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Below: The entrance to Troy High School. Many students walked into this entrance to make memories of their own Reality Show at Troy High School. Photo by Katie Merritt
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School...what does this word mean when someone hears it? Does it mean sitting in classrooms, reading the homework to see if we want to do it or not, or is it the sports? It is difficult to define the word school because it means different things to different people.

To some, school is the memories of winning the regional football game or acing that final exam in English. It is getting donuts for wearing your seat belts and having assigned parking, bringing groans from underclassmen. Each student has different memories of high school. Each one has the chance to excel in a chosen area but also to excel academically in all subjects. Whatever the memory is, school is whatever the students made it.

To some, school is making that big sculpture in art, waiting for results on the Design an Ad competition, or finally beating their 200-meter-dash record in track. School sometimes seemed like a reality show in itself. Students’ lives intertwined and blended into each other, creating drama, love, and friendships. School, or the lack of, were memories students shared, rejoicing when USD 429 Troy Public Schools Cancelled flashed across the television screen because of bad weather. Students had the chance to live life to the fullest and make their own reality. They had the chance to realize their dreams, goals, and what they wanted to do with their lives.

As the year came to an end, the students were in their own reality show with sports, activities, and classes. We hope that your reality has been a great one and that we never forget the memories of Troy High School: A Reality Show of its Own!
Above: Bea Koehler, Jenna Grable, Jessica Sutherland, and Jena Johnson serve Kyle Koehler and Derek Shelton during the student council Thanksgiving dinner. Photo by Blair Cummings

Left: Josh Smith and Andrew Meng measure a piece of wood for their hanging bookshelf in their industrial arts class, taught by a new instructor, Gene Velharticky. Photo by Bridget Losson

Far left top: Principal Darrel Stufflebeam talks on the phone to reschedule the Randy Nadler assembly, which had been postponed due to excessive snow and ice. Students missed six days because of winter weather. Photo by Shana Kostman

Left: Marianne Anderson, Amani Al-Hallah, Laci Ashford, Whitney Stock, and Jordan Libel visit during the Kayettes' Christmas gift exchange. The Kayettes exchanged little gifts for Christmas and Valentine's. Photo by Jena Pickerell

Far left bottom: Janie Simpson and Lowell Handley show off their hula skills during the Queen of Courts Spirit Week. Photo by Blair Cummings
What would school be without artistic outlets that let us escape the stress of homework or jobs? Students of Troy High School could choose from several areas when deciding what avenue of artistic expression they wanted to explore.

Students who chose band as their artistic outlet found themselves playing creative and difficult pieces of work and excelling at them. The jazz band pumped out electrifying numbers and the percussion ensemble members brought their version of Stomp to the citizens of Troy with their pounding rhythms and complicated drumstick movements.

Choir members performed songs in Latin and had Bea Koehler lead the audience in a rendition of “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” during the Christmas concert. The choir also had a small ensemble that performed songs in Latin and sang “Feeling Groovy” and “Put A Little Love in Your Heart” during the fall concert.

Art brought new and creative sculptures, drawings, and pictures to the halls and art room of THS. Students participated in several art contests, including DVL Art in Wathena. Theater arts students performed poems and plays throughout the year. They often found themselves learning about different aspects of the theater and doing silly impersonations.

Drama club members had fun with the fall play, The Clumsy Custard Horror Show, a melodrama centered on monsters and damsels in distress. The spring musical, The Nifty Fifties, was a tribute to the era that introduced rock and roll and contained characters who looked like they belonged in Grease.

Success was familiar to the members of the Troy speech team. Placing at four out of seven meets and never placing below fifth, the team had a very successful year. They took first at DVL and the one-act play also received first place.

No matter what artistic field the students of Troy chose to pursue, they did so with grace and enthusiasm. Hollywood agents and managers should look at these students when conducting their next “Star Search.”
Above: Choir members Emily Merritt, Sandra Eteeyan, Kendra Eteeyan, Bridget Losson, Whitney Sutton, Sarah Watkins, and Leslie Smith, Guy Masters, Miles Clary, Tim Snead, Jeremy Etherton, Jared Adkins, Kyle Koeheber, and Lowell Handley sing at the Christmas concert. Students often wore Christmas hats or clothing to celebrate the season. Photo by Katie Merritt

Left: Theater Arts students Ginny Hodge, Amy Adams, Edwin Buch, Danny Rathmann, John Hoverson, and Jena Pickrell read poems to the first grade students during Halloween. Photo by Ryan Jones

Far left top: Whitney Morgan, Shana Kostman, and Cole Whetstone listen as a tour guide talks about a painting during an art field trip to the Nelson-Adkins Museum of Art in Kansas City, Missouri. Photo by Jena Pickrell

Left: Brent Leger, Laura Greub, and Courtney Turpin play during the Christmas concert. Photo by Katie Merritt

Far left bottom: Daniel Dominguez grooves as Ziggy Springer during the spring musical. Daniel, in the seventh grade, was recruited to play the part. Photo by Brei Richardson
Right: Brennan Wehmer rehearses “Pomp and Circumstance.” Photo by Ginny Hodge

Below: Emily Merritt, and David Flinders warm up for the winter concert. Photo by Katie by Katie Merritt

Above: Courtney Miller and Caylor Luther practice for the spring concert. Photo by Ginny Hodge

Troy High School band, Front row: Elizabeth Tharman, Sarah Watkins, Emily Merritt, Megan Hiemer, Courtney Miller, Kaitlyn Jordan, Laura Tharman, Row 2: Madi Twombly, Kayla DeLeon, Garrett Twombly, Carl Tharman, Jessica Watkins, Kacie Fenley, Row 3: Conductor Brad Flinders, Tyson Rohrer, Brent Ledger, Caylor Luther, Courtney Turpin, Laura Greub. Row 4: Andrew Simpson, Jocelyn Bishop, David Flinders, Brennan Wehner, Jordan Libel, Whitney Sutton. Photo by Ginny Hodge
“This year’s band are quite young. Over half the band are freshman, yet we are still improving and still receiving superior ratings at festival,” said Director Brad Flinders.

The band competed at a small group music festival in Concordia and large group music festival at Benedictine College. Some of the band members also performed at fine arts night. David Flinders performed his euphonium solo, “Allegro Spiritoso,” along with the saxophone quartet, including Jena Johnson, Kacie Fenley, Carl Tharman and Jessica Watkins, who played “Scherzo for Saxophones.” The percussion ensemble, who used a different technique by playing on plastic buckets, played “Distant Thunder.” The piece was arranged by Mr. Flinders.

The band also did very well at state. They performed “Awakening Hills” and “Three Ayres from Glcester,” for which they received a one rating. David Flinders also performed his euphonium at state and regionals where he received a one at both. The saxophone quartet received a two rating at state along with the brass quintet that included David Flinders, Jocelyn Bishop, Laura Greub, Brent Leger, and Garrett Twombly. They played “Intrada.”

Leger said, “Band was a lot of fun this year. It’s one of those places at school you can express yourself. After you finish playing a piece well, it feels great because of all the hard work that’s put into it. I love the fact that it’s a group effort; without 105% effort from everyone it won’t sound good. It builds character.”

Below: Laura Tharman, Sarah Watkins, Darrel Stufflebeam, and Emily Merritt get ice cream at the ice cream party for the band for getting a I at State. Photo by Ginny Hodge
Right: Graduates Jeremy Etherton, Tim Snead, Dominic Martinez, and Guy Masters perform “Young.” Others pictured are Leslie Smith and Jared Adkins. Photo by Casey Beemer

Below: Dominic Martinez, Guy Masters, and Miles Clary practice for the Troy winter concert. Photo by Katie Merritt

Above: The select ensemble, Jessie Siard, Elizabeth Tharman, Kara Masters, Dominic Martinez, Guy Masters, Miles Clary, Jared Adkins, Emily Merritt, Sarah Watkins, and Susan McCulloch, performs for the Troy Winter Concert, conducted by Brad Flinders. Photo by Katie Merritt

Right: The select ensemble, Jessie Siard, Elizabeth Tharman, Kara Masters, Dominic Martinez, Guy Masters, Miles Clary, Emily Merritt, and Sarah Watkins, practices for the Troy winter concert. Photo by Katie Merritt
Choir Excels at Performances

The choir group excelled at performances throughout the year. "The choir this year has really turned a corner. This was the first choir that has really begun to understand what making music is all about. It is without question the best choir Troy has had in many years. Unfortunately, the core of this quality is an outstanding group of seniors, who are leaving us soon, but I'm sure the underclassmen will step up next year and continue the progress. This year's choir has worked hard to become a quality group we can all be proud of," said Director Brad Flinders.

The choir performed at Highland and at State choir where they received good ratings. They received II ratings for "Festival Alleluia" by Roger Emerson and "Contate Hodie" by Mary Lynn Lightfoot.

The choir also performed at the annual spring concert, where they sang "Festival Alleluia" by Roger Emerson and "Mountain Music" by Alabama.

