shed to make the decorations. Photo by Jennifer Plante

“The [Homecoming] parade could have been better, and the dance was okay.”
Melissa McNeely, junior

“I thought it [Homecoming] was okay. It got boring sometimes but most of the time it was okay.”
Brian Gaul, sophomore

“I thought the dance was fun, and having the candidates answer questions that had to do with their personality was a nice change.”
Janna Cash, freshman

Layout by Janessa Stamper
Far Right: Jesse Cash attempts to pin his Hiawatha opponent with a headlock. Although this move didn’t work, Jesse was able to win the match 11-9. Photo by Erin Murphy.

Although eleven wrestlers started, only seven were able to put up with the pain for the whole season. Front Row: Jesse Cash, junior; Casey Rush, senior; Tad Blanton, junior; and Brandon Taylor, junior. Row 2: Abra Eylar, manager; Amanda Clary, manager; Nathan Reynolds, senior; Tyler Thomas, junior; Ben Anderson, junior; and Coach Don Cash. Not Pictured, Manager Erica Huss. Photo by Katie Culp.

We had a good year and a lot of fun. I’m going to miss not wrestling next year and I wish you all good luck on down the road.

- Casey Rush, senior

I felt this season went fairly well. We sent NR to state and had several others that were only one match away.

- Tyler Thomas, junior

Most repeat wrestlers posted better records than they had done previous years and we had a state qualifier.

- Brandon Taylor, junior

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Brandon Taylor looks for an opportunity to shoot on his rival Rocky Baptisto. The two wrestled each other many times in the last two years including four matches this year which they split 2-2. One of those losses was at the regional tournament. The loss put Brandon in the loser’s bracket and may have kept him from going to state. Photo by Abra Eylar.
For the fourth season in a row, a group of Trojan athletes and Coach Don Cash left their home town and traveled to Wathena every day after school to be a part of the wrestling program. After four years of work, senior Nathan Reynolds made it to the state tournament.

The season started out with a bang. The first meet was December 1 versus Horton and Maur Hill. First were the matches between Troy and Horton. Troy won only four of the seven matches, but four opens made for a score of 45-15. Later that night Troy wrestled Maur Hill. Troy won only one of the three matches, but once again their numbers made for an unfair fight and they won 46-9.

One of the toughest tournaments of the year was also one of the most successful. Five wrestlers attended the Immaculata tournament February 6.

"While we improved, we didn’t reach all our goals. With five juniors returning, we are looking forward to next year.” - Coach Don Cash

and four of them brought home medals including one first-place.

The DVL tournament was at Pleasant Ridge February 13. At DVL, Regionals, and State, Troy and Wathena split into two teams. All seven Troy wrestlers earned a medal at this meet.

February 19 and 20 was the 1A-2A-3A regional tournament. Only Nathan Reynolds was able to earn a medal and the right to wrestle at the state tournament, where he was unable to earn a victory.

“Fortunately the injury I sustained did not hinder my wrestling enough to keep me from the state tournament,” said Reynolds about Regionals.

Ben Anderson stays in control of his opponent at the Horton-Maur Hill double dual. Ben was forced to wrestle people who out-weighed him by as much as 70 pounds because although he only weighed 205, the only open weight class was 275. Ben fought through the weight problems and won almost half of his matches. Photo by Abra Eylar.
The Trojan boys’ basketball team didn’t have a very good start to the season, but toward the end, they showed good strength. Although they didn’t have a winning record with 8-13, the team held their own through every game. They had five returning seniors, four juniors, three sophomores, and one freshman to make up the varsity team.

The boys had three different coaches, which was quite a change. The coaches were John - Mike Marriott, Byron Marshall, and Michael Schoney.

The team started playing Wathena; it was a battle to the end, but Wathena came out on top 70-66.

Troy then played in the DVL tournament at Benedictine College in Atchison. The Trojans ended up placing 7th. The Trojans and the McLouth Bulldogs then came face to face. Troy beat them 67-65.

At the end of the season, the boys played the first game of Sub-State at Troy. They faced Wathena for the third time. The score was Troy, 82, and Wathena, 62. The boys lost the second round to JCN, 58-75.

At the end of the season, Justin Engemann was named unanimously All-League and All-County. He also had the most points with 302. Some other honors were Nathan Geiger having the most rebounds, 129, and Ryan Grable, the most assists, 59. The varsity team as a whole had a total of 1220 points at the end of the season.

Justin Engemann was really impressed by how hard they worked. I was pleased with the overall record...”

-Coach John-Mike Marriott

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"It was a disappoinding season by Trojan standards, but with Coach Marriott, we still had fun."
- Brett Speaks

"It was a fun year overall. We didn't win as many games as in '98, but I think next year we'll have a good team."
- B. J. Christenson

“We had a rough season, but I think we learned a lot and we'll improve next year."
- Aaron Dunn


Cole Jarrett and Derek Luedke run back down the Trojan court to play defense against the Horton Chargers. The Troy Trojans defeated the Chargers at home. This was the second time the Trojans and the Chargers met. Horton won 76-72. Photo by Katie Culp.

The varsity team huddles up during a time out. Head coach John-Mike gave many pep talks to the team during their brief time outs every game. Photo by Katie Culp.

Justin Engemann jumps high above a defender to shoot a three pointer while playing the Wathena Wildcats. The Trojans defeated the Wildcats 66-54. Photo by Katie Culp.
With high hopes and determination, the Lady Trojans started out their season in December with a game against rival team Wathena. The team’s season started and ended with losses to them.

The Lady Trojans started the season with a basketball camp in the summer and then in late fall basketball practice began. They had many goals and in the end, they accomplished some of them.

The freshman team ended their season with an undefeated record of 5-0.

"I think both the junior varsity and freshman teams did exceptionally well. The freshman girls played in the Elwood tournament and won first place. The most memorable moment of that trip was sharing the locker room with the guys. "Junior varsity’s last game we won by like 10 to 15 points and we doused Mrs. Gatz with water," said freshman Erin Reynolds.

The junior varsity ended with a winning season of 13 wins and two losses. They played in the Atchison County Community High School tournament where they placed second. The first loss of the season was at the tournament to B and B by only five points.

The varsity participated in the Delaware Valley League basketball tournament where they got fourth. They placed fourth in the Hiawatha tournament which helped them end with a record of 8-12.

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Megan Boeh drives the ball down court looking for a pass. Megan earned DVL All-League Honorable Mention. Photo by Erin Murphy.

Kelli Rodgers fights through two Horton defenders to take a shot. Kelli was able to get playing time on varsity even though she was a sophomore. Photo by Erin Murphy.
Ginger Winder takes a shot over a Horton opponent and under another. Ginger led the team in scoring. Photo by Erin Murphy.

I think we started out very well by defeating Wathena our first game of the season but we started going downhill after that.
-Laura Ford

I enjoyed playing with the members of the Lady Trojan basketball team. They all played together well as a team and came through for each other.
-Crystal Trant

The JV had an excellent season. We only had two losses all year and they were to very good teams. We really improved as a team.
-Ashley Jensen


Laura Ford and Ginger Winder prepare to block out Horton opponents and fight for the rebound. Megan Boeh is waiting to receive a pass from the rebounders so she can start the fast-break offense. Photo by Erin Murphy.
Queeen of Courts

Kinsey McConnaughey crowned

Excitement was building as activities began to celebrate Spirit Week and Queen of Courts, in which Kristin Kinsey and Kyle McConnaughey were crowned. Among the activities were dress-up days, a pep rally, and a dance.

The dress-up days included Monday, "Opposite Sex Day"; Tuesday, "Blue/White/Face Paint Day"; Wednesday, "Hat Day"; Thursday, "Cowboys and Indians Day"; and Friday, "Dress Nicely Day."

The pep rally was full of energy as the cheerleaders performed cheers and a routine, the pep band played, the coaches gave speeches, and the candidates competed in a relay race.

"I thought it was okay. The game was the best part. But I think it would have been better if the students would have cheered with the cheerleaders," said Ashley Jensen, sophomore.

Playing four games against the Horton Chargers, Troy came out with only one win. The JV girls won 37-17. JV boys lost 40-48, varsity girls lost 49-61, and varsity boys lost 72-76.

At the dance, many people let loose and had a good time, dancing to the sounds that DJ service Night Magic provided. Serving submarine sandwiches was a new idea and proved to be popular. "I thought it was one of the best I’ve seen. The sandwiches brought in a lot more people than normal," said junior Abra Eylar.

Many people were able to overcome the three losses and still enjoy themselves.

Amy King, Erin Murphy, Allisha Benitz, Jamie Stewart, Abra Eylar, Danae Rush, Corinne Ruhnke, Rachel Clary, and Robin Rodgers display their wacky hats on "Hat Day." This was just one of the many activities designed to boost spirit throughout the school.

Kristin Kinsey was crowned Queen of Courts. Head Escort was Kyle McConnaughey. Each candidate was asked about whom he or she most admires, and their replies were read during the ceremony. Kyle said, "My grandpa, because he has had to work for everything he has ever had, and he has had a good life. Unlike him, I would not work past the age of 70."
Kristin Kinsey, Laura Ford, and Betsy Schultz adorn the gym wall for the crowning ceremony. Some students used time in art class to make and hang the decorations.

Candidate Laura Ford, Angel Martinez, Betsy Schultz, Brett Speaks, Ryan Grable, and Katie Culp frantically eat Jell-O squares without using their hands during the relay race while cheerleaders Janna Cash and Ashley Jensen look on. Angel was taking the place of an absent candidate.

Cheerleaders Rachel Clary, Janna Cash, Ashley Jensen, Allisha Benitz, and Corinne Ruhnke perform a dance routine.

The candidates were Shane Akers, Allisha Benitz, Ryan Grable, Katie Culp, Kristin Kinsey, Kyle McConnaughey, Derek Luedke, Laura Ford, Brett Speaks, and Betsy Schultz. Kindergarten escorts were Samantha Stanton, Brant Loroff, Steven Clary, and Jennifer Losson.

"I thought the Queen of Courts ceremony at halftime was neat. I wished the boys and girls could have won though."
Jared Jeschke, freshman

"I like how Queen of Courts is not just limited to sports people. But the dance, on the other hand—take it easy on the flashing lights."
Corinne Ruhnke, sophomore

"It was fun."
Shelby Scholz, junior
Dustin Ferris, junior, finishes throwing the shot put at the Doniphan County meet at Midway. Dustin finished with a 2nd-place medal. He enjoyed participating in this event, which he did throughout the entire season. He also participated in the 4 X 100m relay. He went to regionals to compete in both of these events. Photo by Gillian Guier.

Far Right: Spectators look on as Andrea Kinsey, freshman, launches the shot put at the DVL meet at McLouth. She took home a 2nd-place medal. Andrea also participated in discus and javelin. She went to State at Wichita in shot put and placed fourth. Photo by Gillian Guier.

"Track was okay this year although I didn’t accomplish my own goals. Others on the team did pretty good and went far.”

-Dustin Ferris

"I was thrilled when I found out I had qualified [for State]. I was excited about going and I think that it was a fun experience. I was very nervous, because State level is so competitive.”

-Taylor Lister

"My first year of high school track was a lot of fun. At first I thought it would be tough, but after the first week of practice, it got pretty easy. I also liked the meets to see all the different competitors.”

-Casey Jarrett

Crystal Peden takes a hand-off from Lindsay Lister while running the 4 X 100m relay. This was their first year participating in high school track. Photo by Gillian Guier.

One Last Mile

The Trojan track team had a pretty good year with four people going to State in five events.

The State competitors were Megan Boeh, 3200m run; Cole Jarrett, triple jump; Taylor Lister, triple jump and long jump; and Andrea Kinsey, shot put. Megan ended in 7th place, Cole placed 13th, Taylor placed 4th in triple jump and 8th in long jump, and Andrea placed 6th.

The track team had a good amount of people out with most of them being underclassmen. There were five seniors, twelve juniors, five sophomores, and ten freshmen. The managers were Betsy Schultz and Gillian Guier.

The season started off with one of the biggest meets the Trojans would face, the Panther Relays at Wathena, with 15 teams coming from Kansas and Missouri. The girls took fourth overall and the boys, seventh. Some of the people who took first place were Kelli Rodgers, javelin; Dustin Ferris, shot put; Andrea Kinsey, shot put; Tad Blanton, pole vault; and Taylor Lister, triple jump.

The girls' team had more successes as the season went along. They took first in the Doniphan County meet and second in the Jackson Heights quad. The boys took second in both the Doniphan and Jackson Heights meets.

"...With the girls' victory at the county meet, we are building toward a DVL championship."

-Mr. Don Cash, coach.

Megan Johnson clears the girls' opening height, which is five foot, at the Jackson Heights meet. This was the third year that the girls had pole vault. Photo by Gillian Guier.

"I felt that overall the girls had a successful season. Personally it was very disappointing, but I still had fun," said Suzie Oyerly.
Since the alumni tournament was T-Club's only fundraiser, it was necessary for the members to contribute to make it run smoothly. The members were expected to run the score table, keep statistics, take money at the front door, run the concession stand, and clean up after the event ended.

“We didn’t make as much as last year and as much as we expected,” said T-Club President Crystal Trant. She was joined by fellow officers B.J. Christenson, vice-president; Brandt Strong, secretary; and Angie Bramlage, treasurer.

The tournament was organized by John Michael Marriott, head boys' basketball coach. The T-Club supplied the workers.

Another event that took place was the athletic awards reception. Mr. Nick Dannevik, athletic director, welcomed everyone and introduced the coaches.

The Tom Keller award was presented to Aaron Franken for the most tackles. He also had the highest free throw percentage in basketball. Justin Engemann won a basketball award for scoring 315 points throughout the year. Ryan Grable and Nathan Geiger won awards for most assists and most rebounds, respectively. Alicia Jenkins and Marci Sharp were given awards for the most improved volleyball players.

“I thought the awards reception was well done and completed in a timely manner,” said Mr. Cash.

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B.J. Christenson, vice-president; Crystal Trant, president; and Angie Bramlage, treasurer, were the T-Club officers. They were joined by secretary Brandi Strong (not pictured). The officers helped with the alumni tournament and ordered plaques and pins for the club’s members. Photo by Bray
Freshman Katie Turpin receives a volleyball award from coach Sue Ann Wanklyn. Looking on are volleyball players Betsy Schultz, senior; Taylor Lister, sophomore; Suzie Oyerly, senior; Andrea Gingery, freshman; Katie Culp, senior; and Megan Boch, senior. Photo by Katie Culp

Nathan Reynolds receives a wrestling award from coach Don Cash. He placed at several of the tournaments throughout the season and was the only member of the wrestling team to make it to state level. Photo by Katie Culp

"Everything seemed to run really well. I watched the championship game which was fun because I got to see my cousin Brad play basketball."
Megan Johnson, sophomore

"I think that it ran really smoothly. I hope next year's goes that well."
B.J. Christenson, junior

"I think it went really well. I enjoyed helping out as a member of the T-Club."
Laura Ford, senior

Football coach Don Cash presents the Tom Keller award to junior Aaron Franken. The award has been given out for the most football tackles for many years. Photo by Katie Culp

Layout by Angie Bramlage
Andrea Kinsey, Andrea Gingery, Amber Clary, Lynsay Lister, and Crystal Peden take a break from the activities at the Renaissance Festival. They were there with other Drama Club members. Photo by Katie Culp.