Individuals who sang at fine arts night were Miles Clary, "Under the Greenwood Tree" by Thomas Arne; Elizabeth Tharman, "The Little French Clock" by Albert Mott; Miles Clary, Sarah Watkins, and Emily Merritt, "Benedictus" by Brian Lewis; and Elizabeth Tharman, Kara Masters, Emily Merritt, Sarah Watkins, Miles Clary, Guy Masters, and Jared Akins, "You Can't Stop the Beat" arranged by Ed Lojeski.

"The choir did really well this year. I was really proud of our progress and our accomplishments at state and school performances," said Emily Merritt.
Isn't love wonderful! Hero, Swashbuck. Carl Tharman, swoons over the princess. Amy Adams, who is disguised as a scullery maid. Photo by Whitney Stock

Who will marry the princess? Malforce, Katie Merritt, and Queen Dumb, Stephanie Adams, search for a groom for the young princess. Photo by Whitney Stock

Worfe. Edwin Buch, waits patiently as Whitney Stock applies his multi-colored make-up. Photo by Blair Cummings

Clumsy Custard
No Match
For True Love

"Not the Clumsy Custard!"
Although the title of the play focused on the monster, the main focus of the play was the love story. In the melodrama, the villain Dacron, Danny Rathmann, tried to take the princess, Amy Adams, away to his kingdom, Zob Improper, but she was rescued by her hero, Swashbuck Valpariso, Carl Tharman. This proved to be the highlight for Princess Amy Adams as she said, "...Duh, I got to kiss Carl Tharman!

At the end of the play, Swashbuck and the princess marry and keep the Custard as a pet. The Custard was played by Jena Johnson and Kaitlyn Jordan. The monster's costume added humor to the play by not allowing the girls to move away from each other.

The production called for many audience interactions. The noises were added by prompters, Elizabeth Tharman and Kayla DeLeon, but some noises came from the audience. They were asked to make blowing noises and sing a song with the narrator, Arnis, played by Jocelyn Bishop.

Swashbuck Valpariso, Carl Tharman, had the power of "fast feet." After having been cast, Carl tore his ACL while playing football. "It was tricky. I could not do things that I am used to and had to think about every move."

Dacron, played by senior Danny Rathmann, had several scenes with Swashbuck, one in which they had to act out a sword fight. The fight was set to music by a mock organ duet by Malforce and Head, Katie Merritt and Jenna Grable. Head's part was different because she did not get a body until the last scene of the play.

Despite worries of the hero losing his "fast feet," the play came together and went according to plan.

"It was not as hard as I thought it would be," said senior Danny Rathmann, explaining coping with a major role for the first time. Photo by Blair Cummings
Right: Gracie (Stephanie Adams) gets the bad news that Ziggy won't be coming to the hippity hop. Photo by Brei Richardson

Below: Beverly and Lanie (Lyndsi Christopher and Laura Greub) figure out a plan to keep Ziggy from playing at the luncheonette. Photo by Brei Richardson

Above: Teen Queens Muffin and Jane (Amy Adams and Johnna Pasch) sing along to the Teen Queen song. Photo by Brei Richardson

The Nifty Fifties is a musical that takes place in the 1950s. In this play there are two major groups: the Teen Queens, (Amy Adams, Morgan Lister and Johnna Pasch), and there are the good girls, (Stephanie Adams, Kara Masters, and Bethany Grable). Throughout the entire play, these two groups disagree on everything.

There were new platforms for the play. These platforms were more stable than the old ones and connected together. The new ones were manufactured and the old ones were made of wood.

Also something that was different was that one of the roles was played by a middle schooler, Daniel Dominguez, because students who had the role backed out and it was hard finding people to fill the role as it came closer to the first performance. Daniel played the part of Ziggy in the play.

Daniel said, “I thought that it was a great opportunity to be in the play. I was just glad even to be asked.”

Also, instead of the director and drama club sponsor, Martha-Jean Rockey, choreographing the numbers, the students did it.

Mrs. Rockey said, “It came together beautifully after all the stress of trying to keep actors in their roles, and I was pleased with the numbers. I liked the high energy of the play.”

Above: Jena Pickerell comforts Ginny Hodge after she was not picked in the Bachelor skit in theater arts class. Photo by Cassie Siard

“Cheering My Way Into College,” No Time for Sergeants, “The Future of Biotech Foods in the U.S.,” titles that might not seem like much but meant state for the speech team. Ten people qualified for state, along with the one-act play. They also received plaques for placing 1st at DVL and 3rd at Pleasant Ridge, Atchison and Mount Academy/ Maur Hill.

The speech team did very well at state also. Students who received one ratings were Jared Adkins and Amy Adams in humorous, Stephanie Adams and Lyndsi Christopher in informative, Madi Twombly in poetry, Katie Merritt in extemp, Jared Adkins and Emily Merritt in IDA, and the one-act play.

In theatre arts the class studied William Shakespeare’s play King Lear. Cassie Siard said, “The play was kind of confusing because we didn’t really understand the lines, but at the end when we discussed it, it all made sense and I enjoyed it.” The class also made rhythm instruments, read a Halloween poem to the grade schoolers, and learned how to get their distinctive walks to help them act more like the character they were trying to portray.

The drama club hosted the Troy Speech Meet April 9. They also helped with the dinner theater, serving drinks and bringing in salads and desserts. Drama club went to Kansas City Kong or The Gorilla of My Dreams, a melodrama at Martin City January 28. Three members went to see Aida at the Music Hall in Kansas City.

At awards nights, the drama club students also received high awards. Amy Adams received the most drama club points in a year; Stephanie Adams and Katie Merritt received top senior points awards.

Below: Jared Adkins, Emily Merritt, Amy Adams, Elizabeth Tharman, Lyndsi Christopher, Stephanie Adams, Ginny Hodge and Katie Merritt perform the one-act play, “The Fabulous Fable Factory,” at State Speech. Photo by Madi Twombly
Right: Hannah Jenkins and Megan Campbell begin to create their Jackson Pollock-style drip painting at DVL Art Day. Photo by Nancy Clisbee

Below: Johonna Pasch and Katie Merritt receive their award after placing first in the "Art Rageous" Trivia contest at DVL Art Day in Wathena. Photo by Nancy Clisbee

Above: Janie Simpson and Kyle Koehler cut out magazine pictures and place them in their collages. They also used paint and marker to accent the project. Photo by Jena Pickerell

Right: Seniors Chris Taylor, Danny Rathmann, Jeremy Etherton, Katie Merritt, and Jocelyn Bishop tape off the field for painting during spirit week. The theme of the painting was in memory of their late classmate, Travis Clary. Photo by Jenna Grable
Nancy Clisbee’s art classes developed many art skills, including sketching still-life objects, spray painting techniques, ceramics, and pastels.

In the fall, some art students competed in the annual Art for the Health of It. Johnna Pasch received 1st place and $25; Jocelyn Bishop, 2nd; and Jena Pickerell, 3rd.

Some students also competed in the spring show and received awards. Jena Pickerell received 1st and $25 with her photo “Under the Bridge.”

All of the students participated in the annual DVL Art Day at Wathena. Seven students received gold medals; eight, certificates of merit; and nine, honorable mentions. Some on-site contests were completed including bottle painting, art trivia, mascots of clay, tile painting and Pollock-style painting. Some students were instructed on how to make tye-dye clothing and created their own tye-dye t-shirt.

At HCC Art Day, Troy students received five honorable mentions. Forty-eight schools participated and 1000 artworks were entered. This was the largest show had been. Some artworks were chosen to be displayed in the district office. These artworks were created by Lyndsi Christopher, Jenna Grable, Katie Merritt, Johnna Pasch, Cody Shelton, and Madison Twombly.
School for the students didn't just involve going to class but also showing off their athletic ability by participating in the sports offered at Troy. There may not have been glorious times, but the teams were always energetic and were always giving their best.

The cross-country team was the first to come out and show their skills to the school and community. They were up before the sun, running while their coaches drove beside them and cheered them on.

The Lady Trojans started their season with volleyball. They started the season totally new with two new coaches who brought inspiration and perseverance to the team.

The football team had a winning season of 10-2 with the two losses to Pleasant Ridge and Sedan. They lost some valuable players from the year before, but the team filled those shoes and rose to the top. They were “a team with the heart” as many fans said. They went farther in sectionals than many of the past teams.

New and different styles of dancing led the dance team in a new direction. They dressed up in costumes for many of their dances.

The cheerleading squad cheered, jumped, kicked, and did stunts. They cheered on the teams and got fans involved.

The Lady Trojans had an undefeated team on their home court for the first time in many years. They traveled to the Delaware Valley League Tournament, Hiawatha Tournament, and Sub-state at Valley Heights.

As soon as basketball was over the Trojan track team began practicing. The team lost many participants because of the graduated senior class but made up for it with an excited team to start the year. With only a few practices under their belt, the team went to their first meet with confidence.

After a year of competing in sports, the athletes would say that they gave all they had to compete in the “Amazing Race.”

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AMAZING RACE
Above: Nolan Franken shoots a free throw at the Delaware Valley League Tournament while team members John Hoveron, Guy Masters, Brett Christenson, Kelby Koehler, Derek Shelton, Dru Whestine, Timmy Sneed, and the opposing team’s coaches watch to see if Franken makes it. Photo by Katie Merritt

Left: John Hoveron, Jordan Frump, Colby Chuck, Tim Sneed, and Miles Clary run out to the field after half time during the Sedan game. Photo by Blair Cummings

Far left: The Lady Trojans basketball team pump themselves up before the game during the Delaware Valley League Tournament. Photo by Katie Merritt

Left: Senior Kelsey Thomas sets up Whitney Franken during the volleyball game while Kara Masters, Bethany Grable, and Abby Winder cover Franken. Photo by Jena Pickerell

Far left: Matt Ploeger and Levi Jenkins finish the last leg of the Troy cross country meet. Photo by Ryan Jones
New Coaches Join Team

With only three returning seniors, the 2004 Lady Trojan volleyball team went through a few rocky times and a few underclassmen had to step up. The season ended with a record of 8-18.

The two new coaches were Head Coach Carla Johnson and Assistant Coach Stephanie Lowry. "I really enjoyed coaching the volleyball team this year. All the girls were wonderful to work with and they stayed positive throughout the season. Our record doesn't depict how hard they played and how much they improved every practice. We had great senior leadership! We will miss the seniors' great attitudes and abilities next year," said Coach Johnson.

Some of the team members mentioned how well they did at the Atchison tournament. The tournament ended with a record of 2-4. Other tournaments for the Lady Trojans were the DVL tournament which started the season with a record of 4-6. In the Hiawatha tournament the girls won 2 and lost 6 matches.

Senior Abby Winder was the only member of the team to receive the award of Delaware Valley All-League.

Getting the team peped up in the huddle are Kelsey Thomas, Whitney Franken, Morgan Lister, and Bethany Grable. Photo by Megan Campbell

Number 15 Whitney Stock and #5 Blair Cummings use their knees while diving for the ball. Also helping to get the ball over the net are #13 Whitney Franken and #10 Kara Masters. Photo by Johanna Pasch
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**Lady Trojan Volleyball:** Front Row: Kelsey Thomas, Abby Winder, Bethany Grable, and Bethany Jenkins. Row 2: Jordan Libel, Jessica Sutherland, Blair Cummings, Morgan Lister, Kacie Fenley, and Whitney Morgan. Row 3: Manager Megan Campbell, Jena Johnson, Kara Masters, Whitney Franken, Courtney Turpin, Whitney Sutton, and Head Coach Carla Johnson. Row 4: Manager Laura Greub, Elizabeth Tharman, Heather Wetmore, Hannah Jenkins, Whitney Stock, and Assistant Coach Stephanie Lowry. Photo by Scholastic Photography

During one of the few home games, Senior Captain Abby Winder goes for the dig during warm-up. Backing her up are fellow teammates #8 Bethany Grable and #11 Jessica Sutherland. Photo by Megan Campbell

Going in for a tip is sophomore #14 Morgan Lister. Photo by Megan Campbell

Seniors Abby Winder and Bethany Grable are down and ready for the pass to come over the net while senior Kelsey Thomas serves the ball. Photo by Ryan Jones
The 2004 Trojan football season ended sadly but successfully. The Trojans finished the season at 10-2.

The Trojans made a valiant run to the State Playoffs, only losing once during the regular season. The Trojans came alive after that loss to Pleasant Ridge, kicking off an 8-game winning streak. During that streak, the Trojans pulled off major upsets of JCN and Onaga before their winning streak was snapped at home, 21-30, to the Sedan Blue Devils in sectional play. Troy finished 8th in the State Tournament, which consisted of 32 teams.

Troy had 10 players receiving all-league honors. Guy Masters, Miles Clary, and Derek Shelton also received multiple DVL honors. First-team all-DVL players were: Guy Masters (Unanimous at Linebacker), John Hoverson at defensive end, Miles Clary at offensive guard, and Colby Cluck at offensive tackle. Second-team players were Kyle Koehler at defensive end, Kyle Greaser at defensive tackle, Miles Clary at nose guard, Nolan Franken at defensive back, and Derek Shelton at kicker. Honorable Mentions were Jay Johnson on offense and Tim Snead on defense.

The Trojans scored an average of 27.2 points per contest, while allowing only 10.3, second best in the DVL to Pleasant Ridge.

Guy Masters surpassed the 1,000-yard mark, a rare achievement in Trojan football history, at home against the Wathena Wildcats, the Trojans' regular season finale.

"It was a great accomplishment," said Masters. "Although I give all the credit to my line; without them this wouldn't have been possible. It's still a great feeling though."
**Troy Trojan Scoreboard**

Oskaloosa.......................... 53-6  
Doniphan West........................ 21-0  
Pleasant Ridge....................... 0-26  
Horton.................................. 16-13  
Jackson Heights..................... 18-6  
McLouth................................ 14-0  
Valley Falls........................... 34-7  
Jeff Co. North........................ 29-8  
Wathena................................ 27-0  
*Jackson Heights..................... 46-7  
**Onaga................................. 47-21  
***Sedan............................... 21-30

*Bi Districts  
**Regionals  
***Sectionals  
Overall Record...................... 10-2

“This was the best team I have ever coached, maybe not the most talented team, but the best TEAM.”  
-Head Coach Don Cash

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**2004 Senior Trojans:** The 2004 Senior Trojans were a team with “Heart.” Front Row: Jordan Frump, Jay Johnson, Kyle Koehler, Nolan Franken and Tim Snead. Row 2: Miles Clary, Kyle Greaser, Derek Shelton, Colby Cluck, John Hoverson, Dominic Martinez and Guy Masters. Photo by Blair Cummings

The Trojans sing their fight song after they beat the Jackson Heights Cobras in Kansas State Bi-Districts. The Trojans toppled the Cobras 46-7. Photo by Blair Cummings

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The Trojan line takes on the line of Valley Falls. Members of Troy’s line are Colby Cluck, Miles Clary, Derek Shelton, Tim Snead, and John Hoverson. Photo by Ryan Jones
The cross country team lost some seasoned runners. "More important than victory is effort. At the center of effort is courage. BE COURAGEOUS," said Coach Tom Bond.

"Cross country was a great experience. We had a small team so we all really bonded. Everyone ran good times and just learned to have fun!" said Lyndsi Christopher. With only eight runners on the team, it was much smaller than years before.

"We had a hard time with our workouts. But the kids really stepped up and competed," said Bond. The runners all talked about their workouts and the difficulty they experienced from them.

"I enjoyed getting out of school for the meets and had a lot of fun with everyone," said Cameron Duncan. Duncan was Troy's fastest runner. He received an award for best freshman runner, placing 11th at Centralia.

"Cross country was a good experience for me; I had fun with everyone and liked going to the meets," said Brent Leger. This was Leger's second year running for Troy Cross Country.

"We all worked really hard at practices and kept working at our workouts. I really enjoyed myself and had a lot of fun at the meets and practices with my teammates and friends," said Janie Simpson. Simpson was a returning runner for Troy.
Best Times

Janie Simpson 14:13
Lyndsi Christopher 15:14
Kaitlyn Jordan 15:38
Cameron Duncan 19:10
Brent Leger 19:54
Tim Griffin 19:32
Levi Jenkins 20:56
Matt Ploeger 21:00


Troy Trojans Cross Country: Freshman Kameron Duncan runs to the finish line at the Troy meet with a time of 20:47. Photo by Blair Cumming

Above: Janie Simpson runs to the finish line after a long day at the 4-H grounds. Photo by Blair Cummings

Left: Lyndsi Christopher, Janie Simpson, and Kaitlyn Jordan take a break during the Troy meet. Janie and Lyndsi were seasoned runners while Kaitlyn was one of the freshmen on the team. Photo by Blair Cummings
Fun~raisers, Activities Successful

The cheerleaders started off with a fundraiser, selling candles made by Gene Overdick. The cheerleaders led the student body in cheers at pep rallies and got students involved during spirit week.

"I had a great time in cheerleading this year. I will really miss the girls a lot and being a captain with Bethany Jenkins. We had a lot of laughs together. This was the most fun I've had in my cheerleading career," said senior co-captain Katie Merritt.

About her first year of cheerleading, freshman Jordan Libel said, "It was a great experience and I learned a lot from the older girls. We did a Halloween fundraiser by decorating pumpkins and the one with the most money at a football game won, and the seniors won."

Girls on the squad also got new cheerleading skirts for the year.

"It was a great year and we had a lot of fun. They are a special group of girls led by two incredible seniors whom I will miss immensely," said cheerleading sponsor Stacy Kahnt.

The dance team, sponsored by Kristee Grable, had a successful year also.

"Being out there dancing in front of an audience and being able to have fun with it was the best part of being on the dance team," said junior Casey Beemer.

The dancers hosted a car wash as...

Dressed in the costumes they designed themselves, Casey Beemer, Janie Simpson, Amy Adams, Hannah Jenkins, Kara Masters, Jena Johnson, and Blair Cummings do a move to a creepy Halloween mix during half-time of a football game. Photo by Ryan Jones

Dance team was pretty fun this year even though we had some organization problems. I still had fun making up most of the dances and spending time with some of my really good friends. My favorite dance would have to be the Homecoming dance to ‘I Like That’,” said junior co-captain Amy Adams.

Dance team also used many different themes for their dances; for example, they did a Christmas dance using candy canes for props, a tribute to Britney Spears by using all of her hit songs, and a dance going back in time to the 1980s.