Rachel Clary, Amanda Clary, Megan Johnson, Laura Ford, Katie Culp, Suzie Oyerly, B.J. Christenson, and Elizabeth Winder show their drugfree school pride at the Red Ribbon Rally October 23. Diane Walters coordinated the activities that included a parade with the schools of Doniphan County and a rally on the Courthouse lawn. Photo by Mrs. Sue Ann Wanklyn.
This was the last time that these students of Troy High School will be together and experiencing things together. They each have their own special memories of being together this one last time, from participating in sports together to just hanging out with their friends.

“My most memorable moment of my senior year would have to be the Homecoming pep rally, when the candidates did their relay,” said Stephanie Cook, senior.

“One of my most memorable moments happened during freshman initiation this year at Late Night. We were supposed to have relay races in decorated boxes on scooters. I had never ridden on one of those before, so I had a hard time. Most of the freshmen lapped me and by the time I got back, my box was totaled! I had too much fun and it was definitely a way to get noticed at a new school,” said Erin Reynolds, freshman.

“My most memorable moment was when I got a flat tire in P.J. Smith, Ryan Grable, and Megan Boeh watch while Nathan Geiger talks to a stuffed monkey. This was part of an activity in Mr. Bruce Reynolds’ government class. Photo by Clint Peden.

St. Joseph. Larissa and Kelley were with me and we were on our way to Apple Bee’s. We were stranded at McDonald’s with nobody there to help us and we had to call somebody to come change it for us,” said Amy King, senior.

“The most memorable moment was in football when Ryan Grable got one of the biggest hits all year, and Justin Engemann scoring six touchdowns against Horton,” said Beau Barnthouse, junior.

“One of my most memorable moments was during the fall play. The merry maids were sword fighting on the gym floor. I was fighting Tiffany Juhl and I swung my sword hard and it hit the chair rack. I broke my sword and left a big dent in the chair rack,” said Kristin Grable, sophomore.

Whatever their grade in high school, it is definite that the students of Troy High School will always remember this one last look at life together and the experiences that they had with the other students of Troy High.

Tyler Thomas and Nathan Geiger buy food from the concession stand, while Dustin Ferris and Angie Bramlage serve them. Photo by Katie Culp.
There were a few new faces added to the faculty and administration at the beginning of the year.

Byron Marshall taught Algebra II, applied math, and Calculus II classes. He also was an assistant basketball coach for the boys.

Sue Ann Wanklyn taught all business and computer-related courses. Mrs. Wanklyn also served as the head coach for the volleyball team. "Since this was my first year at Troy, everything was new. The faculty and staff were very helpful informing me of procedures and where everything was located. Also, the majority of the students at Troy want to get an education, which makes teaching more fun. I also like the small town atmosphere," said Mrs. Wanklyn.

"I enjoy my long-term relationships with students and faculty. Having taught most of the students since first grade, I know them pretty well, as they know me and each other well. This atmosphere is a lot like 'family.' When the 'going gets rough,' sometimes I need to correct a student or remind him or her that he or she is capable of better work. At those times I think (and hope) that students know these words come from someone who is really interested in what's best for them. We enjoy each other's successes, day-to-day adventures, and a good laugh every now and then. I can't think of a better situation for students to learn in," said Nancy Clisbee, art instructor.

Two others new to the staff were the secretaries. Mary Simpson did all of the work scanning tickets and taking lunch money in the lunch room. Angie Simpson did the work in the high school office, replacing Janet Winkel early in the year.

Linda Schultz, Jodi Cook, Rosalee Adkins, Beal Koehler, and Chloe Winder prepared lunch and breakfast and helped do the dinner for the spring dinner theatre. They prepared lunches at the high school to take to the grade school. Photo by Beau Barthson

Top: School Board members are Front Row: Gary Davies, Hugh Kinsey, and Arlen Ruhne, Row 2: Carl Tharman, Miles Gibson, Warren Grable, Jr., and Mark Fenley. Photo by Katie Culp.

Byron Marshall taught his classes using many different techniques. He used visuals and his dry erase board. He also used different stories and jokes to bring knowledge to his students. Photo by Katie Culp.
Seniors work hard

Sponsored by Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, the senior class of '99 had certain responsibilities besides grades to uphold during the school year. They sponsored a roast beef dinner, took CPR classes, and sold magazines as a fundraiser.

The seniors sold magazines to earn money for their senior trip. Their customers had a large variety of magazines to choose from. The catalogs also contained items such as books and compact discs. The seniors sold a total of 356 subscriptions and earned an approximate total of $2500. Also, if students sold over ten subscriptions, they got to choose a cassette of their choice for free. Top magazine seller for the class was Suzie Oyerly, selling $420.

Another fundraiser was the annual senior roast beef dinner, November 13, to kick-off American Education Week. They earned an approximate total of $500 and they used the money for their colored pictures in the yearbook and senior trip.

At the last basketball game of the season, the seniors raffled a quilt that senior Derek Luedke's grandmother, Mildred Huss, made.

Seniors Nathan Geiger and Shane Akers take a break from serving the public at their senior roast beef supper held to earn money for senior trip. Shane said, "We pulled the supper off pretty well. Everyone did their part and it was fun being with my class." Photo by Katie Culp.

April 7, the seniors learned Cardiopulmonary resuscitation CPR, taught by Mrs. Diane Walter.

Senior Betsy Schultz said, "I think the CPR training will be very useful in the future. We all had a few good laughs especially when we had to do CPR to Annie, the dummy."

The class lasted for about three hours and the senior learned how to perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, the Heimlich maneuver, and CPR on Annie, the doll, which was used by the American Red Cross.

Sponsor Elizabeth Smith said about the group: "The class of 1999 was a great class to sponsor. They worked hard at all of their fundraisers which included serving a Sunday dinner, selling magazines and raffle chances for a quilt, and serving a barbeque beef supper. Their senior trip was a huge success, because they had fun no matter what they did. I will remember this class for their cooperation and spirit. Good Luck to all of you!"

Senior Pearl Stewart practices her CPR technique on a dummy during the seniors' CPR training. At the end of the class, the seniors had to take a written exam to see if they would become certified. All of the seniors passed the test and they were all given certificates. Photo by Katie Culp.
The senior class members are, Front Row: Pearl Stewart, Kyle McConnaughey, Linda Feek, and Corey Smith; Row 2: Brett Speaks, Clint Peden, Stephanie Cook, Amy King, and Larissa Handley; Row 3: Justin Engemann, Allisha Benitz, Suzie Oylerly, Katie Culp, Kristin Kinsey, Shane Akers, and Megan Boeh; Row 4: Ryan Grable, Cory Ruhnke, Laura Ford, Christy Stewart, Marietta Wood, and Nathan Reynolds; Row 5: Betsy Schultz, Nathan Geiger, Derek Luedke, P.J. Smith, Casey Rush, and Matt McKittrick. Photo by Bray.
Cherish your memories but reach outward.

Class of 1999

Remember your friendships but move onward.
Keep your knowledge and strive upward.
Class colors: Purple, Silver, & Teal
Class Flower: Rose
Left to Right: Candidates Laura Ford, Angel Martinez (substituting for Derek Luedke), Betsy Schultz, Brett Speaks, Katie Culp, Ryan Grable, Allisha Benitz, Shane Akers, Kristin Kinsey, and Kyle McConnaughey race each other to the other side of the gym, during the Queen of Courts pep rally. Once at the other end, the students raced each other, seeing who could eat all of the jello cubes off their plates first. The winners were Katie Culp and Ryan Grable. Photo by Erin Murphy.

Seniors Stephanie Cook and Larissa Handley listen to the guest speaker from Topeka Technical School. The speaker talked about senioritis and asked the senior class to write down important people in their lives. She also had the class pass around a stuffed monkey, to which they were to tell their future plans. Several of the class members found this really humorous! Photo by Katie Culp.

Senior Clint Peden cuts one of the pies the senior class used for the roast beef dinner. The seniors were to bring either two pies or a pie and a cake. Clint said, “I thought we did a good job of earning money for our senior class trip to Minnesota.” Photo by Katie Culp.

Shane Akers, Linda Feek, Cory Ruhnke, Nathan Reynolds, Marietta Wood, Amy King, Larissa Handley, Brett Speaks, Nathan Geiger, P.J. Smith, and Ryan Grable watch as the Minnesota Twins play the Oakland A’s. Photo by Suzie Oyerly.

Ryan Grable, Megan Boeh, and Betsy Schultz pass some time goofing off and entertaining their classmates while they attend the Twins game, May 22. The visiting team, the Oakland A’s, lost to the Twins. Photo by Katie Culp.
The seniors’ journey to Bloomington, Minnesota, began midnight, May 22. They loaded a bus in the south parking lot of the school for the six-hour drive for three days of fun. They arrived around 8 a.m. and ate breakfast at Perkins, and waited for their 10 a.m. check in time. Over the three days in Minnesota, the seniors shopped at the Mall of America, went to an amusement park, and took in a baseball game.

Once checked in on Saturday, the seniors cleaned up and spent the day at the Valleyfair Amusement Park. Several of the seniors rode the Rip Cord while at the park. Later that night they went to the Metrodome to watch a Twins baseball game.

The next day the seniors shopped the day away at the Mall of America. They also spent some time relaxing at their hotel, Park Inn Suites, and taking in a movie at the mall. Several of the seniors went to see Star Wars Episode I: Phantom Menace movie. Those who didn’t attend this movie selected other choices.

On the last day, the seniors ate breakfast at the hotel and spent the day at the mall awaiting their departure back home. They left Minnesota at 2 p.m. and arrived home around 9:30 p.m.

Some seniors also enjoyed eating at Hooters and Planet Hollywood, and spending some time in the hotel’s hot tub and pool. The Park Inn Suites provided their guests with a continental breakfast to start the day.

“I had lots of fun on the senior trip. I just wish that I hadn’t gotten soaked on a water ride at the amusement park,” said Marietta Wood.
As "Pomp and Circumstance" began, the graduates started down the aisles, knowing it would be the last time they would walk together as a class.

There were three valedictorians at this graduation, something that doesn't happen often. They were Ryan Grable, Brett Speaks, and Marietta Wood. Each valedictorian delivered a short speech addressed to their classmates and families. Since there were so many valedictorians, no salutatorians were chosen.

The ushers were Ben Anderson, Angie Bramlage, Dallas Walter, Christine Whetstine, and Ginger Winder.

Several scholarships were given. Katie Culp was awarded the Troy State Bank Scholarship of $500. Ryan Grable and Megan Boeh each received a $250 Janice Kinsey Memorial Scholarship. Joi Davies presented Megan Boeh and Justin Engemann with Booster Club Honorariums of $250. The SLK Scholarship of $500 went to Marietta Wood. Allisha Benitz and Megan Boeh received Logan and Vera Dean Scholarships of $500 each to be used during their junior years at college.

The American Legion Awards were presented by Paul Keller. They went to Megan Boeh and Ryan Grable. Honorable mentions went to Kristin Kinsey and Kyle McConnaughey.

The Master Teacher Award went to Mrs. Martha-Jean Rockey. A presentation to Mrs. Anna Goss was also made for her dedication of 50 years of teaching at Troy High School.

Megan Boeh, Nathan Geiger, Derek Luedke, and Ryan Grable prepared a video presentation. There were baby pictures and senior pictures along with photos of the class throughout the years.

"The River" by Garth Brooks was played as the seniors took flowers to their families for a dedication. Principal Martin Stessman presented the Class of 1999 and president of the board of education, Hugh Kinsey, presented the seniors with their diplomas.

The graduates formed a receiving line outside the high school for what could be the last time they were all together at one time.

Amy King shakes hands as people walk through the receiving line. The graduates received hugs, gifts, cards, and kind words from the community members, fellow students, and relatives. The receiving line was formed immediately following graduation. Photo by Gillian Guier.

Brett Speaks receives his diploma from Hugh Kinsey, president of the board of education. There were 13 students graduating with honor cords. Photo by Kathleen Whittaker.

Ryan Grable presents a gift of lotions and soaps from Bath & Body Works to Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, class sponsor. Looking on are Arlen Ruhnke, board member; Martin Stessman, principal; and Mark Fenley, board member. Photo by Kathleen Whittaker.

Marietta Wood and Nathan Reynolds talk to Pam Pickerell in the graduation receiving line. Photo by Gillian Guier.
With one last look at the year, the junior class had many things to look back on. They started looking at different colleges and deeper into career choices. They ran the concession stand under new sponsors, Margarett Sutton and Barb Greaser. The concession stand was the junior class’s major fundraiser.

“Everybody complains about working the concession stand, but we either do it or don’t have a prom.” said Tyler Thomas.

Most of the games on the schedule were home, which helped the profit of the junior concession stand.

Prom was a big project that the juniors worked hard on all year long. Their parents helped with the after-prom party by getting donations, holding free-will dinners, and selling J.C. Penny’s catalogs.

Junior class sponsor Bruce Reynolds said, “It is the largest and most diverse class we have had in school in a long time.”

Q. What do you want to do before you graduate next year?

“I would really like to prove to my dad that I can be responsible and achieve goals even though I go to parties. All of us want to succeed and few will fail. My class has the ability to do whatever it wants and we will.”

Amber Clary

“Make enough money to move out during college. Be in the American Royal Rodeo.”

Tia Walton

“Have good enough grades to go to a good college of my choice.”

Dallas Walter

“Before I graduate, I would like to make a difference in our community.”

Melissa Albers

Jesse Cash, vice-president; Crystal Trant, secretary/treasurer; and Melissa Albers, president represented the junior class in many decisions for the year. Class sponsor Bruce Reynolds, not pictured, helped in the process of prom and the junior concession stand. He had many suggestions to bring to the class and helped the officers present them to the other class members. Photo by Katie Culp
The sophomore class officers for the year were Corinne Ruhnke, secretary; Bryson Wiedmer, president; Mrs. Sue Ann Wanklyn, class sponsor; Taylor Lister, treasurer; and Kari Schultz, vice-president. The officers led class meetings and brought suggestions of fundraisers to the class to vote on. Photo by Clint Peden.
Being a sophomore means many of things, such as the chance to have at least some seniority over others in school. Although half of the school is ahead of you, it is still better than nothing. Being a sophomore also means more respect and more responsibilities.