The girls agreed that dressing up and being festive for Halloween gave a little spice and extra excitement to the football game.

During a practice for the dance team’s Kiddie Clinic, Whitney Sutton helps some of the “kiddies” learn the dance. Photo by Whitney Stock.
Bringing

In a Win

Candidates Dance to a Victory

Spirit week kicked off a great weekend for the students of Troy High School. During Spirit Week, each day was designated as special dress-up day. Monday was pajama day; Tuesday, retro day; Wednesday, western day; Thursday, class color and Friday, blue-and-white day.

"I really like Spirit Week because I really like to see everybody dressed up differently than they usually are," said Jena Pickerell.

The traditional pep rally was at the end of school on Friday. Students and fans showed up to support the football team. The cheerleaders cheered on the fans, and the dance team performed to "I Like That" by rap artist Chingy. The freshmen had to spin in circles with their heads on a wiffle ball bat, run to a hula hoop and twirl it around themselves, and then had to run back. Coach Cash and the football team also spoke about that night's game against the McLouth Bulldogs.

The Trojans played host to the McLouth Bulldogs for the Homecoming game. The Trojans controlled the tempo of the game, pounding up the field; however, five turnovers brought the game closer than it truly was. The Trojans topped McLouth, 14-0.

After the football game, students gathered for the Homecoming dance. The THS students danced to a wide variety of music, from country to rap. Stephanie Lowry, Bruce Reynolds, and Darrell Stufflebeam were the sponsors for the dance.

"Homecoming dance is the time where you get to wear cute clothes and strut your stuff on the dance floor," said Johnna Pasch, "and it's not about having a date; it's about having fun with your girlfriends."
"The best thing about Homecoming would have to be we won, and we beat Marshall; that felt good."

~ King Timmy Snead.

Troy High School Football Team: Kyle Koehler, Guy Masters, Jay Johnson, Kyle Greaser, John Hoverson, Garrett Twombly, Miles Clary, Jordan Frump, and Carl Tharman relax after they stop McLouth’s play. The Trojans beat the Bulldogs 14-0 in their final game before district play. Photo by Ryan Jones

The 2004 Troy High School Homecoming Candidates: Shana Kostman and her escort Nolan Franken, Jena Pickerell and her escort Jay Johnson, Queen Abby Winder and King Timmy Snead, Kelsey Thomas and her escort Guy Masters, and attendants Jerren Frump, Marissa Teague, Cara Prawl and David Parascale. Photo by Ryan Jones

Lyndsi Christopher, Casey Beemer, Blair Cummings, and Janie Simpson dance to music by Chingy at halftime of the Homecoming game. Photo by Ryan Jones

Tim Snead, Jeremy Etherton, John Hoverson and Chris Taylor work to finish the football field for Friday night’s game. The field was painted as a big T with flames coming off it. On the bottom of the T were the initials TLC in memory of fellow senior Travis Levi Clary, who died in 2002. Photo by Ryan Jones
Senior leadership paved the way for the Troy Trojans boys’ basketball team during a great season.

The Trojans started out the season finishing with a 1-2 record in the DVL Tournament. Troy fought through, winning their next two games before entering the 25th annual Raider Classic.

The Trojans dropped the first game of the tournament to Marysville 31-59, but bounced back with a 43-31 drilling of Hiawatha before losing a heartbreaker in overtime to Falls City, 59-67.

Troy faced a familiar foe, the Immaculata Raiders. The Raiders had ended the Trojans’ run to the State Tournament the year before, by beating the Trojans 69-80 in the sub-state championship game. Troy couldn’t hang with Imac, as they lost 27-50.

The loss to Immaculata just fueled the Trojans’ fire. Troy reeled off a four-game winning streak heading into their bout with league-leader Jackson Heights. Troy played their best game against Jackson Heights in this match-up, but the Cobras were too much as Troy lost another heartbreaker 59-65.

After dropping their next game to the Cobras, Troy pulled off another three-game winning streak, winning four of the five remaining regular-season games.

The Trojans headed into the sub-state tournament as the 4-seed. Troy won their first-round match-up against Wathena, but lost their final game to Jackson Heights, the eventual champs.

“We had a very good year. We worked hard and got better as the season went,” added Head Coach Joel Kahnt.

Nolan Franken (unanimous), Derek Shelton and Garrett Twombly were picked as all-league players in the DVL.

“It was a little disappointing that we didn’t reach our goal of going to State. We still had a very successful season, and I had a lot of good times with my teammates,” said senior Nolan Franken.

Above: Senior Derek Shelton sets up for a free-throw attempt against Jackson Heights in the final game of the year. Troy lost the game to Jackson Heights 57-71. Photo by Stacy Kahnt

Right: Troy gathers for a pre-game talk against Jackson Heights. Members are Nolan Franken, Derek Shelton, Kyle Greaser and Dru Whetstone.
Troy Trojan Scoreboard

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* League Games
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Above: Senior Guy Masters (2) uses a pick-and-roll screen by Garrett Twombly to free himself against Kansas City Christian defenders in the first half of Troy’s Queen of Courts game. Troy trailed by double-digits heading into the final period, but a miraculous comeback sealed the victory 46-43. Photo by Stacy Kahnt

Left: Garrett Twombly (31) elevates and shoots over members of Jackson Heights. Kelby Koehler (23) and Guy Masters work to get in position to grab a rebound. Troy lost the game to Jackson Heights, 48-59 in the two teams’ first of three meetings during the season. Photo by Blair Cummings

Above: Junior Garrett Twombly attempts a baseline jumper against Pleasant Ridge. Troy defeated the Rams 61-54. Photo by Stacy Kahnt

Season Brings Success

Winder, Masters, Geiger Receive Honors

A 2nd place in the pre-season Delaware Valley League Tournament, 3rd place in the Hiawatha Invitational Tournament, and 4th place in the Delaware Valley League were all achievements of the Lady Trojan basketball team.

The season started out great for the Trojans, until they faced a tough loss to the Marysville Bulldogs in the semi-finals of the Hiawatha Tournament.

After the tournament, the team tried to bounce back but had to face two tough Valley Falls and Horton teams, which gave them two losses.

The Lady Trojans then went on a five-game winning streak, including an incredible upset against the Kansas City Christian Lady Panthers. The winning streak was ended by the Lady Wildcats of Wathena. This loss finished the regular season for the Trojans, giving them a #2 seed in the Sub-State tournament.

The season ended at Valley Heights with the Lady Trojans losing to Onaga.

The Lady Trojans, finishing 15-6, went undefeated on their home court during the season. The home court record, during the past four years, was at 30-3.

Abby Winder and Kara Masters received All-League selections with Winder a unanimous pick. Molly Geiger received Honorable Mention.

“I am extremely proud of this basketball team and the things we accomplished this season. We were undefeated on our home floor for the first time in recent history. The girls stuck together even during rough times and we had a lot of fun together. We will miss our three seniors a great deal, but the future looks very promising for our underclassmen,” said Coach Derek Jasper.

Above: Whitney Franken, Abby Winder, Molly Geiger, and Kacie Fenley get in rebounding position against Valley Falls defenders. Photo by Stacy Kahnt

Looking for the ball, senior Abby Winder posts up to a Jackson Heights defender. Photo by Stacy Kahnt
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Seniors Bethany Grable, Abby Winder, and Kelsey Thomas salute the flag before a game. Photo by Stacy Kahnt.

Above: Coach Derek Jasper talks to his team during a timeout. Team members pictured are Kara Masters, Molly Geiger, Bethany Grable, and Abby Winder. Photo by Stacy Kahnt.

Left: Freshman Kacie Fenley posts up to a Marysville defender during the Hiawatha Tournament. Photo by Stacy Kahnt.
Crowned
Kissing Highlight of Assembly

Jay Johnson and Kelsey Thomas were crowned King and Queen of Courts in front of a jam-packed gymnasium February 11.

The girls’ candidates were nominated two different times due to a tie. The student body had to re-vote and finally decided on Shana Kostman, Bridget Losson, Jena Pickerell, and Kelsey Thomas. It wasn’t as difficult on the boys’ side. King candidates were Nolan Franken, John Hoverson, Jay Johnson, and Guy Masters.

The Queen of Courts activities started early in the week with Spirit Week. Each day was designated for the students and faculty to dress up. Monday was Pajama Day, Tuesday was Camouflage Day, Wednesday the students and faculty had Color-War Day, Thursday was Hawaiian Day, and Friday was Blue-and-White Day.

Friday during seminar, the cheerleaders held a pep rally for the student body and the community. Both boys’ and girls’ basketball teams were recognized and the coaches commented on the big game. The dance team performed a dance to “Only You” by Ashanti. The candidates’ game involved the blindfolded candidates to be kissed on the cheek by the opposite candidate and then he or she had to guess who kissed him or her. The cheerleaders tricked them and had a family member there to kiss the candidate.

The Queen of Courts activities ended with a dance after the ball games against Kansas City Christian. The theme for the dance was “Cowboy Take Me Away,” but the decorations were a Valentine’s Day theme. The dance was sponsored by the student council.