Students also get a bonus for being sophomores, the ever popular class rings from Jostens. The sophomores got a special selection of class rings. Both the 2000 and 2001 graduation classes had a new and once-in-a-lifetime line of rings to choose from because of the uniqueness in years.

"The best thing about being a sophomore is that we get our class rings this year," said Chris Uplinger.

Sophomores also had a different selection of science classes when compared to the last few years. In the past, sophomores were able to take either an anatomy class or biology class. Now the sophomores were able to take either chemistry or general science.

Like all of the classes, the sophomores had the job of participating in the annual class fundraiser of selling Red Wheel pizzas. When the sophomores were freshmen, they had a new class sponsor and did something other than selling Tom Watt.

A required class for the sophomores was advanced speech. The course was one of the nine-week courses. Marcia Sharp gives her oration to the class. They were given a topic, had to research the topic, and then present the data in a way interesting to the class. Photo by Christine Whetstone

Q. What is the best thing about being a sophomore?
"We get our class rings and also we have only two more years of school left."
Sonny Long

"You have more classes available to choose from. Most of the classes you have as a freshman are boring. Also, there are less people picking on you and pushing you to the back of the lunch line.

Tyler Masters

"You get to order class rings. You move up from being a freshman; you only have two more years of high school."
Erica Huss

"We aren't freshmen anymore and we aren't at the end of all the lines."
Don Clary

Corinne Ruhnke, Mitch Horner, Kevin Wiedner, and Amanda Clary talk with the class ring representative, Jeff Hiline, from Jostens. Jeff came earlier and gave the sophomores brochures listing the different selections of rings. The sophomores designed their rings, placed their orders, and waited 7-8 weeks to get the finished product. Photo by Clint Peden
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Winkel, Leslie

People: Freshmen
The first year of high school, the year that starts it all. For the next four years, the freshmen will build relationships and experiences that will last a lifetime. Freshman year is a year to learn from lessons and to use them to get through the rest of high school. It was the first year that the class worked together to earn money for their class to fund different projects throughout high school.

QSP was the fundraiser chosen by the freshman class. The freshmen sold novelties and gifts. Other projects that required participation from every member of the class were the “Create an Alien” during Spirit Week of Homecoming, and a float for the Homecoming parade. “The scariest part of high school for me was when I got injured, and had to climb the stairs. I figured the upper classmen would push me down the stairs while on my crutches,” said Leslie Winkel, but they didn’t.

Class sponsor Jennifer Plante commented, “Last year’s fundraiser with QSP gift and novelty items was successful, so this year’s freshman class decided to use the same company for its fundraiser. They sold close to $4,000 and made almost $2,000 in profit. Top sellers were Crystal Peden and Becky Keller. The freshmen class worked hard on their float for the homecoming parade. The freshmen’s theme was the movie Jerry McGuire, complete with banners daring Pleasant Ridge to ‘Show us the money.’”

Q. What was the scariest thing about your first year in high school?

“I never really thought of high school being scary because I had all of my friends to help me out. Maybe not being eligible for sports would be bad.”
Mindy Keller

“The first couple of days of football practice, not knowing what’s going to happen.”
Jared Jeschke

“The first day of school. I didn’t know where to go so I just followed people in my class to the certain class.”
David Rizer

“I think the thing that scared me the most about high school was the fear of not having friends. I was also afraid of so-called ‘freshman initiations’ that some schools have.”
Erin Reynolds

Class officers for the freshman class are Jared Mendal, vice-president; Janna Cash, secretary/treasurer; Lindsey Lister, president; and Jennifer Plante, class sponsor. The officers led many class meetings and decisions for fundraisers. Ms. Plante helped the class officers learn many new things about being an officer of a class.
Are there enough hours in a day? That is the question many students were asking themselves throughout the school year. “I don’t have a lot of spare time, but when I do, I usually go out with my boyfriend or with my friends,” said senior Kristin Kinsey.

Many students kept busy with school activities as well as jobs after school and on weekends. John’s Market, Davies Oil Co., Inc., Fleck’s Market, Subway in Atchison, Pizza Hut, and the St. Joseph YMCA were just a few of the places students where employed.

Stephanie Cook taught swimming lessons at the YMCA in St. Joseph. Stephanie said, “From working at the YMCA I have learned a lot about my patience by working with the younger kids in lessons.”

Students had many other things to occupy their time. Some sat at home and relaxed, or they spent their time in the outdoors enjoying the weather.

Some students didn’t have after-school jobs or participate in extra-curricular activities. Students found many other things to do during their spare time. A popular activity among some of the guys was paint-ball wars. They went to the woods or to paintball businesses to show their skills and have fun with their paintball guns. A course in St. Joe was attended regularly by some players.

Students involved with the play, speech, sports, and other after-school activities found that they didn’t have much spare time.

Ginger Winder used her spare time to decorate for the Queen of Court’s coronation. Ginger, along with other Stuco members used their spare time decorating for dances, handing out suckers for Valentine’s Day, and other events sponsored by their organization. Photo by Katie Culp

Stephanie Cook, senior, worked at the YMCA in St. Joseph. She held swimming lessons for children and was a lifeguard during pool hours. Stephanie also worked as a lifeguard at the Troy Community swimming pool during the summer. Many responsibilities came with the job of being a lifeguard. Patience was also a big key. Photo by Larissa Handley
Jimmy Horner, junior, fills the cigarette rack at Davies Oil Co., Inc. He assisted people with their cars, ran the cash register, swept the drive at night, fixed cars, and filled cars at the full-service station. His spare time on weekends was used for extra hours. He also worked his hours around football season and during the off-season worked more time. Photo by Larissa Handley
One of the activities that the Kayette board members participated in was the Halloween safety skit for the elementary students. Corinne Ruhnke, sophomore; Leslie Winkel, freshman; and Robin Rodgers, junior, help show safety tips to the children. Photo by Katie Culp.

The drama club sponsored a Subway party for the students in fine arts. Enjoying subs and other food donated by the drama club officers are seniors Marietta Wood, Nathan Reynolds, Allisha Benitz, Betsy Schultz, Suzie Oyerly, Laura Ford, and Katie Culp, and juniors Angie Bramlage and Christine Whetstone. Photo by Erin Murphy.
One Last Look

at activities

If somebody were to listen in on a conversation between two Troy High School students, it would have been very unlikely to hear them say that they were bored, since there were many activities that kept students busy at THS. Some students were involved in several activities and never had much of a break.

"I really like being involved in so many sports and activities. They really keep me busy and on the go. I really don't have much spare time because of them, but that's okay since I enjoy them so much," said senior Megan Boeh.

The clubs that students participated in included Kayettes, GCTL, National Honor Society, T-Club, Quill and Scroll, Quiz Bowl, Student Council, and FFA.

One of the biggest events of the year was the junior/senior prom. The junior class planned and prepared during the entire school year for the big event that took place at the country club in St. Joseph, MO. April 24 was an exciting day for all the THS juniors and seniors and their dates.

There were two other dances at school—the Homecoming and Queen of Courts dances. These dances were more casual than prom, but underclassmen were also able to attend these and have fun along with the upperclassmen.

"The Homecoming and Queen of Courts dances were really fun. I had a great time dancing all of the fast dances and wish that our school had more dances throughout the year for all students to have the chance to attend," said Erin Reynolds, freshman.

With many activities going on at THS, students had many chances to have fun and experience new things. Since this was the students' one last look at activities at THS for 1998-99, they wanted to be as involved as they possibly could. For many years and maybe even the rest of their lives, the students who attended THS during 1998-99, would have fond memories of their experiences with activities at THS.

The FFA board sponsored an ice cream social. Ashley Jensen, sophomore; Cole Jarrett, junior; Dustin Ferris, junior; Clint Peden, senior; P.J. Smith, senior; Derek Luedke, senior; Jonathan Huss, freshman; and Corey Smith, senior; enjoy ice cream. Photo by Christine Whetstine.

Looking on is Jesse Cash, junior, while B.J. Christenson, junior, practices his lines for the one-act play "Teenage Blues" on the stage in the old gym. Photo by Katie Culp.
National Honor Society, a national organization for developing leadership, character, and service, completed a major community service activity. According to Mr. Nick Dannevik, NHS sponsor, the blood drive held by the club was very successful. They raised almost 60 units of blood, doubling what was raised the year before.

The officers, President Suzie Oyerly, Vice-President Laura Ford, Secretary Betsy Schultz, and Treasurer Katie Culp, had several responsibilities with the blood drive. They organized meetings, made decisions, and worked on coordinating the project. Many extra hours were spent preparing and contacting people.

"I hope they get a sense of doing things for other people without expecting compensation, and that they continue to develop leadership, character, and service virtues," commented Mr. Dannevik.

The group voted to make changes in the club’s constitution. First of all, they decided to make it more difficult to become a member. On a 26-point basis, the standard was raised from 16 points needed to 20 needed to become a member. Also, before being inducted, one will have to have an interview with the faculty council to answer questions. These changes will take effect in the future.

"I thought NHS went exceptionally well. We exceeded our goal of 50 units of blood. Instead of 50 units we received 54. The officers and I also ratified the constitution and upgraded the standards to get into NHS. All in all I feel it was a successful year," said Suzie.
Quill and Scroll, GCTL, Quiz Bowl

There were several groups that one must be selected for to become a member. These included GCTL and Quill and Scroll. Also, the Quiz Bowl team was made up of students with the knowledge needed to answer questions.

GCTL, or Governor’s Center for Teen Leadership, sponsored by Mr. Nick Dannevik, was an organization to empower Kansas youth to lead healthy, drug-free lives.

Quill and Scroll was an elite group of people involved with journalism. To be selected for this international organization, students must be a junior or senior, in the upper third of their class scholastically, have done superior work in journalism, and be recommended by the adviser.

“I was really honored to be chosen to Quill and Scroll. It was great to be awarded for all the time and hard work that gets put in on the paper and yearbook,” said Allisha Benitz.

The Quiz Bowl team competed in several meets throughout the year. They also attended practices to learn facts that could be used in contests.

“We learned a lot of new things and got to meet a lot of interesting [people]. It was an educational experience that I really enjoyed,” said Elizabeth Winder.
Several students donned blue corduroy jackets on many occasions throughout the year. They were FFA members who went to the National Convention and Career Show, Leadership School, the public speaking contest, the ag sales contest, and the end-of-the-year banquet.

Other activities that kept FFA members busy were studying for the entomology, parliamentary procedure, livestock, horticulture, floriculture, and crops contests, attending an ice cream social, planning FFA Week, and going to State Contest in Manhattan.

The members fared well at the contests during the year, allowing them to attend state-level competition in several categories.

The crops team, comprised of Ben Anderson, Angie Bramlage, and Christine Whetstone won 6th place out of 37 teams.

The nursery landscape team, made up of Ashley Jensen, Megan Johnson, and Corinne Ruhnke, took 11th place out of 24 teams. Ashley, Megan, and Corinne also competed in the ag sales contest. Megan won 4th place in the application and cover letter, and Ashley placed 5th in the sales division. As a team, they placed 12th.

In ag communications, Angie Bramlage placed 10th.

Nathan Geiger, Ryan Grable, and Ross Turpin placed 17th out of 90 teams in the state livestock contest.

In the floriculture contest, Kristin Grable, Marci Sharp, and Bryson Wiedmer placed 36th.

“With the talent we had in the Troy FFA, we expected to have an outstanding year, and we did,” said adviser Darrell Wapp.

Ashley Jensen and Tyler Thomas scoop ice cream to give to FFA members for the ice cream social. The chapter designed and purchased FFA t-shirts to give out at the event.

Photo by Katie Culp

Corinne Ruhnke practices her speech for the district public speaking contest. In senior division, Ryan Grable placed 7th; in junior division, Christine Whetstone, 7th, and Angie Bramlage, 8th; in sophomore division, Kristin Grable, 1st, and Megan Johnson, 2nd; and in freshman division, Jed Johnson, 3rd. Photo by Angie Bramlage

Below: Tyler Thomas receives help from Nathan Geiger while painting signs for the chapter’s float in the Fourth of July parade. Photo by Darrell Wapp

Jed Johnson and Ben Anderson study a seed sample to prepare for the crops contest. They competed in several areas for the contest. Photo by Angie Bramlage

Kari Schultz represents the team by receiving an award at leadership school. The ritual team placed 5th, the parliamentary procedure team placed 3rd, and the information team placed 2nd. Individually, Megan Johnson won 4th place and Angie Bramlage placed 8th in the information contest. The Troy FFA chapter took home a 2nd place plaque for the overall score. Photo by Darrell Wapp

Front row: Ashley Jensen, sentinel; Christine Whetstone, treasurer; and Megan Boeh, secretary. Row 2: Darrell Wapp, advisor; Ryan Grable, president; Nathan Geiger, vice-president; and Ben Anderson, reporter. Mr. Wapp and the officers worked together to organize events and activities for the FFA members. They also participated in a contest in parliamentary procedure. Photo by Bray

Layout by: Angie Bramlage
Stuco active

“I gave a lot of responsibility to the students, and they really did a super job. Stuco students do a lot of work behind the scenes of every major event at THS. They do a lot of work for the school and I want to thank them for their efforts this year,” said sponsor principal Martin Stessman.

Stuco contributed to many of the school functions, such as the Homecoming dance, the Queen of Courts dance, Spirit Week, Breakfast Buddies, an ice cream party, and many more. There was a food drive for Christmas, and they sold suckers for Valentine’s Day.

There was a Spirit Week before both Homecoming and Queen of Courts. Several activities took place during the Spirit Weeks, including dress-up days and pep rallies.

For Breakfast Buddies, the Stuco members went to the grade school once a month to eat breakfast with some of the grade school students.

“Stuco members also sponsored an end-of-the-year ice cream party. They purchased several flavors of ice cream from Baskin Robbins to reward the students for good behavior throughout the year. After being served bowls of ice cream, the students were allowed to eat outside on the football bleachers. The Stuco board consisted of President Steve Nelson, junior; Vice-President Megan Boeh, senior; and Secretary Ashley Jensen, sophomore.

“What I really enjoyed was the Queen of Courts dance. I really wanted the dance to go well, and the other Stuco members did a great job with the planning and set-up that it took for us to make the dance a success. I was really impressed with the way most of the people were dancing and having a good time, not just sitting down and watching,” said Nelson.


Freshman Erin Reynolds, sophomore Taylor Lister, and freshman Janna Cash party at the Homecoming Dance. The DJ’s for the dance were Night Magic. Smoke machines, balloons, streamers, and glitter filled the room. Photo by Erin Murphy
“The Kayette farewell was a very emotional time for the seniors. It was nice to know that the underclassmen looked up to us and that we are going to be missed. I don’t think there was a dry eye in the whole room,” said Marietta Wood, senior. Saying good-bye to the seniors: Front row: seniors Suzie Oyerly, Marietta Wood, and Laura Ford. Row 2: freshman Erin Reynolds and junior Ginger Winder. The party was held for the 13 senior Kayette members that were leaving. Each senior received a flower and punch and cupcakes were served. “The senior farewell was very nice. The punch and cupcakes were really good, and it was nice to give a flower to each of the seniors. It was sad to think about all of the seniors leaving, but I know they all will do well at college and have a great time,” said Angie Bramlage, junior. Photo by Katie Culp.


Kayettes take part in several activities

“Kayettes hope to do more service projects here in Troy. Helping with the Christmas decorations gave members more of an appreciation for the work involved in projects around town,” said sponsor Babetta Israel.

The girls’ group, Kayettes, contributed many things to the community as well as to the school.

A group of five went to the kindergarten class and performed a Halloween safety skit. The Kayettes also helped the city take down the Christmas lights, brought flowers to rest homes in Wathena and Highland, and made a contribution to the Red Cross. They had board parties, and some of the girls went on the annual Kayette shopping trip to the Independence Mall.

The Kayettes cleaned the trophy cases and were in charge of decorating and updating the bulletin board in the upstairs hall. They also had Valentine’s Day secret sisters and gave a farewell party for the seniors.

The officers were junior Robin Rogers, president; senior Katie Culp, vice-president; and sophomore Corinne Ruhnke, secretary/treasurer.

“My most enjoyable event was talking to the kindergarteners about Halloween safety. They are always so happy and eager to listen,” said Robin.
Students attend prom, after-prom party

We didn’t miss a thing at the junior and senior prom April 24, at the St. Joseph Country Club. The theme was Aerosmith’s “I Don’t Want to Miss a Thing.”

Before prom began, pictures were taken at the courthouse. People arrived to greet fellow students and dates and parents and community members had the opportunity to take pictures. When the pictures were done, it was off to the prom.

More pictures were snapped there, from personal cameras and professional pictures by J. McBee. Everyone ate the meal and the dance began.

Giving prom picture frames to students was a new concept this year, replacing the traditional garters. Glasses with the prom theme on them were also given.

“The decorations were pretty cool. I especially liked that instead of a garter, we got a pretty picture frame that says our theme on it,” commented junior Erin Murphy.

There was dancing and singing all night long. The DJ’s for the prom was Fat Cats. They played many songs along with the Aerosmith theme, which was played twice. Among the group dances were the “Electric Slide,” “Funky Chicken,” “Hokey-Pokey,” and “YMCA.”

The after-prom party was once again at the St. Joseph Belt Bowl. There were bowling, karaoke, food, and prizes sponsored by parents and businesses.

“After-prom was fun. I bowled three games for a combined score of 49. I give credit for this super-high score to the food being served,” said Jesse Cash, junior.

“Leave it to Janessa [Stamper] to have us be the only ones who got lost. When we finally arrived at prom, it was a blast. I had a lot of fun dancing the fast dances, talking with Travis [Wilken], and dancing with him. It was also nice to see Christy Stahl, since I hadn’t seen her for a couple of months,” said Pearl Stewart, senior.

After the prom many students went to eat breakfast at Perkins.

Erin McIntosh, freshman; Jared Shelton, junior; Nathan Reynolds, senior; and Marietta Wood, senior; dance the night away at prom. The DJ’s provided fast and slow songs to keep almost everyone out on the dance floor. Photo by J. McBee.

Junior B.J. Christenson stacks several people’s cups on the table to pass some time before the dance begins. Photo by J. McBee.
Senior Shane Akers and junior Erin Murphy are getting ready to get in line to eat at the buffet. The food was prepared and served by the St. Joseph Country Club. The table decorations were placed by students in the morning before prom began. There were candles floating in bowls of water along with the picture frames, name tags, glasses, and programs, all with the themed colors of silver and burgundy. Photo by Janessa Stamper.

Senior Suzie Oyerly and junior Jesse Cash calm down after the excitement of the prom at the after-prom party. Several prizes were given out, including TV’s, phones, CD players, money, movie passes, and t-shirts. The items were donated by local businesses. Photo by Katie Culp.

Top: Sophomore Brian Gaul, juniors Jared Pickerell and Angie Bramlage, and senior Derek Luedke walk through the buffet line, selecting their favorite foods. There was a variety of choices, including chicken, roast beef, mashed potatoes, rice, fruit, and vegetables. Dessert was chocolate mousse served later by the waiters and waitresses. Photo by J. McBee.
Creating a poster to highlight a Spanish country was one of the projects that Mrs. Toni Larson’s Spanish I class participated in. Kevin Weidmer, sophomore, and Aaron Dunn, sophomore, present their poster of South America to the class. Photo by Christine Whetstine.

Welding was a big part of Mr. Darrell Wapp’s shop class. Tyler Thomas, junior, welds a K-State Wildcat symbol. Shop class students made many unique projects. Photo by Katie Culp.
One Last Look at academics

Academics were a very important part of life at Troy High School. Academics provided students with the needed information to move ahead.

Classes offered at THS included a variety of English, science, math, computer, and elective courses.

The students worked hard to bring up their grades or just to keep the motivation to finish homework. The motivation was extremely hard to keep towards the end of the school year, especially for the seniors. In the end the students felt that all the work was worth it.

This was the second year that THS had block scheduling and students were well adjusted to this type of schedule. With this type of schedule, students had two different schedules for classes that alternated every other day. Some classes, such as publications, suffered because of the loss of overall classtime per quarter.

"I'm getting more used to it [block scheduling], but it's kind of hard having classes every other day while working on the newspaper and yearbook," said senior Amy King.

Sometimes students became stressed because of having many homework deadlines. When students had to deal with extra-curricular activities, such as sports and clubs, or part-time jobs, it was sometimes hard for them to find time to accomplish finishing their homework. Maybe the students would rather have just watched television or have gone out with their friends at the time, but in the end, though, most students felt as though they had accomplished something big and were proud of themselves for what they had done. What the students learned from the hard work that they spent on homework from every class will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

Whether students had to hurry to finish homework in the last moment or were finished early—this was their one last look at academics for 1998-99.

Dissecting a fetal pig was an activity in anatomy class that juniors Lynsay Gibson, Michael Jenkins, Aaron Poston, and Gillian Guier, participated in. Photo by Katie Culp.

Which M&M's will be right side up? Christine Whetstone, junior, and Angie Bramlage, junior, work on a project involving M&M's in college algebra to determine probability. Photo by Katie Culp.

What's for dinner? Danae Rush, sophomore; Kari Schultz, sophomore; and Mitch Horner, sophomore; prepare cookies in Mrs. Goss's Independent Living class. Photo by Katie Culp.

Layout by Suzie Oyerly and Marietta Wood
What did you learn that you will use for the rest of your life?

"I have learned the basic sentence structure that will enable me to further my writing abilities in the future," said Carol Hoverson, sophomore.

"I have learned the basic English skills along with some poetry and essay writing," said Larissa Handley, senior.

"In speech, I learned how to give speeches and how to speak in front of people without freaking out," said Lindsay Lister, freshman.

"I took mythology second quarter with Mrs. Rockey. I don't have one specific thing that I learned but I did learn many things that I will carry with me throughout my life," said Ashley Jensen, sophomore.


Sophomore Alicia Jenkins reads her fairy tale for sophomore speech class. She had to use voice variations to tell her story. Photo by Christine Whetstine.

Theater survey, mythology, and publications were just a few courses offered by Mrs. Martha-Jean Rockey.

Mythology students were required to give presentations in groups on a myth from a different culture. "They were very helpful to teach me about other types of myths than Greek, Roman, and Norse...," said sophomore Marci Sharp.

"I learned a lot from the conference...," said junior Angie Bramlage. The publications class attended a journalism conference at the University of Kansas where they got new ideas for the paper and yearbook.

The junior and senior theater survey class attended Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*, presented by Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville. It correlated with their study of Shakespeare's plays.

No matter what English class of Mrs. Rockey's one took, all were filled with a variety of activities.
Advanced Spanish students, Abra Eylar, Ashley Jensen, Tyler Thomas, Kristin Grable, Taylor Lister, and Rachel Clary, are playing Wheel of Fortune. They made games as part of a project to review their Spanish skills. Photo by Christine Whetstine.

**MRS. LARSON**

Spanish I and Advanced Spanish taught by Mrs. Toni Larson were very busy with many projects.

The Advanced Spanish class watched the movie *Evita*, a musical about Eva Peron. "...it was a nice break from regular classroom activities," said sophomore Rachel Clary.

Some other activities of the Advanced Spanish class included making a poster of a Spanish house and making a poster of a dictionary using the Spanish vocabulary.

The Spanish I classes were also very active. They drew a poster about a Spanish-speaking country of their choice including facts about that country. "... we had a lot of fun making them," said junior Brandi Strong.

Both classes ended the year by attending a performance of native Spanish dancers in Topeka.

Spanish I classes designed posters on a Spanish-speaking country of their choice and presented them to the class. Freshmen Janna Cash and Becky Keller share their poster on Chile. Photo by Christine Whetstine.

**MRS. ISRAEL**

Ben Anderson, junior, describes what he learned from the junior research papers: "I learned how to use notecards to take notes. It was easy to find all of the information using the notecards," said Ben. His paper was about falling prices on hog farms.

Writing a research paper was one of many projects completed in Mrs. Babetta Israel’s English classes.

Freshman study skills class helped the first grade with reading stories. "I thought it was fun because it got us out of the classroom and it was fun helping the kids read," said freshman Lindsay Lister.

The junior vocabulary class created their own personal vocabulary list. "I learned the definitions to some very difficult words," said junior Robin Rodgers.

Mrs. Israel’s classes were full of projects and activities. They kept busy all year.

Junior Tad Blanton gives a speech on Navy Seals. This was the topic of his junior research paper. Photo by Christine Whetstine.

Layout by Christine Whetstine
BUSINESS AND MATH

Business, math, and computers were three of the fundamental and most useful courses offered at THS. They taught skills that enhance life and will be used by most people in the 21st century.

Business and computer courses had a face lift with the addition of Mrs. SueAnn Wanklyn. Beside business classes, Mrs. Wanklyn also taught fundamental computer courses such as keyboarding and computer programming.

Algebra II, applied math, and calculus were taught by a new addition to the THS faculty, Mr. Byron Marshall, a graduate of Pittsburgh State University. About his first year he said: "Great year! I have enjoyed the students, faculty, and staff. Everyone works well together toward a common goal, which is to learn something. The students here work hard to make themselves the best they can be."

Miss Jennifer Plante returned for a second year. She taught fundamentals such as Algebra I and geometry, as well as advanced or college-bound curriculum, such as college algebra and trigonometry.

Her students in each class had one major project each quarter. The first quarter each student had to write his or her own, individual math story. Students had to write an essay about their lives and how they used math on a day-to-day basis.

The second quarter, students had to report over a career that they were interested in and how math would be applied in that career.

For the third project, students had to research a mathematical pioneer and create a poster depicting his or her life accomplishments.

Miss Plante's classes then had to create a five-slide or more Power Point presentation over one thing that they had learned during the year. They had to present their topics as though they were teaching them for the first time to the other students.
Left: Erin Reynolds and Becky Keller make human graphs on the tennis court for Miss Plante’s Algebra I class. Photo by Gillian Gnier.

Below: Note-taking was one of the tasks of being a good math student. B.J. Christenson and Robin Rogers demonstrate. Photo by Clint Peden.

Bottom: Guest speaker Thad Gieger explains the importance of book keeping to Janessa Stamper, Jesse Cash, and Lindsay Gibson. Photo by Katie Culp.

APPLICATIONS

Mrs. SueAnn Wanklyn taught in-house business training, a course designed to prepare students for the jobs of the next century: small businesses run from the family home using Internet technology.

The desktop publishing class took over the responsibility of producing the district newsletter. “The newsletter was a tedious task, but it wasn’t that bad,” said Travis Trant.

Miss Plante helps geometry students, Janessa Stamper, Erica Huss, Amanda Clary, Carol Hoverson, and Lacey Whittaker. Photo by Katie Culp.

Layout by Clint Peden
What was one of the most interesting things you learned?

"The most interesting thing that I've learned so far this year in American history is the way the Americans handled the comeback from the great depression," said Brandi Strong, junior.

"I have learned many of the facts that make this nation what it is today," said Ben Anderson, junior.

"The maps we filled out in geography were probably the most interesting and useful part of the course. Now when I see something in the news I have more of an idea about where it is," said Megan Johnson, sophomore.

"I think that one of the most interesting things that I learned would have to be about the U.S. having the first man to land on the moon," said Tiffany Juhl, junior.

On their trip to K.C., American history students visited a church designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Ross Turpin, Erin McIntosh, Janna Cash, Andrea Kinsey, Andrea Gingery, Kyle Losson, Chris Uplinger, and Mr. Rockey view the landscape of the church. Photo by Katie Culp.

American history, geography, and world history were the classes taught by Mr. Lyle Rockey.

The curriculum for American history required students to study the entire course of American history. "I always enjoyed the challenge of trying to cover the whole of U.S. history in a single year because it tied everything together," said Mr. Rockey.

The students also took a trip to Kansas City. They visited the Steamboat Arabia which allowed them to see what life was like in America during the early 1800's. "Their steamboats were like the semis of today. They carried everything from food to hammers and nails," said junior Jared Pickerell.

While American history students were busy studying America, geography and world history students studied the rest of the world. Geography students learned about Europe and the former Soviet Union. World history students followed history into the Renaissance era.

All of Mr. Rockey's classes were busy with something whether it was learning about the Civil War in American history or studying the climate of Europe in geography.
American government students participated in the annual Doniphan County Government Day. Seniors Nathan Reynolds, Marietta Wood, and Brett Speaks are working on a scavenger hunt. Photo by Katie Culp.

In TEMC students were divided into five groups including LEGIS, AUDS, POLLS, MEDIA, and SIGS. Senior Brett Speaks is busy working on his group assignment. Photo by Larissa Handley.

**MR. REYNOLDS**

“She had a stuffed monkey that she passed around and everyone told the monkey what they were going to be when they graduated,” said senior Larissa Handley, describing a speaker from Topeka Technical School that came to her American government class.

American government classes taught by Mr. Bruce Reynolds were busy. A speaker from Topeka Technical school came to talk to them about various senior topics including senioritis, life choices, and what they wanted to do after high school.

Also, the classes participated in TEMC or The Electronic Model Congress. In TEMC students researched issues, wrote bills, and debated legislation in preparation where several schools joined together. Eighty schools from fifteen states had been selected to take part in this program, along with Troy High School American government students.

“TEMC was not very fun because we all were very clueless about what to do. But it turned out to be more of a learning experience than I originally expected,” said senior Nathan Reynolds.