Above: Jay Johnson and Jena Pickerell wait patiently while other candidates are announced. Photo by Stacy Kahnt
Right: Shana Kostman and Stephanie Adams show off their school spirit on Hawaiian Day. Photo by Blair Cummings
"I enjoyed getting all dressed up, and seeing my friends being dressed up with me. It made the whole night even better because the basketball teams won. The dance was also a blast." - Bridget Losson

Above: Queen candidates finally get to watch the game after getting pictures taken. Photo by Stacy Kahnt

Nolan Franken, Shana Kostman, John Hoverson, Bridget Losson, Queen Kelsey Thomas, King Jay Johnson, Guy Masters, and Jena Pickerell. The attendants were Chloe Reno, Connor McNorton, Wyatt Huss, and Bailey Schofield. Photo by Stacy Kahnt

King Jay Johnson crowns Queen Kelsey Thomas during halftime of the boys' basketball game against Kansas City Christian. Photo by Stacy Kahnt

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The 2005 Troy High School track team had a very successful year. With only 13 girls and 12 boys, this was the smallest track team in many years, yet three school records were broken and six people qualified for state in seven events.

Senior Abby Winder threw the javelin 129'0"", and Emily Schultz broke the school record in pole vault with 7'0". Garrett Twombly set a new school record in the 300-intermediate hurdles with 42.5 seconds.

Regionals went very well for Troy. The boys’ team placed 5th. The seven who qualified for state in Wichita May 27 and 28 were Abby Winder, javelin; Tim Snead, shot put; John Hoverson, 100-meter dash; Garrett Twombly, 300-intermediate hurdles; Jay Johnson, 400-meter dash; the 4x100-meter relay team, consisting of Caylor Luther, John Hoverson, Garrett Tombly, and Jay Johnson; and also the 4x400-meter relay team, consisting of Jay Johnson, John Hoverson, Garrett Twombly, and Caylor Luther.

“We did very well this year considering the small amount of participants out for track. I was very pleased with how we did as a team and as individuals,” said head track coach, Don Cash.

Assistant coaches were Lyle Rockey and Tom Bond.

Above: Senior Abby Winder watches to see how far she threw the javelin during the Doniphan West track meet. Photo by Stephanie Adams

Right: Freshman Matt Ploeger hands the baton to freshman Levi Jenkins during the boys’ 4x800-meter relay at the Doniphan West track meet. Photo by Stephanie Adams

Right: It’s neck-and-neck as freshman Cameron Duncan runs the last leg of the race to the finish line in the 4x800 meter relay. Photo by Ryan Jones
Track Meets

April 1 Panther Relays at Wathena
April 8 McLouth
April 12 Atchison County
April 19 Highland
April 21 Jeff West
April 28 Highland
May 5 Wathena
May 12 DVL @ McLouth
May 20 Regionals @ Washington
May 27 and 28 State @ Wichita

State Results
Medals:
Abby Winder, 5th javelin, 37.08m
4 x 100 relay, 6th, 45.24
Garrett Twombly, 7th 300m hurdles, 42.08

Non-medalists:
4 x 400 relay 8th, 3:38.23
Tim Sneed, 10th shot put, 13.36m
Jay Johnson, 12th 400m, 53.88
John Hoverson, 12th 100m, 11.76


Left: Freshman Jena Johnson runs the 3200-meter race at the Doniphan West track meet. Photo by Ryan Jones

THS Track Team

Front Row: Matt Ploeger, Kameron Duncan, Matt Doolan, Levi Jenkins, Tim Griffin, Kacie Fenley, and Stephanie Adams. Row 2: Miles Clary, Gabe Owens, Tim Sneed, Emily Schulz, Jessica Sutherland, Madison Twombly, Abby Winder, and Jay Johnson. Row 3: John Hoverson, Jordan Libel, Courtney Turpin, Whitney Sutton, Whitney Franken, Morgan Lister, Jena Johnson, Caylor Luther, and Garrett Twombly. Row 4: Coach Don Cash, Assistant Coach Lyle Rockey, and Assistant Coach Tom Bond. Photo by Megan Campbell
What would school be without school pictures? Getting "Made" up for picture day is one of the tasks that students and faculty have to accomplish during the school year. Pictures also show what students accomplished during the year and the good times they had.

Pictures aren't the only thing that students have to go through during the school year. Freshmen faced new challenges, like coming up with a good fundraiser, and new experiences, such as participating in their first Homecoming float competition. They also learned about high school life and the advantages of being in high school, such as more class options.

Sophomores climbed the social ladder and faced new challenges. Not only did they have to take state tests, but they also ordered their class rings and were introduced to the life of having responsibility and the ability to pass in the lunch line. They also had the ability to boast that they won their first Homecoming float competition.

Juniors became very familiar with standardized tests, such as the ASVAB and State Math Assessment, and had the responsibility of planning prom and working at the concession stand. Juniors also found out what it was like to be considered upperclassmen, and discovered the joys of having a little more freedom and responsibility.

Seniors discovered the hectic lives they had had were nothing compared to the crazy life of a senior. Seniors had the responsibility of senior magazine sales, senior dinners, their final prom at Troy, planning and figuring out where to go and what to do on senior trip, and saying goodbye to their high school career as they knew it.

Whether it was racing around during picture day or enjoying a field trip or play, the students of Troy High made it look easy. Although they had different class projects and fundraisers, the students worked together to make Troy High School the cool place to be. No matter what the students were involved in or had to accomplish, they did it with grace and style and came to be "America's Most Wanted" students.
Above: Coach Don Cash peps the crowd up for the big game while Garrett Twombly, Carl Tharman, Nolan Franken, Jordan Frump, Kyle Koehler, and Guy Masters look on. Photo by Blair Cummings

Left: The student body cheers at the Homecoming pep rally. Students often dressed in white shirts they bought and decorated on game days. Photo by Blair Cummings

Far left top: Kenny Peden and Derek Shelton put Styrofoam cups into the fence around the football field for the Homecoming game. Photo by Ryan Jones

Left: Cole Whetstone, Josh Smith, and Andrew Meng work on projects in Mr. Velharticky’s class. Photo by Bridget Losson

Far left bottom: Jennifer Gatz, Darrell Stufflebeam, and Chris Griffin talk during the StuCo Thanksgiving dinner. Abby Winder cleans up from the dinner. Photo by Kelsey Thomas
Lyle Rockey helps Jared Adkins with his American history homework.
There were three new faces in the faculty. They were Stephanie Lowry, who taught math; Gene Velharticky, who taught industrial arts; and Jeri Kimstrom, who was a para professional for Mary Winder.

"I enjoy working for the Troy school district USD 429. Also the students are GREAT," said Gene Velharticky.

Above left: Bus drivers: Darrell Wapp, Bea Koehler, Don Cash, and Charlie Hopp. Photo by Shana Kostman

Left: USD 429 School Board members: Front row: Rita Clary, President Miles Gibson, Vice President Carl Tharman. Row 2: Warren Grable, Mark Fenley, Arlen Ruhnke, Hugh Kinsey. Photo by Shana Kostman

Below left: Cooks: Rosalee Adkins, Jodi Cook, Pat Wiedmer, Linda Schultz, and Bea Koehler. Photo by Shana Kostman

Above: In one of his many weight classes, Don Cash spots Jay Johnson. Photo by Shana Kostman
Heather Wetmore gathers everything she needs for her next class. Freshmen were required to take health and general science.

Photo by Johnna Pasch
The first year of high school is always memorable. "I was nervous at first, but then I realized that it doesn’t matter what everyone thinks," said Kaitlyn Jordan.

The freshmen sold candy as their class fundraiser. This was very successful last year so they carried on the candy selling again. They made $900. "The majority of the freshmen did an awesome job of selling the candy and turning in their money on time," said class sponsor Margy Heddens.

Homecoming is one of the most exciting events of the year. The freshmen had "Pound the Bulldogs" as their Homecoming theme. Homecoming also means that it is time for the tradition of freshman initiation. For their initiation, they had to pin around on the top of a bat, and then run down to hula hoops and try to hula while dizzy.

Unlike in middle school, freshmen had the chance to choose some of their classes. "I think it is really great we have so many class opportunities. My favorite class is computer applications, I like learning new things about the computer programs," said Jordan Libel.

Top: Marianne Anderson and Caylor Luther spin around on bats for freshman initiation, while Megan Hiemer, Brandon Smith, Matt Ploeger, Kaitlyn Jordan, Courtney Miller, Kacie Fenley, and Whitney Sutton look on. Photo by Ryan Jones

Left: Freshman class officers: Madison Twombly, vice president; Caylor Luther, president; and Kacie Fenley, secretary/treasurer. Photo by Blair Cummings
Right: Sophomore class officers: Janie Simpson, secretary/treasurer; Lyndsi Christopher, vice president; and Laura Greub, president. Photo by Blair Cummings
CLUB
CHOICE

Sophomores BRINGS SUCCESS

The sophomore class did exceptionally well with using a fundraiser by Club Choice, selling pre-packaged food items.

"Every sophomore had the chance to taste test each food item before they were sold," said sophomore sponsor Margy Heddens. The sophomores raised $1,300.

For Homecoming each sophomore chipped in to make the best float for the parade.

"We won!" Mrs. Heddens said. "Our float was awesome."