Senior Betsy Schultz sums up her thoughts on American government: “Government is kind of tough, especially if you’re not really into it. It just depends on your views of our government.”

Layout by Christine Whetstine
Family Living

“What color should my wedding be...?” For Larissa Handley as well as other senior girls this was something to be decided in Family Living.

“I really enjoyed planning ‘my’ wedding. It took forever to decide the little things. But it was worth it.” said Handley.

Family Living was a home economics class unlike the other three. In this class, students learn the stresses in planning for marriage and weddings. Foreign cookery was one of the projects that started the year.

The mock wedding was a big event in the class. The students put in much work on it: making their own announcements and invitations, finding decorations, and picking out the dresses. The girls also had a chance to be a mom for a weekend with the “Think It Over” babies.

Tiffany Juhl and Rachel Clary work on decorating cake to make it into a butterfly. It was a project to get everyone into the spring spirit. Photo by Beau Barnthouse.

Freshmen April Walters, Elaine Stewart, and Becky Keller keep moving in freshman p.e. Aerobics was a new approach to have fun and stay fit. Photo by Beau Barnthouse.

“When I started my teaching career at Troy Rural High in 1949, little did I ever dream that I would be here 50 years later. As I retire this year with the graduating class of 1999, I can honestly say I enjoy teaching today as much as I did in ’49, although there have been many, many changes,” said Mrs. Anna Goss.

There were three other home ec classes which were not just for seniors. Home EC I was a sewing class where students could make stuffed animals, pillows, pants, shirts, etc. One of the projects this class did was make bedside organizers to take to Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Wathena, Kansas.

Home EC II was a cooking class. Students also learned the meat cuts of a cow and a pig. This class made many breakfast, lunch, and dinner dishes and took a field trip to Applebee’s. They also made refreshments for the Board of Education meetings.

Independent Living was a mixture of both. It is a good class to start out with in high school. It gives students a chance to try out both cooking and sewing, because they switched at the quarter. They learned basic laundry procedures. They also made cakes and cookies for the Head Start carnival.

Christy Stewart and Mitch Clary feed each other wedding cake at the reception after the mock wedding. The cake was made by Gail Stevens. This is an annual event, put on by students. Photo by Katie Culp.
Have Home Ec classes been useful in everyday life? Why?

"Home Ec is very useful in everyday life. It shows you the basics, from meal planning to sewing on a button, that you may need when you're out on your own," said Taylor Lister, sophomore.

"Yeah, I believe that it helped me learn to cook. Before Home Ec I could only cook macaroni and cheese," said Brandon Taylor, junior.

Megan Boeh is warming up to squat in weights and conditioning class. Their progress was recorded on the charts according to their weight classes. Photo by Crysta Trant.

physical education

Coach Don Cash taught freshman and recreational PE and weights and conditioning. These classes gave students a chance to break away from the books and work on getting fit.

Basketball, volleyball, soccer, and track were just a few of the sports the p.e. classes participated in. Freshman p.e. also had health class, which made it different from recreational p.e.

Mrs. SueAnn Wanklyn, business and computer teacher, took over for Mr. Cash for a portion of the year. She did Jazzercise with aerobics class, while he taught her computer class. This was the first year they have ever done that.

In weights and conditioning, students were required to hang clean, bench press, and squat. Then they worked on any equipment they wanted. This class helped students learn the proper way to lift weights.
One last lab

Juniors Lynsay Gibson, Michael Jenkins, Aaron Poston, Gillian Guier, and senior Linda Feek are working in a group while dissecting pigs. They are working in a group which made it easier to work in the lab. Photo by Katie Culp.

ANATOMY

Anatomy, the study of the human body, was a class where memorizing was an important part. Students had to learn the entire body, including muscles and bones. Students also had some “hands on” experience by dissecting pigs.

Students had special senses labs where they tested their five senses. This class was very helpful for students to learn the anatomy of mammals.

“My favorite class of all the science classes I’ve taken (chemistry, biology, and anatomy) is anatomy. I’ve always been intrigued by the human body and how it works. If you know a lot about your body, you’ll know how to fix things and how to make them better,” said junior Crystal Trant.

Sophomores Corinne Ruhnke, Sonny Long, and Chris Reno are working on an evaporation experiment in biology. Students often worked in groups to get things done, which made it easier to work on the harder experiments. Photo by Amy King.
The science department expanded into four different classes, general science, anatomy, chemistry, and biology.

General science, which was required for freshmen, was the start of the science program in high school. Mr. Kevin McNorton taught this class as well as the other three science classes. In general science students studied about matter, electricity, and light. They learned how different kinds of machines worked and spent some time in the lab working on various projects. They learned how organisms develop.

What is something you learned in science classes that you can use in everyday life?

“In biology we had to collect data and write research papers on bean seeds. I think that experience will help me during my junior year when I write the big research paper. It will also help me in college,” said Danae Rush, sophomore.

“In anatomy you learn about the bones and muscles of the human body. That could probably be useful in my future,” said Regina Adams, junior.

“In general science I learned how to make work easier with pulleys and ramps,” said Blaine Luedke, freshman.

Biology was another class taught by Mr. McNorton where students learned things from chromosomes and genetics to population and probability.

Students grew bean seeds. They also had a chance to make ponds with bowls. Some students got creative and used plants as decorations. The purpose of this experiment was to keep as much water in the pond even when using fans and heat lamps.

Students also tested foods for starch with iodine by using bunson burners. They tested eggs, milk, fruit roll ups, and chocolate. The food would turn different colors depending on the amount of starch in it.

Chemistry students spent hours in the lab; from mixing chemicals, to balancing equations, they learned something new every time they were in the lab. The students also used the periodic table throughout the year.

Problem solving was a big part of working through the year. It made students think on their own by using what they learned this year. It also involved some lab work.

“I liked doing the labs. Determining the types of chemical reactions and balancing chemical equations was a little tough at first, but after you get the hang of it it’s kind of fun,” said Brandi Strong, junior.
Industrial arts courses were taught by Mr. Benny Rice for the fourth year. The Industrial Arts I class spent the year working on perspective drawings: interpretive drawings of three-dimensional objects.

The Industrial Arts II class spent the first part of the year with architectural drafting and designing individual homes, before entering the shop to work on projects the second semester.

The advanced industrial arts class spent the entire year working on individual projects. They built a wide variety of things, from pool tables to gun cabinets. They spent the rest of the time helping the building trades class.

The building trades class, a course started in the '97-98 school year, spent the year working on an addition to the superintendent's house. The students in this class enjoyed the opportunity to leave the school to work on the project.

Kelli Rogers routs a name plate for one of the teachers. Photo by Mr. Rice.

Above: Students in the building trade class had to find odd jobs to fill their spare time and give them something to do when they got rained out. Pictured is Kyle McConnaughey using a radial arm saw. Photo by Clint Peden.

Top: Mr. Rice's building trades class members, Kyle McConnaughey, Derek Luedke, Nathan Geiger, Linda Feek, Casey Rush, Tad Blanton, B.J. Christenson, ham it up for the camera after finishing the new restroom facilities at the city park. Photo by Mr. Rice.
AGRICULTURE

Agriculture and industrial arts classes were arguably two of the most gratifying courses offered at THS because they not only took students out of the classroom, but they also taught them to work with their hands as well as their brains. Students worked on projects that they chose; when they were done, they reflected on the finished product with a feeling of accomplishment. These were two classes where students could directly see the fruits of their labor.

Agricultural education was taught by eight-year THS veteran Mr. Darrel Wapp. Mr. Wapp taught animal sciences, plant and soil sciences, agricultural mechanics, advanced agricultural mechanics, and agricultural business management.

Top: The plant and soil science class resowed grass on the front lawn after the previous summer's construction. Participants were Danae Rush, Joe Frump, Bryson Wiedmer, Mr. Wapp, Tiffany Juhl, and Chris Reno. Photo by Clint Peden.

Above Left: One of the benefits of ag mechanics was being able to work on your vehicle. Pictured are Tyler Thomas, Mitch Clary, and Jared Shelton helping Dustin Ferris change the bumper on his truck. Photo by Clint Peden.

Mr. Rice's architecture class, teacher Benny Rice, students Dallas Walter, Garrett Lorooff, Brandon Whetstone, Ross Turpin, Jared Shelton, and Don Clary, pose for a portrait on their Kansas City Field Trip. They toured buildings such as the Midland Theatre to see first hand the various types of architecture.
What did you like about the academic reception?

"I liked the cookies and punch. Plus I just like dressing up for things," said Janna Cash, freshman.

"[My favorite part was] the food," said Taylor Lister, sophomore.

"I liked getting the awards and going in front of people," said B.J. Christenson, junior.

"I liked having the food to eat. It was nice that everyone got to be recognized and got to receive awards," said Angie Bramlage, junior.

"The reception was well-planned and seemed to move along fairly quickly and smoothly. The most interesting parts were the big awards like scholarships. My favorite was when I got awards though," said Megan Johnson, sophomore.

"Awards" and "scholarships" were words heard at the academic reception. Before the academic reception began the National Honor Society had its installation and initiation. Nine new members were inducted. They were Amanda Clary, Aaron Dunn, Kristin Grable, Carol Hoverson, Ashley Jensen, Megan Johnson, Taylor Lister, Corinne Ruhnke, and Bryson Wiedmer. Also installed were new officers: Ginger Winder, treasurer; Angie Bramlage, secretary; Jesse Cash, vice-president; and Tiffany Juhl, president.

At the academic reception Quill and Scroll inducted new members, Angie Bramlage, Christine Whetstine, Crystal Trant, Jesse Cash, and Suzie Oylerly.

Other awards presented included the U.S. Marine Award for Music presented to Katie Culp, John Phillips Sousa Award presented to Lynsay Gibson, Arion Foundation Award presented to Megan Johnson, HCC Award of Excellence for Math and Science presented to Ryan Grable and Marietta Wood, the Principal’s Leadership Award presented to Ryan Grable, KSHSAA Citizenship Award presented to Megan Boeh and Ryan Grable, KU Honor Award presented to Ryan Grable, Brett Speaks, and Marietta Wood, who were also the Kansas Governors scholars.

Several scholarships were also awarded. The Student Council Scholarship in the amount of $100 was awarded to Kristin Kinsey, the Troy Alumni Scholarships in the amount of $500 each were awarded to Megan Boeh and Justin Engemann, and the Troy Teacher Association Scholarships in the amount of $100 each were awarded to Megan Boeh and Katie Culp.

"I thought it [the academic reception] went really well, although I would have liked to see a bigger turn out..." said Principal Martin Stessman.
Mr. Benny Rice gives Ryan Grable an award for being an outstanding industrial arts senior. He gave awards for outstanding work to Steve Nelson and Brandon Whetstone in Industrial Arts I, Aaron Dunn in Industrial Arts II, and Ben Anderson in advanced industrials arts. Also Derek Luedke received an award as an outstanding senior. Photo by Katie Culp.

Quill and Scroll members, Marietta Wood, Kristin Kinsey, Allisha Benitz, and Katie Culp along with adviser Mrs. Martha-Jean Rockey, induct new members into the society. Photo by Katie Culp.

Outstanding art students were awarded for their achievements in various contest throughout the year. Art instructor Mrs. Nancey Clisbee speaks about the achievements of Rachel Reno, Amanda Clary, Angie Bramlage, Larissa Handley, Taylor Lister, Kristin Kinsey, Brett Speaks and Marietta Wood. Photo by Katie Culp.
The Queen of Courts ceremony was one of the major events. Advanced art students Kristin Kinsey, Laura Ford, Ginger Winder, and Betsy Schultz helped decorate for the ceremony. Photo by Katie Culp.

A saxophone trio performed at fine arts night April 14 by Jared Pickerell, junior; Katie Culp, senior; and Rachel Clary, sophomore, under the direction of Mr. Phillip Merz. Many were present to get a glance at the variety of fine arts activities possible at Troy High School. Photo by Erin Murphy.
As you take one last look at fine arts for 1998-99, it will become apparent that for most students at Troy High School, the arts were a big part of their lives and something that they enjoyed becoming involved in.

The students had the choice of taking a class that involved fine arts such as band, chorus, or art—or they could have participated in drama activities such as speech, the all-school play, or the one-act play. The students who chose to become involved in the drama activities were required to spend many hours practicing for their performances.

The speech team traveled to other schools to compete throughout the year. The chorus and band members also traveled to several competitions.

The art students and Mrs. Nancy Clisbee, the art teacher, planned and prepared for months for the DVL Art Day held here April 26.

"Hosting the DVL Art Festival is always a tremendous challenge in terms of preparation! The students and I spent hours planning the day, getting judges lined up, getting and organizing supplies, and preparing contest material. The real fun of the event began as people started arriving and setting up. Things went great and we could all see that our planning and preparation was worth it!" said Mrs. Clisbee

The art students, especially the seniors, brainstormed new ideas for unique contests for the participants to compete in. Some of the new ideas included a chair painting contest and a ceiling tile painting contest.

The art students also attended Highland Art Day April 29. Not all the students were able to display their artwork due to a limit on entry numbers, but it was a fun experience for all. Students were able to participate in a variety of contests and workshops at Highland Art Day, such as the three-throw contest, the sculpture workshop, or the sidewalk chalk contest, or they were able to just watch others participate.

Troy was the host of DVL Art Day. One of the activities at Art Day was the drawing contest. Danae Rush, sophomore; Bryson Wiedner, sophomore; and Larissa Handley, senior; were models for the contest. Photo by Katie Culp.

Oh, my gosh, the trees are alive! Katie Turpin, sophomore, and Laura Ford, senior, get ready to throw apples at the other characters in The Wizard of Oz as they come alive as the trees of the haunted forest. Photo by Katie Culp.
Art student junior Abra Eyrar, is seen helping with the judge she was assigned to during DVL Art Day April 26, at Troy. Artwork from around the league was showcased and each Troy art student was given a job for the day. The judge walkers spent their time with the judges and helped to make sure the ribbons got placed with the right artwork. For the first year, a new contest called "Sit on This!" was presented. Each school was given a wooden chair to paint as the famous artist of their choice might have. Photo by Erin Murphy.

Left to Right: Seniors Cory Ruhnke, Brett Speaks, Laura Ford, Kristin Kinsey, Nathan Reynolds, Betsy Schultz, and Larissa Handley paint the football field Sept. 11, for Homecoming. It took the seniors several classes to finish the football field, with the finished product saying THS and having a football flying through the air with fire trailing behind it. Art student, senior Marietta Wood, said, "Painting the football field for Homecoming was a fun experience! We got to use our artistic ability in a different way and also got extra credit points." Photo by Erin Murphy.

Tia Walton and Larissa Handley collect their artwork after DVL was over. Tia and Larissa were a little sore after posing for the still-life drawing contest. Tia was a cowgirl, while Larissa dressed in her prom dress. Others who posed were Danae Rush as an old lady in a wheelchair and Bryson Wiedner as an army man. Photo by Erin Murphy.
The art students at Troy High School met quite a few challenges that their art instructor, Mrs. Nancy Clisbee, gave them throughout the school year. From winning medals, holding successful art shows, and keeping high grades in class, the art students did more than meet Mrs. Clisbee's expectations.

At the beginning of the year, the senior art students worked hard on painting the football field for the Homecoming ceremony and all art students took part in designing new medals and plaques for the league awards.

The challenge was to design a medal that would allow DVL to stand out among other leagues. Brett Speaks, Marietta Wood, and Taylor Lister met that challenge by being the students whose artworks were chosen to represent Troy.

Another in-class activity the students took part in was linoleum cutting. Several steps had to be followed to end up with a design used as a stamp.

Seven students' artworks were chosen to represent Troy in the 1999 Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art Regional High School Art Show in St. Joseph. They were Brett Speaks, Kristin Kinsey, Marietta Wood, Abra Eylar, Bryson Wiedmer, Danae Rush, and Taylor Lister. They, along with 47 schools from Northwest Missouri and Northeast Kansas, spent the day looking at all the artwork. Senior Brett Speaks' drawing "Nuts" received second place in the drawing and printmaking category, which was the largest category of entries in the show.

American history student, junior Angel Martinez, views the objects that were salvaged from Steamboat Arabia. Angel said, "The best part was eating at the Spaghetti Factory." Photo by Katie Culp.

A highlight of the school year, not just for the art students, but for the drama club, advanced industrial arts class, and American history classes, was a day-long tour of areas around Kansas City. The group of students, along with six sponsors and drivers and parents, started the day with a breakfast stop at Platte City. They then went to the Nelson Art Gallery, where the students broke into three groups for different tours: "Images of the Past," which centered on ancient sculpture; "John Steuart Curry," which was the current traveling exhibit; and an architectural tour.

From there, the group traveled to Steamboat Arabia, where they saw the largest single collection of American pre-Civil War artifacts in one place.

The students then returned to their buses, where guides from the Kansas City area were waiting for them to tour the area. The places toured were Lewis and Clark Point, The Midland Theater, and the Community Christian Church, which was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

Supper was at the Old Spaghetti Factory, which is itself of architectural interest, combining an old garment factory with a hotel.

American Heartland Theatre at Crown Center was the last stop of the day, where the students saw The Complete Works of William Shakespeare--Abridged. A three-person male cast portrayed all of the works from Shakespeare and even played the roles of Juliet, Ophelia, and Hamlet's mother.

Left to right: Taylor Lister, Bryson Wiedmer, Danae Rush, and Abra Eylar are at the Art Regional High School Art Show in St. Joseph, Mo. These students had their own works showcased and viewed artworks from 47 other schools. Abra Eylar, said, "It was really neat to see different kinds of artwork from all of those different schools. It's neat how everybody has their different style when it comes to creating artwork." Photo by Erin Murphy.
Gillian Guier, Allisha Benitz, Erin Reynolds, Robin Rodgers, Amy King, and Suzie Oyerly warm up their voices for state music competitions. Traveling to Sabetha, KS, the group did well at state, earning a II rating. Chorus member, junior Gillian Guier said, "I had a pretty good time. It was a good experience for me since this was my first year in chorus. There was a girl there in high heels who couldn’t walk in them at all. So, that kept us entertained while we waited for our ratings." Photo by Jamie Stewart

The 1998-99 band members are, Front Row: April Walter, Cassie Robinson, Elizabeth Winder, Katie Turpin, Rachel Clary, Amanda Clary, and Megan Johnson. Row 2: Lynsay Gibson, Ginger Winder, Regina Adams, Crystal Trant, Aaron Dunn, and Travis Trant. Row 3: Director Phillip Merz, Betsy Schultz, Suzie Oyerly, and Katie Culp. Director Phillip Merz said, "I thought the group did very well this year. Due to the number of members, it made it difficult to find music appropriate for the rather small size of our group. Despite their size, they still sounded great." Photo by Bray

Band member, junior Regina Adams is seen playing her flute to "Go Big Blue" during a home football game. Regina said, "I've enjoyed playing in band these past three years. This year, it was just too bad we couldn't go to state." Photo by Katie Culp
Musicians busy

Under the direction of Mr. Phillip Merz, the band and chorus groups anticipated playing at ballgames, the Homecoming Parade, concerts, DVL music, and regional and state contests at the beginning of the school year.

Both groups performed at the Pops Concert. The chorus sang "Say a Little Prayer" as performed by Dionne Warwick and "Lullaby" by Billy Joel. The band played "All by Myself" as performed by Celine Dion and the theme to Lost in Space.

Chorus member senior Amy King said, "I think we did well at the Pops Concert. Right before every concert it's very stressful. Then, you realize you have one day left to practice!"

December 7, band members played at the lighting of the gazebo. Elizabeth Winder and April Walter performed a mixed duo and saxophone players Katie Culp and Jared Pickerell played Christmas carols. Katie and Jared performed at fine arts night, April 19, with Rachel Clary.


Eight band students participated in Kansas State University's sixth annual concert band clinic January 22-24. They were Amanda Clary, Katie Culp, Lynsay Gibson, Megan Johnson, Cassie Robinson, Betsy Schultz, April Walter, and Ginger Winder.

Band member Cassie Robinson said, "We really had a fun time at Kansas University! I was sort of nervous playing in front of all those people, though."

DVL Music was February 24 at Highland. The chorus received a II and a II+ singing "Lift Up Your Voice Alleluia" by Sally Albrecht, and "Beautiful Savior" arranged by Julie Knowles.

The flute quartet, which consisted of Lynsay Gibson, Ginger Winder, Regina Adams, and April Walter received a III rating. The clarinet, sax, and trumpet quartets each participated and earned II ratings.

Next on the calendar were regional and state competitions. Regional competitions took place March 27 at Benedictine College. For band, the saxophone trio earned a II rating. Also earning a II rating was the clarinet trio. The flute quartet received a III rating. Unfortunately no one advanced to state competitions.

Above: Gillian Guier pays attention to Mr. Merz's lecture about the different notes in "Say a Little Prayer", while Allisha Benit, Erin Reynolds, and Jamie Stewart discuss how to make their sections flow together. Photo by Katie Culp

Angie Bramlage and Christine Whetsine paint the forest set for the background. Time and talent were combined to create scenes for the play. Photo by Katie Culp

"I have you on the ropes now!" exclaims Ryan Grable as Robin to Clint Peden as Little John. "There ain't any ropes," replies Clint. "Ah," says Ryan. "but your shoe's untied!" "Of course. I don't know how to tie them!" replies Clint. These were just a few lines of comedy, which was a large part in the play. Photo by Katie Culp

Ryan Grable as Robin is once again preparing to stab B.J. Christenson as the Sheriff of Nottingham. B.J.'s dramatic death scene was quite memorable. After being stabbed he cries out, "Ah! How sharp as a serpent's tongue is that. We have nothing to fear but fear itself. Oh!" Impatient, Robin raises his sword and says, "Will you...??" B.J. says, "I'm going, I'm going!!" and he dies...finally! Photo by Katie Culp

Merry Maids, not Merry Men, Taylor Lister, Megan Boch, Ashley Jensen, Kristin Grable, Allisha Benitz, Erin Reynolds, Janna Cash, Marie Sharp, Betsy Schultz, and Corinne Ruhnke show their dancing abilities to demonstrate their worthiness. "They're not men," says Ryan as Robin, "Oh, well, as long as you think them worthy." "They are the best, I assure you," replies Clint as Little John. Photo by Katie Culp
Robin Hood (sort of) takes stage

"Now, Robin of Locksley, I shall run you through!" said the Sheriff of Nottingham (B.J. Christenson) to Robin Hood (Ryan Grable).

The fall play, The Legend of Robin Hood (sort of), went along with the traditional Robin Hood with betrayal, sword fights, dancing, and a lot of laughter!

Just after Robin's Merry Maids (there are no Merry Men in this play!) steal from the rich and give to the poor, Robin Hood is tricked by Witch Waye (Suzie Oyerly) and taken captive by the evil Sheriff of Nottingham. All this is while he is trying to win the hand of Maid Marian (Gillian Guier) who seems to have the worst luck with men.

Students could be seen chasing one another with swords or laughing at each other's Renaissance outfits (the boys in tights!).

"I set up a few couches and stuff in the loft where a few of my friends and I could be when we were off stage. Some other people found out about it and by the last practice, we had about 30 people up there. We kept getting yelled at. Imagine that!" said junior Jesse Cash who played King John.

"He'll have to cut it off first!" says Gillian as Marian to B.J. as the Sheriff, after he informs her that King John will give him her hand in marriage if he delivers the carcass of Robin. Photo by Katie Culp

Even when the play did not run so smoothly at times, the members found a way to enjoy themselves.

Junior Angie Bramlage said, "Christine Whetstine, Megan Johnson, and I were supposed to go out at the end of the play, but we went out too early. Everyone else was sword fighting, and since we didn't have swords, we started pushing, shoving, and hitting each other!"

"Funny things that happened that I most remember were dancing on stage with Katie and making fools of ourselves. I also had to play the trumpet which I haven't done since sixth grade! I had fun goofing off with my friends. It was a real good time!" said senior Laura Ford.

"It was a great play and I think we all had fun," said senior Ryan Grable.

At the end the cast presented the entire play once again in fast forward, to lead into the curtain call.

Director: Martha-Jean Rockey

Robin......................Ryan Grable
Marian......................Gillian Guier
King John....................Jesse Cash
Witch Waye...................Suzie Oyerly
Friar.......................Ross Turpin
Sheriff.......................B.J. Christenson
Little John.................Clint Peden
King Richard..............Tad Blanton
Guard 1.....................Laura Ford
Guard 2.....................Katie Culp
Seller 1....................Megan Johnson
Seller 2.....................Angie Bramlage
Annie......................Betsy Schultz
Freida.....................Megan Boeh
Sue.........................Allisha Benitz
Merry Maids...............Taylor Lister, Janna Cash
                      Kristin Grable, Rachel Clary
                      Marci Sharp, Erin Reynolds
                      Corinne Ruhnke, Ashley Jensen
Peasants....................Brandi Strong, Lynsay Gibson
                      Christine Whetstine, Tiffany Juhl
Friends of Marian........Lindsay Lister, Tia Walton
                      Cassie Robinson

Student Directors
Act 1: Crystal Trant
        Amanda Clary
        Kari Schultz

Act 2: Erin Murphy
        Melissa Albers
        Carol Hoverson

Prop Manager...........Tyler Thomas
Prop Crew.................Katie Culp, Shelby Scholz
                      Kristin Grable, Jamie Stewart
                      Andrea Kinsey, Andrea Gingery
                      Erin McIntosh, Elizabeth Winder
                      Crystal Peden, Kellie Rodgers

Sound......................Jared Pickerell, Michael Jenkins

Layout by Erin Murphy
Ashley Jensen, Allisha Benitz, and Janna Cash perform a scene in the one-act play “Wanna Play?” by Linda Bergmann. The only props used were the toys that the actors played with as they entered the stage area. The one-act play performed at the DVL speech meet, fine arts night, and state festival at Johnson County Community College. Photo by Erin Murphy.

State qualifiers are front row: Taylor Lister, one-act member and informative speech; Allisha Benitz, poetry reading and one-act member; Angie Bramlage, informative speech, one-act member and humorous solo. Row 2: Megan Johnson, one-act member, oration; B.J. Christenson, one-act member and improvised duet acting; Chint Peden, one-act member, improvised duet acting; Michael Jenkins, one-act stage manager; Katie Culp, one-act member; Mrs. Martha Jean Rockey, coach. Row 3: Janna Cash, one-act member and poetry reading; Ashley Jensen, one-act member and prose reading; Christine Whetstone, informative speech; Suzie Oyerly, one-act member; Gillian Guier, one-act member, serious solo, and humorous solo; Laura Ford, one-act student director; Betsy Schultz, one-act student director; Jesse Cash, one-act member. Photo by Lyle Rockey.

Mrs. Martha-Jean Rockey and Suzie Oyerly look for the kind of chips they want to go with their sub sandwich at the drama club party. The students were asked to pay a small fee and bring a bag of chips to go with the sandwiches. This sub party was one of the many activities held by the club. This party took the place of a regular lunch at school. Photo by Katie Culp.
Drama club held many activities for its members. A submarine sandwich party as well as a trip to World’s of Fun were among the activities. The trip to World’s of Fun had workshops in different areas of drama, some for improvisation and others for stage fighting. Unfortunately, it rained all morning.

Megan Johnson, sophomore, said, “Taking the drama club to World’s of Fun was a great idea! Some of the sessions were fun. I just wish the weather had been better and we could have stayed longer.”

Earlier in the school year, the drama club also took the annual trip to the Renaissance Festival. Some students rode rides that were hand operated by “strong men” while others wandered in and out of shops purchasing medieval souvenirs.

Many students participated on the speech team, many qualified for state festival. For fine arts night, among others, Janna Cash, freshman performed her oral interpretation of poetry, “The Animal Garden” by Ogden Nash, and B.J. Christenson performed his humorous solo “Noah” by Bill Cosby.

The one-act play was “Wanna Play?” by Linda Bergman. This play was an ensemble piece about the trials of adolescence and how to handle growing up. All of the actors got to dress up like little kids again. This was also a production at fine arts night.

Jesse Cash, junior, said, “We had fun with it and got a lot at state. The practices were long and hard, but, in the end, it was worth it.”

The speech team received the most I’s at state in Troy’s history. Also, Megan Johnson and Gillian Guier received three ones each, the most possible.

Michael Jenkins, junior, was stage manager for the one-act play. He commented, “The performances went very well. I think that everyone made a good effort for it. I really liked it.”

Ashley Jensen, sophomore, said, “Being a part of the one-act was very exciting and challenging. We never had a dull practice. The cast wasn’t really serious about the play, but we pulled it off and had fun playing the parts of the little kids.”


“How long can you tread water?” asks B.J. Christenson as he performs his humorous solo “Noah” by Bill Cosby. It was a solo about the old Bible story, with a bit of Bill Cosby’s humor added. Photo by Erin Murphy.
"We're off to see the Wizard, the wonderful Wizard of Oz." rang throughout the high school for almost two months. *The Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum was chosen for the spring play.

*The Wizard of Oz* was almost identical to the film. There were a few added lines and scene changes. Instead of having the high school view the play's matinee as usual, the grade school and middle school got to see it.

"When we first started working on *The Wizard of Oz*, I was skeptical. I wasn’t sure if we could pull it off after some of the long practices," said Susie Oyerly, senior.