President Laura Greub said, "I think being president is pretty fun. I haven't had to make very many decisions this year. All of our class works together well, so that makes things easier to get done. I think all of our class officers work well together."

Sophomores were allowed to stand second-to-last in the lunch line, and had more freedom like some of the other upperclassmen.

"My favorite thing about my sophomore year was that the football team had one heck of a year. Just being able to enjoy another year with my class was really fun too," said sophomore Kelby Koehler.

Above Left: Kodie Koehler and Kevin Laedke help each other fix the agility ladder for Coach Cash during their weights and conditioning class.

Below: Josh Smith, Mr. Velharticky, and Andrew Meng work on making stools to learn all of the joints during Industrial Arts II.

Photo by Casey Beemer
STATE TESTS

JUNIORS

ABUNDANT

What a busy year for the junior class! With fund-raising duties, state testing, prom, and school contests never ceasing, this was definitely a year that will be remembered.

The concession stand, run by the junior class, did exceptionally well. Sponsor Bruce Reynolds said, "The juniors were very enthusiastic. I wish every year could be this easy."

The annual Homecoming parade took place at the beginning of the year and the juniors' float did not turn out as well as hoped. Their theme was "Pound the Dogs." "The float was definitely not as good as it has been in the years past, but we had fun doing it and that's really all we care about," said Dru Whetstine.

The juniors took many tests. Some were to better prepare them for college. These tests included the ASVAB, PSAT, Iowa State Education Development, the Math State Assessment, and Reading State Assessment, among others.

Troy students supported a relief fund that was started by the Red Cross for the hurricane victims in Florida. STUCO set it up as a contest between the classes in the school and the juniors won, raising over $200.

Top: Johnna Pasch and Amy Adams finish their art sketches. Photo by Blair Cummings

Middle: Hannah Jenkins has a question for Mr. Rockey as classmates Emily Schultz and Nathan Keller look on. Photo by Blair Cummings

Bottom: Class Officers: Carl Tharman, president; Whitney Stock, secretary/treasurer; Casey Beemer, vice president. Photo by Blair Cummings
Every year seniors worry about their class fundraiser, their class trip and even graduation. All of these worries are piled on top of their life outside of school as well. The class worries about hanging out with their friends, spending time with their families, after-school jobs, and maybe even that "special other." A senior's life is definitely full of worries, but through it all he or she can still have fun and a great life outside of school.

The class of 2005 was involved in many things besides school. Some of these were sports, school clubs, after-school jobs, boyfriends or girlfriends, and their friends. These, along with school, made up the wonderfully crazy life of a senior.

The percent of the senior class that was involved in these activities were:

- Volleyball/Football: 39%
- Girls/Boys Basketball: 31%
- After-school Job: 63%
- Boy/Girl Friend: 61%
- School Clubs: 68%

The biggest change for me this year is that I have a job. I'm actually getting PAID to ride and train horses.”
- Sarah Watkins

"I think what makes this year different than any other year is all the crazy fun that I have been having with my friends.”
- Brian Horner

Bryan Stewart
“I don’t have any other choice but to like it [job at Davies Oil]. It gets on my nerves having to work right after school but it pays the bills. I don’t have a life outside of school, but there is not much to do after school anyway.”
Bryan Stewart rings up a customer at Davies Oil after school.
Photo by Stephanie Adams

Shana Kostman
“I like my job most of the time. I enjoy the new experiences, meeting new friends, the responsibility, but mostly the money. Sometimes I can’t finish my homework, and I don’t get to spend as much time with my friends outside of work that I would like to.”
Shana Kostman cuts tortilla rolls at Hy-Vee’s salad bar after school.
Photo by Stephanie Adams
Left: Bethany Grable, Shana Kostman, Jena Pickett, and Abby Winder paint signs in Shana's basement to hang on their wall for Queen of Courts. Photo by Stephanie Adams

Below: Katie Merritt, Brei Richardson, Danny Rathmann, and Miles Clary go over lines at the first play practice for The Nifty Fifties. Photo by Stephanie Adams

Above: Emily Merritt, Katie Merritt, and Stephanie Adams discuss Kansas City Kong or the Gorilla of My Dreams that they are about to see at The Martin City Melodrama and Vaudeville Co. Photo by Ginny Hodge

Left: Kelsey Thomas rings up an order at HomeTown Market in Highland, Kansas. Photo by Miranda Cluck

Left: Brett Christenson, Chris Gaither, and Ken Peden cheer on fellow classmates at one of the many home basketball games. Photo by Stephanie Adams
May 23 started the days in which 38 students will never again walk the halls of Troy High as a class.

The seniors started the last leg in August with the selling of magazines for their senior trip. The seniors made $401.22 more than last year, selling 375 subscriptions, C.D.'s, and other items, and had a total gross amount of $6,833.96. They had another fundraiser April with the senior roast beef dinner. With the two fundraisers they were able to travel to Dallas, Texas, to spend four days sight-seeing and hanging out with their classmates for the last time before they graduated and went their own ways.

Besides having fundraisers, the class competed for the best float at Homecoming and the best wall at Queen of Courts. The hours that the classmates spent together decorating their Homecoming float at a friend's house or painting posters to hang in the gym are the memories that will be with them forever.

When asked what his best high school memory was Jordan Frump said, "[My best memory is] having a 10-2 record in football and playing in the State playoffs."

"When we went on the senior field trip with Mrs. Rockey to see The Glass Menagerie, Bethany (Grable) grabbed Sarah and made her hit her head on the wall behind us! It was so loud! I was surprised that the whole theatre didn't hear it," said Emily Merritt.

The class didn't just hang out at school; they may have gone shopping, hunting, cruising Main Street, or going to parties together. These things that happened throughout high school will be remembered for the rest of their lives.

Senior sponsor Mr. Joel Kahnt said, "It was fun and a challenge. We had to raise a lot of money just to go on senior trip."

The class of 2005 ended their high school careers May 22 and were ready to enter "The Real World."
John,
From the moment your father and I saw you, we both knew you were destined for great things. You were always on the go and wanted to be places, and if your father and I wouldn’t do it for you, you tried to do it yourself. You didn’t always succeed but we couldn’t fault you for trying. Never lose that will to try and never give up. The only failure in life is if you don’t keep trying. Life will not always be fair or just, but if you believe, nothing is impossible. May life always be good to you and may you reach the goals you set.
With Love, Mom and Dad

John Hoverson

Bethany Grable

Dear Bethany,
Time has flown by since you joined our family. Since that day almost nineteen years ago, you have been a source of inspiration to both your family and friends. You are not afraid to take a risk and try something new. If you can’t get something done one way, you keep trying different ways until you get the job done. Many people have had things come easier to them than you have, but that will not serve them well when they face a bigger world than Troy High School. You have been a true friend to many people and they respect you and your sunny attitude. You are a beautiful daughter. Go face the world with the challenges and joys ahead; you will go far.

Love, Mom and Dad

Shana, You have grown into a beautiful young woman. We are so proud of you. Life is what you make it. Keep God within your heart and all your wishes and dreams will come true.

Love, Mom, Dad, Jamie, Madeline, Taryn, Jan, Brant, Cale, and Brayden

Shana Kostman

Tyler,
We are very proud of you. You have grown into a very special young man. You have the ability to reach any goal you desire, so go for those goals and remember that we love you and will be here to support you! Love, Dad, Mom, and Sam

Tyler Smith

Eli, Congratulations! You’ve come so far in so many ways. I’m very proud of the person you’ve become. You can expect only great things in your future. I love you very much,

Mom

Eli Norris

Stephanie Adams

Congrats, Steph! I love you! Regina (Tookie)

To Steph-
Our active, know-it-all, try-it-all, never-afraid to-do-it-all, "middle" kid is graduating already! You always did things your own way which make you wise beyond your years! At age 3 you told us Jesus lived in your heart. As you follow your dreams, remember He is always there. We love you, Teppie!

Mom and Dad

Teppie,
Our fights might be big, but our love is stronger and no matter what, it will always be there. Keep being the out-going girl I grew up next to. Remember your dreams and keep me in your heart. Love your lil' sis,

Badoboo

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Tim,
Watching you grow up from a baby to a handsome young man has made us very proud of you. You have brought so much happiness to our lives and the people around you. Every moment with you is special: your smile, your laughter, your sense of humor, and your loving and caring ways. Keep those as you go through life. Good luck in all that you do. We love you very much.
Love, Mom, Dad,
Grandma Thomas, and Aunt Karen

Guy,
Keep your “Faith in God”; you cannot fail! You have shown great determination and commitment. Keep that same attitude and you will reach whatever goals you set.
You are a very special young man. We are very proud to be your parents. Be yourself and keep your “Big Heart.”
With Love and Best Wishes,
Dad, Mom, Kara, and Jesse

Proverbs 3:5-6

Nolan, Howard,
It has been such a joy watching you through the years mature into such a wonderful young man. You are a very kind, considerate, and responsible person and we love that about you. You have made us so-o-o proud!
You now have completed one chapter of your life and will move on to the next. This will be a very exciting time in your life. Have fun and may you always be kept safe in His care. Know that we are always here for you and we love you dearly.
Love Mom, Brad, Whitney, Brian, and Brett

Nolan, Franken

We are very proud of you. You are a wonderful son and great big-brother.
We wish you continued success and happiness.
Love, Dad, Peggy, Whitney, and Tyler

Nolan Franken

Dear Bethany,
Eighteen years ago, our family became complete when you entered our lives and you immediately melted our hearts and wrapped your big brothers around your little finger. You captivated everyone with your smile and impressed them with determination and strength far greater than your size. The years have passed far too quickly, and despite the blur, we can clearly see that you grew into a fantastic young woman with much to offer. Don’t hold back. Always remember—keep smiling, stay close to God, and Philippians 4:13.
Love and like ya, Mom, Dad, Travis and Rachel, and Michael

Bethany Jenkins

We are very proud of all you have done. We love you lots.
Dad, Mom, and Joe

Miles, Clary

Kelsey,
The day God blessed our family with you was the beginning of an adventure. We are so proud of you and are so thankful you are ours.
Love, Mom and Dad

Miles Clary

Kelsey Thomas

Jena,
We are very proud of you and will always be here for you.
Always seek the Lord’s guidance in using the many gifts and abilities He has given you.
Love you forever!
Dad and Mom

Jena Pickerell

Miles,
You will always be very special to us. Always know how proud we are of you.
Love you always! We are here for you!
Love, Grandma Jen and Family

Miles Clary

Miles—We are proud of you.
Reach for the sky!
Love, Kathy, Tarin, and Ryan

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Kyle,
It's hard to believe that it's already time for you to graduate from high school. You've grown from our little Cliffy to the one that towers over all of us. You have stuck in there through thick and thin and worked very hard for all of your best accomplishments. We are so proud of you, K.G. Good luck in all that you do; remember we are always behind you.
Burn, Love you, 
Mom, Dad, Collin, Reid, Grandpa, Grandma, Jarred and Jessica

Colby,
You have made us so proud of you and have brought great joy to our lives. As much as we hate to see you move on, we are excited to see what your future holds for you and hope to be part of it. Remember we're always here for whatever you need and love you very much.
Love, Mom, Dad, and Cale

Dearest Abby,
You've brightened our lives with your laughter, your passion for sports and hard work at school, your love of God, and your gentle spirit.
We are so very proud of you and filled with love for you always. Good luck, brights!
Mom, Dad, Ginger, Elizabeth and Jay, and Pets

Jay,
We are so proud to have a son and brother like you. Continue to set your goals high and work hard to achieve them. We love you very much and will always be here for you.
Love, Dad, Mom, Jed, and Jena

Jordan,
I'm so proud of how far you have come. I know that you will go far in life. It has been a joy watching you grow into such a wonderful young man. Remember you can do anything if you set your heart and mind to it. I love you and Congratulations.
Love, Dad

Jordan Frump

Derek,
We have watched you grow from a little boy to a wonderful young man. You have always made us proud.
We love you, Dad, Mom, Aarron, Trae, Tanner, G-ma and G-pa

Dearest Abby,

Colby Cluck

Kyle Koehler

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Class officers of 2005, left to right:
President Bethany Grable, Vice-President Kelsey Thomas, and Secretary/Treasurer Jena Pickerell. The officers were in charge of planning the senior dinner and preparing for the senior trip. Photo by Katie Merritt.
"Life is a ladder. Each step is either up or down."

We Won't Forget!!
What would school be without doing math problems or doing piles of worksheets for some classes? Sometimes it makes students wish for the "Simple Life." The students put in many hours preparing for the academics, whether it was cramming for a test or practicing that speech that they had to have ready Monday.

The English students expanded their literature by reading Early British Literature or suspense and mysteries. The public speaking classes improved their speaking and writing skills by getting in front of their class to present their speeches.

The Spanish classes learned simple things like perro (dog) or gato (cat). They practiced speaking and writing in another language. The students did many projects from teaching little kids some words to celebrating the Day of the Dead. Spanish II student Cassie Siard said, "We made piñatas before Christmas break and then we broke them."

From measuring out chemicals to reading about the polyatomic ions, the science classes made many new discoveries. The computer classes enjoyed making web pages and a power point presentation for the class.

Social science classes learned about geography and world history. They may have taken American government to learn the ins and outs of our country's government or they may have taken world history where they learned about all that has gone on throughout the world.

Students stayed fit and in shape with the physical education classes. They not only did athletic work but they learned about the human body in health.

A new teacher brought a new style of building in the industrial arts classes. The vocational agriculture classes were able to experience the metal shop and were able to build projects using different welding and cutting techniques.

Through every course of academics, students competed with each other and themselves, hoping with all their heart that they would be a "Survivor."
Above: Kevin McNorton, Drew Grable, Lucas Wampler, and Cody Miller sort pennies for an experiment in biology. Photo by Bridget Losson

Left: Andrew Meng cuts wood during industrial arts. Industrial arts was under the supervision of a new teacher, Gene Velharticky. Photo by Bridget Losson

Far left top: Courtney Turpin works on her Algebra I assignment during class. Photo by Cassie Siard

Left: Margy Heddens helps her students, Laci Ashford and Marianne Anderson, with Algebra I. Josh Smith receives help from Mrs. Heddens with Algebra II. Photo by Cassie Siard

Far left bottom: Megan Heimer works on Algebra I during seminar. Photo by Cassie Siard
Stephanie Lowry, new to THS, graduated from Pittsburg University with a Masters in Mathematical Science. She said, "I really enjoy the sense of the community here. Everyone seems to get along for the most part. I feel blessed on the fact that people have been welcoming me with open arms."

While reflecting on Miss Lowry's classes Jeremy Etherton said, "It [math] is easy because Miss Lowry is a really good teacher and it's hard because it is business math and there are a lot of things you need to know. I think Miss Lowry is a really nice, outgoing teacher that likes to work hard."

Ginny Hodge said, "Miss Lowry makes geometry interesting. She gives us work that is hard, but it makes you think. She explains things so that they are easier to understand. Her teaching techniques are different than other teachers but they work just as well."

Margy Hedden was another math instructor. She taught Algebra II and pre-algebra. Mrs. Heddens said, "I enjoy working here because of the students. Most of the staff and students are honest, outgoing, and easy to get along with. They respect teachers a lot."

Ryan Jones said, "She is a really cool teacher and I look forward to her classes because she makes the class livelier."

Above Left: Susan McCulloch, Andrew Robison and Chris Taylor are gathering information in computer application class. Photo by Cassie Siard

Above Right: Matt Ploeger and Levi Jenkins are researching in computer application class. Photo by Amy Adams

Right Middle: Megan Hiemer and Susan McCulloch work on a review in Mrs. Johnson's algebra class. Photo by Jared Adkins

Right bottom: Brennan Wehner gets help from Mrs. Johnson on a review in algebra. Photo by Cassie Siard
Janie Simpson, Algebra 2.
"Learning a lot of things in a short time is difficult, but Mrs. Heddens is a great teacher. She tries to make it easy." Photo by Casey Beemer

Whitney Morgan, Geometry
"I have found out that if you like algebra you won't like geometry. Geometry is a lot of drawing shapes." Photo by Cassie Siard

Jessica Watkins, Algebra II
"Once you get the whole counting thing down, it's all right. Don't be afraid to use your toes." Photo by Amy Adams

Top Left: Andrew Simpson solves an Algebra II problem on the board in Mrs. Heddens' class. Photo by Shana Kostman. Above: Jeremy Etherton, Ryan Whittaker, Miss Lowry (assisting), and Edwin Buch work together in a group in business math. Photo by Jared Adkins
Experiments Help Students Learn

Kevin McNorton, taught science, including general science for freshman, biology for sophomores, and chemistry for juniors.

General science classes covered a number of things, including the operation of machines, sound, energy, and force.

Freshman Susan McCulloch said, "I love how enthusiastic I feel going into my general science class; I learn so much with Mr. McNorton's teachings."

Biology students learned about the human body and how the human body cell system works, and studied the environment.

Lowell Handley said, "Biology is mainly about cells and how they involve humans, like gametes and which cells build which body parts."

Chemistry was based on the periodic table, atoms, molecules, matter and reactions. Junior Edwin Buch said, "I like that we get to do experiments."

All science classes did experiments to help the students understand their lesson better.

Physics was given as an Interactive Distance Learning (IDL) class. It was taught by Robert Massa from Uniontown.

The class was taken every day for 45 minutes. They were taught momentum, velocity, and how to calculate the mass of objects, and how to use formulas.

Senior Bethany Grable said, "My favorite experiment was when we went out to the football field and threw a baseball in the air and calculated the velocity."

Above: Amani Al-Hallaq and Kayla DeLeon read their directions before starting their lab.
Above right: Andrew Robinson, Cameron Duncan, and Clyde Hixson follow directions working on a magnetic experiment. Right: Courtney Miller and Kacie Ferley measure the amount of wire that will be used in their next experiment. Photos by Stephanie Adams
Lyndsi Christopher
Sophomore
“We put beans in petri dishes ... and used a different solution to see which made the beans grow better.”
Photo by Bridget Losson

Emily Shultz
Junior
“Pennies with grooves were placed in acid. The acid ate the zinc, leaving only the copper shell.”
Photo by Bridget Losson

Brandon Smith
Freshman
“... Batteries were hooked up to the electric magnet and it made paperclips attract stuff.”
Photo by Bridget Losson

Above: Cameron Blanton measures pieces of wire so that they fit the length of the instructions. Mr. McNorton works on connecting battery blocks and test lights to generate electricity. This project was done during his B2 class. Photos by Stephanie Adams
**Social Sciences Expand Students' Worlds**

The social science classes were a chance for many students to learn about many interesting things: parts of the world and past presidential elections. They even got to see the characteristics of the different people in the world.