*The Wizard of Oz* starts out with Dorothy getting stuck in a twister and landing in Munchkinland where Glinda leads her to the great Wizard of Oz. On her journey, she makes three friends, the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, and the Cowardly Lion. In the end, Dorothy gets back to Kansas by melting the Wicked Witch.

Erin Reynolds, freshman, said, "I liked the role of a Munchkin and watching Janna and Jesse while they danced as members of the Lollipop Guild."

Director Martha-Jean Rockey said, "Many told me afterwards that it was the best play we'd ever done. Some of the grade school students even came three times!"

Katie Culp, senior, said, "Many times, it seemed like nothing good was going to come out of this production. However, in the end, it was a satisfying performance."

There were three performances of the play. There were a Thursday matinee, a Friday evening performance, and a Saturday dinner theater.

"With one week left, I was notified that I would be playing the part of Uncle Henry. Fortunately, it was a small part and I made only a few small mistakes," said Jesse Cash, junior.

Another addition to the cast was the use of a real dog to play the role of Toto. The dog, Bruney, came to virtually all of the practices and received much applause after every performance.

Allisha Benitz, senior, said, "I think that using a real dog really added to the play. He was easy to get along with and made practices more fun."

Katie added, "Doing this play for my senior year was fun! I had a lot of fun with the rest of the cast at practices and performances."


Before entering the haunted forest with her friends, the Cowardly Lion (Suzie Oyerly) checks to make sure her tail is still intact. Different from the movie, the Jitterbug dance was added to the play and performed in this scene. Photo by Pam Oyerly
Director Martha-Jean Rockey shows the Tin Man (B.J. Christenson), Dorothy (Allisha Benitz), and the Scarecrow (Ryan Grable), which way to go while strolling down the Yellow Brick Road. Many of the actors’ evenings were spent at school preparing for the production and at home memorizing lines. The books as well as a few of the costumes were rented. Photo by Katie Culp.

"The witch is easily recognizable to people and is a fun role to play (except for the wig.)" Megan Johnson, sophomore

"My favorite part of the play was seeing the whole thing finally come together." Taylor Lister, sophomore

"My costumes were my favorite part. I thought it was fun to get dressed up." Janna Cash, freshman

"Someone has just broken your Aunt Em’s heart," Professor Marvel (Clint Peden) tells Dorothy (Allisha Benitz) as he gazes into the crystal ball while Toto (Bruney) looks on with interest. Photo by Katie Culp.

Cast of Characters

Dorothy..........................Allisha Benitz
Aunt Em............................Katie Culp
Uncle Henry.........................Jesse Cash
Zeke (Lion)........................Suzie Oylerly
Hickory (Tinman)...............B.J. Christenson
Hunk (Scarecrow)................Ryan Grable
Miss Gulch (Wicked Witch).Megan Johnson
Glinda................................Gillian Guier
Wizard...............................Clint Peden
Others appearing on stage as Munchkins, Winkies, and Oz people are: Ashley Jensen, Marci Sharp, Alicia Jenkins, Brandi Strong, Kristin Grable, Tia Walton, Erin Reynolds, Rachel Clary, Corinne Ruhnke, Janna Cash, Lindsey Lister, Abra Eylar, Jamie Stewart, Angie Bramlage, Robin Rodgers, Taylor Lister, Laura Ford, Tiffany Juhl, Katie Turpin, Amy King, Betsy Schultz, April Walter, Blaine Luedke, and Jonathan Huss.
Debbie Simpson stands in front of her new business, Heart and Soul- Rustics and Collectibles. This was a unique addition to Troy’s businesses and attracts antique collectors to the town. Debbie Simpson also owns Troy Fast Lane, which has been in operation for several years in the town of Troy. Photo by Katie Culp.

Davies Oil Company complied with the federal regulation changes of the Kansas gas stations. These are the new gas pumps that replaced the old ones. Photo by Katie Culp.
Troy is a small town, so there usually are not all that many changes being made with its businesses. There was an exception, though.

One major change was the change of ownership of the former "Sheila's Restaurant." The restaurant is now called "Carolyn's Place," but many will always think of it as "Sheila's."

"It was different when they changed Sheila's to Carolyn's Place. It has been Sheila's for years. It will be hard to remember that it is Carolyn's Place," said Larissa Handley, senior.

Another major change dealt with the service stations of Troy. All underground storage tanks in the state had to comply with a number of federal regulations by the deadline of February 28, 1999. These regulations were designed to help protect groundwater from being polluted. The owners had been aware of the deadline for several years and this was not a surprise to them. The stations who chose not to comply with these regulations were not allowed to continue selling gasoline anymore.

There was a new business that opened called Heart and Soul, an antique and collectibles store owned by Debbie Simpson, located just off Main Street in Troy. Heart and Soul also sold such things as balloon bouquets and it was a popular place around Valentine's Day.

Many wondered what the new business was going to be before it had its grand opening.

"I was anxious to find out what Debbie was going to turn the building into. There were numerous rumors about what it would be. The residents of Troy were kept in suspense for a quite a while," said Laura Ford, senior.

Nelson's Hometown Pharmacy changed their operating hours to close earlier in the afternoon. This affected several who relied on their old hours.

The students of Troy High School also had to deal with change. The Troy school system acquired a new superintendent, Dr. Doug Huxman. The topic of building a new school or combining schools lingered in the air.

Change is just a part of life that the residents of Troy and the students of Troy High School had to deal with.

Far left is Tall Oak by Peter Toth. It was commemorated for being in Troy for 25 years. Tall Oak has become a normal part of the Doniphan County Courthouse lawn. Peter Toth had the goal of carving an Indian to place in each state in the United States. Photo by Katie Culp.

Nelson’s Hometown Pharmacy changed their store hours. This effected many who relied on going there later in the afternoon. Photo by Katie Culp.
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taking a little girl to kindergarten, sending a
young lady to high school, and enrolling a
young woman in college are milestones that
are passing all too quickly.
Amy, the many memories and experiences
with you have greatly enriched our lives. We
look toward your future with pride and
adoration. Seek the Lord’s direction and
serve him as you start this stage of your life.
Love and prayers,
Mom & Dad

NR,
Thanks for the memories!
Watching you play football
and “wrestle your way” to
State made for so many
special moments!
We’re proud to have
shared in the first 18
years of your life and look
forward, with you, to the future! Good
Luck at Northwest!
Love you forever~
Mom, Dad, ER, and SR

Corey,
We are very proud of you.
Good luck in whatever you
do.
Love,
Dad, Mom, & Ryan

Kristin,
I’m so very proud of you.
You’ve grown up into a
beautiful and caring young
lady. You have a lot of traits
that Mom had and these will
take you far in whatever you
do. She will always be with
you in spirit and memory. Take
care of Nicole at K-State and
in three years I’ll send you
Andrea.
I Love You.
Dad

P.J.
We are very proud of you.
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Casey,
You are such a blessing to us and we love
you very much. We’re so proud of the
wonderful person you are. Look to the
future with a positive attitude and trust in
God to guide your steps.
Always remember you are in our prayers
and we’re here for you.
Love,
Mom, Dad,
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Clint,
By your adventurous spirit you have taught me about living with enthusiasm every day. Your sense of fair-play, honesty, and compassion make me proud of the man you have become.

Love,
Mom

Kyle,
From the first time you stood up by yourself, till now, time has gone so fast. It’s hard to believe you’re grown, and don’t need my help. I’m so proud of you and your accomplishments thus far. And I’ll always be there for you, when you need me.

I love you
Mom

Larissa,
You are such a joy to us. Your smile is a special gift from God. May you allow him to lead you.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Doug, Lowell

Stephanie,
You have accomplished so much already and you have set high goals for the future. Your great personality and determination will see you through. We are very proud of you and support you all the way. We wish you success and happiness.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Benji
Justin,
You've grown into such a fine young man.
We are so proud of you.
Good luck in whatever you do. Keep smiling!
Mom, Dad,
Jennifer and Josh

Suzie,
Remember what you learned in kindergarten. Then set your goals and work toward them.
Best wishes,
Mom & Dad

Laura,
I am so proud of you. All that you have accomplished through your high school years. You've grown into a beautiful young lady. Keep reaching for your dreams, Never give up and remember I'll always be here for you.
Love ya,
Mom and Jenny

Marietta,
We are proud of you and your accomplishments; we wish you a life of happiness while reaching for your goals.
Love,
Mom & Dad

More than best friends, partners in crime.

Katie,
May your ride into the future be a galloping good time!
We love you,
Grandma, Grandpa,
Mom, and Kyle

Megan,
Thank you for always sticking by me and for being such a great friend. I'm really going to miss you next year. I'll never forget all the great memories we've made together.
Love always,
Kristin

Brett,
We were so excited when God blessed us with a beautiful baby boy. Now you have grown into a fine young man. We are very proud of you.
Whatever you can imagine, you can accomplish. Dream big.

With all our love,
Dad, Mom, Lisa, Hana
Ryan.

We are proud of the young man that you have become and proud of all your accomplishments. You have given us many proud moments and we wish you success as you journey into the next phase of your education. May your dreams come true and your goals become a reality.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jeremy, Tim, and Kim

Matthew,

Congratulations on a job well done. We are proud of you and what you’ve become. Stay close to the Lord. Put him first place in your life and the other things will fall into place.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Betsy Jo,

We love you and are very proud of you. Always be happy and keep God in your heart.

Love you always,
Mom, Dad, Staci, Kari, Emily, and Brent

Kristin,

We couldn’t have asked for a better sister or a better friend. The memories we have shared remind us of how lucky we are.

Love,
Nicole & Andrea

Rissa,

High school is like a roller coaster; sometimes it’s scary. Thanks for being there through the rough times, holding my hand.

Love,
Amy

Justin,

Thank you so much for everything you’ve done for me. Thanks for the smiles, the laughs, and the memories. I’ll love you always. Good luck in all you do.

Love,
Allisha

Megan,

You have brought so much fun and laughter to our lives. You have made us unbelievably PROUD. You have a great future ahead of you. We know you will do well and accomplish whatever you set out to do. Stay as sweet, fun, and loving as you are today. Keep a strong faith and that big smile and you will soar high. We’ll love you forever and always.

Dad, Mom, and Sarah

Nathan,

From the beginning you have always been the good son. Now you have become the good man. May all the fields you plow be fertile and may your harvests bear great bounty. We are very proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Sarah, Mary, Molly
Mrs. Anna Goss began her teaching career in Troy in 1949. She said, "I am very glad that I started my teaching career at Troy. After all, I met my husband when I came to Troy and one and a half years later we were married."

Commenting on the changes in 50 years, she said, "Fifty years ago there weren't TV's, computers, etc. in homes like today."

Some favorite memories would be "...the annual style show and tea. Others would be the bus trips going to ball games and eating bologna sandwiches—there just weren't any fast food places back in the 'old' days."

The positive influence of Mrs. Goss has been much appreciated at Troy High School and those who have known her, worked with her, and been taught by her, are richer for the experience.
Happiness mixed with a little sadness was felt by the students at Troy High School as they took the final "One Last Look" at 1998-1999.

The seniors said their final good-byes to high school and made plans for what they will move on to.

The underclassmen set goals to reach in the rest of their high school years and prepared to have a new rank in seniority.

Students would use the knowledge and experience that they gained while attending Troy High School for the rest of their lives.

Even though the seniors left THS forever and had said good-bye to most of the friends they had made over the years, they would always have their memories. The four years they spent at THS would help them achieve their goals in life.
Friends gained momentum breezing through another successful season by adding story lines about Phoebe giving birth, Ross and Emily’s divorce, and Monica and Chandler’s new relationship.

Cameron Diaz turned heads and stomachs in the summer surprise blockbuster There’s Something About Mary with Ben Stiller and Matt Dillon. There was also a huge demand for the movie’s scene-stealing Border terrier in a cast. Twentieth Century Fox made only $20 of the stuffed dog promotional items. The hit made more than $220 million.

Audiences and critics alike responded to the brilliant characters, witty wordplay, and physical humor found in Frasier. The show won an Emmy for Outstanding Comedy Series and Kelsey Grammer and David Hyde Pierce both won Emmys for their portrayals of the Crane brothers.

Adam Sandler’s movie career soared. He followed the success of The Wedding Singer with Waterboy, a comedy that made $122 million.

The WB’s coming-of-age-drama, Felicity, drew high ratings among 18 to 34-year-olds in upper income households.

The comedy Shakespeare in Love, starring Ben Affleck and Gwyneth Paltrow, celebrated Shakespeare’s genius and won Golden Globes for Best Screenplay and Best Comedy Film.

Entertainment
Dawson's Creek continued to keep the attention of viewers with its handsome cast and controversial subject matter.

Fast-talking Chris Tucker proved himself to be star material as a Los Angeles Police detective in Rush Hour. He teamed with Jackie Chan in this action comedy that made more than $139 million.

Fox's Ally McBeal remained a favorite for its offbeat humor and received a Golden Globe Best Comedy Series Award.

Tan's Missouri Show was nominated for three Oscars.

Saving Private Ryan gave a graphic account of the violence of World War II and earned Steven Spielberg Golden Globes for best director and best film. The blockbuster took in $188 million the first time, and was re-released in February. It received an Oscar nomination for best picture.

Top 10 movies of 1998:
- Saving Private Ryan
- There's Something About Mary
- The Truman Show
- Shakespeare in Love
- A Bug's Life
- The Waterboy
- Rush Hour
- Armageddon
- Lethal Weapon 4
- Enemy of the State

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George Clooney left the very successful drama *ER* to pursue more movie opportunities. He plans to produce some television shows and make guest appearances on *ER* next season.

The summer blockbuster *Armageddon* was well received by movie audiences. Bruce Willis, Liv Tyler, Ben Affleck, and a killer asteroid kept audiences on the edge of their seats.

Fans crowded theaters to see Mel Gibson and Danny Glover together once again in *Lethal Weapon 4*. Hong Kong martial arts star Jet Li made his American debut in the film while comedian Chris Rock added comic relief as Glover’s future son-in-law.


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Hollywood put the spotlight on insects this year with the release of *A Bug's Life* and *Antz: A Bug's Life* took in more than $148 million, and opened with the highest grossing Thanksgiving weekend in history.
At 17, Monica released her second successful album, *The Boy is Mine*. The Georgia native’s career has rocketed since her first album, *Miss Thang*. With her new mature sound, success seems to be her destiny. Teaming with Brandy on the single, *The Boy is Mine*, the duo won a Grammy for Best R&B Performance by a Duo.

Tim McGraw scored his eighth number one single with *Where the Green Grass Grows*. He won the Country Music Association’s Award for Album of the Year for his album *Everywhere* which produced six singles. He and wife Faith Hill also became parents for the second time.

Toronto’s Barenaked Ladies became extremely popular with their album, *Stunt*. They were part of the summer’s H.O.R.D.E. tour and their single, *One Week*, went to number one on the Billboard Hot 100.

Who were your favorite musicians?

Top 10 albums of 1998:
- The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill (Lauryn Hill)
- Surfacing (Sarah McLachlan)
- Come On Over (Shania Twain)
- Backstreet Boys (Backstreet Boys)
- Yourself or Someone Like You (Matchbox 20)
- Third Eye Blind (Third Eye Blind)
- Wide Open Spaces ( Dixie Chicks)
- So Much for the Afterglow (Everclear)
- Lie to Me (Jonny Lang)
- ‘N Sync (‘N Sync)

Brandy had a good year with the success of her *Never Say Never* album released in the spring of 1998. The album included a duet with Monica, *The Boy is Mine*. She also made her big-screen debut with *I Still Know What You Did Last Summer*. 
The Dave Matthews Band album, *Before These Crowded Streets*, debuted at number one last May. The band was the second 1998 top concert money earner, with more than $40 million.

Madonna's music and appearance have softened since motherhood. She won Grammys for her album *Ray of Light* which received Best Pop Album and the single, *Ray of Light*, which received Best Dance Recording.

In 1998, Jewel stayed busy with her album *Hands* which sold 10 million copies. She also released a poetry book, *A Night Without Armor*, which sold more than 500,000 copies.

Just a week after its release, Lauryn Hill's debut solo album, *The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill*, climbed to the top of the Billboard charts. Hill wrote and produced the entire album which received 10 Grammy nominations. Hill won 5 Grammys, including one for Best R&B Album and Best New Artist.
The Backstreet Boys sold more than 22 million records worldwide. With hits like I'll Never Break Your Heart and All I Have To Give, their fresh faces and dance club music have teens and even some adults screaming for more.

With her album Come On Over selling 18.5 million copies and her song Still the One receiving a Grammy for Best Female Country Vocal Performance, Shania Twain had quite a year. The Canadian took in $34 million in concert revenues and earned more American Music Award nominations than any other musician.

Celine Dion appeared in VH1's Divas Live along with pop divas Mariah Carey, Aretha Franklin, Carole King, and Shania Twain. Dion earned $55.5 million and sold 28 million albums. She won two Grammys for My Heart Will Go On.

Long-time legend Elton John was in the number one spot for concert sales, earning $46.2 million.

The all-male pop group 'N Sync had two top 40 hits, I Want You Back and Tearing Up My Heart. Their self-titled album went platinum.

Multi-platinum recording artist Sarah McLachlan put together the second Lilith Fair festival, which celebrated women musicians.

Britney Spears' 17, found success with the single ...Baby, One More Time. The song landed at number one on Billboard's chart.

Although the Go Goo Dolls have been together since the 80s, they scored their first number one hit with Iris, which received three Grammy nominations. Their album, Dizzy Up the Girl, went platinum.

Barbra Streisand, 56, and James Brolin, 58, exchanged vows.

Linda McCartney, wife of Paul, lost her battle with breast cancer.

The music world also said farewell to Carl Perkins, Tammy Wynette, Eddie Rabbit, and Junior Wells.

Frank Sinatra, "Ol' Blue Eyes," died at age 82.

The Dixie Chicks three-part harmony mixed classic country sound with contemporary style. Their album, Wide Open Spaces, made them one of the biggest selling new acts of 1998. They took home the Horizon Award at the 32nd annual Country Music Awards. They scored big at the Grammys, winning Best Country Album with Wide Open Spaces and Best Country Performance By A Duo for There's Your Trouble.

Australian-born Natalie Imbruglia dominated airwaves for a year with her first single, Torn. Her album, Left of the Middle, sold more than five million copies.
On December 19, President William Jefferson Clinton became only the second President in history to be impeached by Congress. Kenneth Starr's investigation culminated with the House of Representatives being presented with four articles of impeachment. The House adopted two of the articles and the stage was set for a Senate trial. The impeachment trial lasted five weeks and ended on February 12 with President Clinton's acquittal on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice.

On February 29, 1962, John Glenn became the first American astronaut to orbit the earth. Glenn, 77, took his second space voyage on October 29, 1998, aboard the shuttle Discovery. Returning after nine days, Glenn found readjusting to gravity to be the greatest challenge of the mission. He was welcomed back to earth with a New York City ticker tape parade.

On his 85th pastoral trip outside of Italy, Pope John Paul II traveled to the United States and Mexico. His return to Mexico was significant because it was the country where he made his first foreign trip as Pope. His visit to St. Louis was his first trip to the Gateway To the West.

Two officers were killed when 41-year-old Russell Weston charged into the U.S. Capitol building and opened fire. Weston had a history of mental instability and violence. He was caught and charged with murder. The victims, Officer Jacob Chestnut (top), and Special Agent John Gibson (bottom), were called heroes for their bravery and sacrifice.

None of the 229 people on board Swiss Flight 111 survived the September 2 crash on the coast of Canada's Nova Scotia. The cause of the crash was reported to be faulty wiring.
Jordan’s King Hussein, 63, died of cancer. He ruled Jordan since 1952, longer than any other leader in the middle east. Hussein played a crucial role in the peace process between the Palestinians and Israelis. His funeral procession was attended by nearly a million people. His son, 37-year-old Prince Abdullah, is heir to the throne.

Newt Gingrich resigned as Speaker of the House after the Republicans lost five seats in the House of Representatives in the November elections.

Food was a powerful weapon in Sudan’s 15-year civil war. Officials of the famine-plagued country allowed an airdrop of food from the U.N., but it was impossible to feed all of the hungry.

Dr. Jack Kevorkian made headlines once again when CBS’s 60 Minutes aired a videotape of the Michigan doctor assisting a suicide. He was arrested and charged with first degree murder.

Even after promising full cooperation, Iraq’s Saddam Hussein continued to frustrate and restrict U.N. arms inspectors. The United States and Great Britain joined forces in a December 17 strike against military targets in Iraq. In the months following the attack, Hussein increased military activity and went on the offensive with dog fights in the “no-fly” zone.

Eric Rudolph, the prime suspect in the January 29, 1998, bombing of a Birmingham, Alabama, abortion clinic that killed one person and seriously injured another, remained on the loose as one of the F.B.I.’s Most Wanted fugitives. Rudolph was believed to be hiding in the hills of North Carolina. The fact that he was an avid outdoorsman has led searches to think it may be a long time before he is found.
Houston's Nkem Chukwu became the first woman to give birth to a surviving set of octuplets. The first baby was born December 8 and the rest came on December 20. Seven of the eight babies have survived.

On March 24 in Jonesboro, Arkansas, Mitchell Johnson, 13, and Andrew Golden, 11, opened fire on Westside Elementary students and teachers who were evacuating the school during a fire alarm. The boys, who were positioned in nearby woods, killed four girls and one teacher, and wounded 10 others.

In China, monsoon rains caused the Yangtze River to flood to levels not reached since 1954. Damages were estimated at $30 billion and 3,656 were reported dead.

Extensive fires caused by long-term drought forced 70,000 people to flee their Florida homes in July. The National Guard, Marines, and firefighters from across the nation battled the flames.

Indonesian President Suharto stepped down from a 32-year reign in May after a three-day protest outside of Parliament. Although Vice President B.J. Habibie was sworn in until 2003, conditions did not improve and protests continued. As a result, Parliament agreed to hold new elections in the spring.

Thousands were wounded and 224 killed when the U.S. embassies in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, were bombed. Saudi exile Osama bin Laden was suspected of being behind the terrorist attacks. President Clinton retaliated with a missile strike. Seven men were arrested in connection with the bombings.
Hurricane Mitch’s fury hit hard, killing more than 10,000 people in Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Nicaragua and leaving some two million homeless. Eight days of rain and 180-mile-an-hour winds followed the hurricane which was said to be the deadliest storm in the Atlantic in 200 years.

Jesse “The Body” Ventura became the governor of Minnesota in January. The former Navy SEAL and professional wrestler pulled off a stunning upset in November winning the governor’s race as a member of the Reform party.

Clint Hallam, a 48-year-old New Zealander, was the recipient of the world’s first hand transplant. Unfortunately, after the September surgery in Lyons, France, Hallam disappeared and broke all contact with the doctors on the transplant team.

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Americans were "ready to rumble" this year with the popularity of professional wrestling on the rise. There was much debate between wrestlers from the old school who fight to prove they are the best and newcomers who believe in more intense entertainment.

A talking chihuahua proved to be a great marketing tool for Taco Bell. His catch phrase, "Yo quiero Taco Bell" (meaning "I want some Taco Bell,"), saucy voice, and swaggering strut made him an especially hot dog!

Volkswagen introduced its new "Beetle" in March of '98 and by January of '99 had sold 100,000 cars. The car also won awards as North American Car of the Year, JD Powers and Associates Most Appealing Small Car, and Consumer Digest's Best Buy.

Fashion designers looked to the past to create the newest trends in clothing. Calf-length skirts and capri pants, elbow length shirts, carpenter pants, spaghetti strap dresses and tops, and clunky shoes were seen everywhere. Long, straight hair and the bob began to come back. Adidas, GAP, Old Navy, and Abercrombie & Fitch were some popular name brands with teens.

March 9, 1999, marked Barbie's 40th birthday. The number one teenage fashion model was honored by Mattel with the introduction of Crystal Jubilee Barbie and the Gala Edition 40th Anniversary Barbie.

The "must have" toy for Christmas this year was the Furby, a small, furry bundle that speaks. The furby's vocabulary increased over time, and it interacted by sneezing, giggling, or speaking.
The controversial Russian Mir space station made headlines as it conducted experiments with mirrors in space. Scientists were attempting to bring light to northern countries such as Russia and Canada during the dark winter months.

Apple introduced its iMac computer, translucent with a round mouse. The fast, inexpensive computer hit stores in August with a 233-MHz G3 chip, a 24X CD-ROM drive, and a 15-inch monitor.

Henna tattoos were a hot trend, giving people the opportunity to decorate their bodies without the permanence of regular tattoos. They could even be done at home with a kit.

The country began to jump, jive, and wall as swing dancing returned. The music and dance has an upbeat sound and movement not seen since the 1940s.

Another big hit for children this year were Teletubbies, brightly colored characters with televisions in their tummies. The foursome originated in England and enchanted children everywhere.

1998 Trends:
- Palm Pilots were popular with consumers. The newest version, the Palm Pilot V, made the already convenient item even better. It had an anodized aluminum case and an advanced LCD screen with lithium-ion batteries that could be recharged in minutes.
- Saturn introduced the world's first three-door coupe. The third door did not raise the cost of the car, making it even more attractive.
- Emily Rosa, 11, of Colorado made news when she published a paper in the Journal of the American Medical Association that presented the results of her two-year study on therapeutic touch.
- Philips introduced the 42" Flat Plasma Television. The 4.5" wide set was formatted to be hung on the wall and had a 160° viewing angle. An expected one million units are to be made by the year 2000.
- Writeable CDs became more mainstream, allowing computer users to save large amounts of data, up to 640 megabytes.
- Lymirax, a vaccine developed by SmithKline Beecham, was found to prevent Lyme disease. The disease was expected to reach a record high this year as a result of El Niño's warmer temperatures and extra moisture.
- Game Boy got better with Game Boy Color. They came in solid or transparent purple, and the screen display was color. Pre-existing games could be played in color also.
Olympic triple gold medalist and track superstar Florence Griffith Joyner, 38, died from a cardiac condition. Her track records have remained unbroken.

The University of Kentucky won its second national basketball championship in three years with new coach Tubby Smith.

Scottie Pippen and the Chicago Bulls won their sixth NBA championship in eight years. Michael Jordan’s last shot in the NBA beat the Utah Jazz in the last seconds of the game.

Jeff Gordon began 1999 in the best way possible by winning the Daytona 500. It was Gordon’s second Daytona 500 win in three years.

Randy Johnson was not affected by his mid-season trade to the Houston Astros. He won 10 of 11 starts and posted an ERA of 1.28.

Tennessee had a 13-0 year which led them to the Fiesta Bowl. They beat Florida State 23-16 for the national championship.
The New York Yankees pulled off a winning year with a great roster of veteran pitchers and hitters. The strong team led the Yankees to the earliest playoff spot in history and a World Series sweep of the Padres.

Mark O'Meara was the PGA player of the year after winning the Masters and the British Open. He had the distinction of being the oldest player in PGA history to win two majors in one year.

Cynthia Cooper, the guard for the Houston Comets, led her team to a second consecutive WNBA title and won her second MVP award while averaging 27 points per game.

Race horse Real Quiet had hopes of a Triple Crown after winning both the Kentucky Derby and Preakness. Those hopes faded as Victory Gallop won the Belmont Stakes run on June 6.

Female boxing gained popularity. Women brought a freshness to the sport which may soon become a part of mainstream boxing.

Larry Bird won the NBA Coach of the Year and was inducted into the Hall of Fame.
Former heavyweight fighter Mike Tyson made headlines when he sued Don King for $100 million, and when he lost his temper in the hearing to regain his boxing license.
Ken Griffey, Jr. hit 19 home runs over three rounds of the All-Star home run hitting contest.
The San Antonio Spurs enjoyed their title as the greatest turnaround in NBA history. The Spurs won 56 games this year.
NBA star Dennis Rodman married MTV host Carmen Electra in a spur-of-the-moment wedding.
After 25 years with the University of Nebraska, football coach Tom Osborne retired.

After a 14-year basketball career, superstar Michael Jordan retired in January. Considered by many to be the greatest basketball player in history, he won five MVP awards and six NBA Championships with the Chicago Bulls.

Chinese gymnast Sang Lan was paralyzed while warming up for the Goodwill Games in New York. Her Olympic dreams were shattered, but she found comfort with the family that cared for her until her own could arrive.
John Elway led the Denver Broncos to a second consecutive Super Bowl victory. The Broncos defeated the Atlanta Falcons 34-19. Quarterback Elway was unsure if he would return for another season to try to win a record-setting third consecutive Super Bowl.

Detroit beat Washington 4-0 in the Stanley Cup Finals, winning their second consecutive title. The Red Wings were honored when 1.2 million fans celebrated in downtown Detroit.

The St. Louis Cardinal's Mark McGwire beat Roger Maris' record of 61 homeruns in a single season. McGwire ended the season with 70 homeruns.

20-year-old Se Ri Pak from Korea won the U.S. Women’s Open in Wisconsin. This was one of two major wins, and she set an LPGA tournament record.

Sammy Sosa was close behind Mark McGwire and also broke Roger Maris' single-season homerun record. Sosa ended the season with 66 homeruns.

The Williams sisters, Venus and Serena (left to right), breathed new life into tennis with their strong personalities and big-hitting games. Venus stayed in the top ten list of players and sister Serena remained in the upper teens.