American government, taught by Bruce Reynolds, was a required social science class for all seniors. During Government Day, the students were able to go to the county court house, where they shadowed an official to see what he/she did. Students also participated in a reinactment of an old trial. Reynolds also taught business organization.

Lyle Rockey taught all of the other social science classes: Geography I and II, American history, and world history. The geography classes learned how to study and read maps and did worksheets on them. In American history, required for juniors, they learned about the Civil War, World War I and II, the Vietnam War, and many of the presidential elections.

"I would like the students to have a sense of accomplishment. They have finished the class work and received their grade. I hope it was the grade they wanted," said Reynolds.

"Learning is a lifelong journey. You truly become educated when you want to learn something for yourself," said Rockey.

Although many classes end the year with a final review, social science does not. Social science classes are taken on trust that you pay attention in class and absorb all the information. Social science classes cover a lot of information in a very short period of time which allows many tests to be given throughout the year.

"We cover so much and test so often that there is no need for a final," said Casey Beemer.

Above: Mr. Rockey shows students parts of the world during geography. Top right: Miles Clary studies Asian culture during world history. Middle right: Leslie Smith, Susan McCulloch, and Brei Richardson work together on world history. Bottom right: Stephanie Adams, Bethany Grable, and Katie Merritt are working on American government. Photos by Jared Adkins
"I find it really interesting that through the years history repeats itself, which is why we are learning all the elections in American history, and why we learn how different things were done to prevent war and things that caused war."

"I'm in world history this year, and it isn't that bad of a class. I like to learn new stuff about our world and the people who live in it. I've learned so much stuff that I didn't even know about, or that it was even going on."

"I am taking American history this year and we have learned about all the wars fought that have gotten us where we are today and it's pretty cool to know how we started out, and how far we have come."

Top Left: Casey Beemer and Whitney Morgan study for a test in world history. Above: Blair Cummings receives help from Mr. Reynolds in business organization. Photo By Jared Adkins
Spanish, English Students Expand Oral, Written Skills

Picking Spanish names, discussing poetry, and giving speeches were some of the things Spanish and English students learned during those classes.

Babetta Israel and Martha-Jean Rockey taught the English courses. Mrs. Israel had all the freshmen, who took study skills, composition, applied grammar, and short stories. Mrs. Israel also taught the sophomores creative writing, mysteries, and grammar and spelling review.

Mrs. Israel said, “Teaching English classes allows me the opportunity to share my interest in reading and writing skills. It is a privilege and a joy to watch students improve in these areas over the course of four years.”

Mrs. Rockey taught the sophomores mythology, speech, and news writing. Mrs. Rockey and Mrs. Israel both taught the juniors and seniors. Mrs. Rockey also taught college composition for dual credit with Higland Community College.

Mrs. Rockey said, “I enjoy exposing students to new literary experiences. The world of books is an amazing one!”

Margy Heddens brought the Mexican-American culture to THS. Spanish I students learned basic words for Spanish and made pinatas to celebrate Mexican traditions. They learned about all the different holidays in Mexico. They also went to a park to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Spanish II students learned how to speak fluently in Spanish and Mrs. Heddens spoke in Spanish the entire class period. The students also learned to translate.

Mrs. Heddens said, “My students are my favorite thing about teaching, because I enjoy teaching a new language to my students.”

Above: Kara Masters and Zach Gaarder make a pinata for Spanish. Photo by Jenna Grable. Middle Right: Laura Greub and Brent Leger make Halloween cookies for Spanish II. Photo by Cassie Siard. Bottom Right: Micheal Springstead makes a pinata for Spanish II. Photo by Cassie Siard.
Why Students like English or Spanish

I like English because we get to watch a lot of movies.
Photo by Cassie Siard

I like English because we get to watch John Wayne movies and other westerns.
Photo by Cassie Siard

"I like knowing there are people speaking Spanish 24/7 somewhere else and (and the teacher, of course)."
Photo by Cassie Siard

Above: Kelsey Thomas, Katie Merritt, Blair Cummings, Jessica Sutherland, Amy Adams, and Bethany Grable are playing Shakespearean Jeopardy for Shakespeare's birthday for Mrs. Rockey's English class. Photo by Cassie Siard. Above Left: Jenna Grable is keeping score for Shakespearean Jeopardy. Photo by Cassie Siard
After sitting through an hour and a half of teachers' lecturing and doing homework, Mr. Gene Velharticky's woodshop classes were a relief, and finally there was time to get up and move around and do hands-on projects. Sophomore Cole Whetstone said, "This year with a new teacher I think I have learned a lot more."

This was Mr. V.'s (as the students called him) first year at Troy High School. He said, "After being in education for 37 years as a teacher (I.A.), elementary principal, junior high principal, and a superintendent, this year has been without a doubt my most enjoyable. I thank all for being helpful and cooperative."

Mr. Velharticky opened an adult class on Wednesday nights. Students made a variety of projects such as stools, shelves, night stands and book shelves.

Freshman Josh Smith said, "This year has gone better and I have gotten a lot more of my projects done."

For 13 years, Darrell Wapp had taught the agricultural education classes, Agricultural I, II, III, IV, and agricultural mechanics. Junior Martin Meisenheimer said, "Ag class has been a blast this year, even though we had to do things other people didn't. I like this class because in some ways it prepares me for life."

Early in the year, Mr. Wapp gave in-class studies. After the first half of the year the students were allowed to go into the shop and work on projects, demonstrating students' different skills in life other than bookwork. Senior Eli Norris said, "My last year went well and we accomplished a lot. We did a lot with farm management this year."

Mr. Wapp said, "In general I was very pleased with the level of achievement from this year's classes. I will miss this year's seniors and I look forward to another great year next year."

Above left: Senior Nolan Franken works on varnishing a shelf and counter piece during seminar. Above right: Senior Bethany Grable draws during her woodshop class to learn drafting skills. Middle right: Senior Guy Masters concentrates on cutting wood down to size on the table saw. Bottom right: Senior Kyle Koehler varnishes a shelf and counter piece during seminar. Photos by Bridget Losson
Brett Christenson
Senior
"We have done a lot more activities for the FFA, and have planned more field trips. This year has been the best compared to any other year."

Andrew Meng
Sophomore
"There was a new teacher which meant new rules, but being a sophomore I adapted well."

Wade Sutton
Junior
"We did a lot of work in the shop, and some in class which will help prepare me for my career."

Top Left: Senior Tyler Smith welds on a hay fork during his W4 class. Above: Senior Eli Norris cuts a pipe for his trailer during his W4 class. Photos by Bridget Losson
Wanting to stay physically fit throughout the year was a big goal for many. The classes taught by Mr. Don Cash were freshman p.e., weights and conditioning, and aerobics. Overall Mr. Cash said, “I enjoy seeing people work hard to improve their abilities.”

Freshman p.e. was a required class that had health class for one quarter. The health class taught a number of things from safe sex to saying “no” to drugs to eating the right foods. Freshman Whitney Sutton said, “I like going in the gym and playing basketball the most. The worst part about freshman p.e. was playing dodgeball all the time.”

Weights and conditioning offered weight lifting for those who would like to increase their muscle conditioning. Every day there was a list of warm ups for the students to do before going into the weight room. Some of the warm ups were box and bag jumps, dot drills and ladder, and pro agility timed runs. After warm ups, students went into the weight room to lift.

Senior Jena Pickerell said, “This year was my first year in weights and I didn’t think I would improve very much but I did.”

Senior Danny Rathmann said, “I like being in weights because it made me stronger and it felt good to get new maxes.”

Aerobics was a new class that had mainly girls and three boys, Wade Klaus, Brian Horner, and Nathan Keller. During aerobics a number of exercises were done. In the beginning of the year students walked around town with Mr. Cash.

When winter came, they did aerobic movies like 8-minute abs, 8-minute bun and thighs, Pilates, and yoga, or they walked around the gym. When spring arrived, on nice days they walked the track.

Sophomore Lyndsi Christopher said, “I like having aerobics class because it is a good time to let off some steam and it helps me feel less stressed.”
Top left: Sophomore Janie Simpson does bench press while Sophomore Whitney Franklin spots her during their W3 class and junior Wade Sutton watches. Above: Junior Wade Sutton does a bench press. Photo by Bridget Losson
It is hard to believe that
students had the time not
only to go to school but
also be involved in many
of the activities that were
offered.

The student council was
very busy with holding
the annual dances, filling
the candy machine, and
selling suckers for the
students to buy for the
ones they love. They also
passed out doughnuts to
students and teachers
who wore their seatbelts
to school.

Kayettes, T-Club, and
National Honor Society
were the service groups.
They sent cards to troops
for Christmas and held the
annual alumni tournament
and the annual blood-
drive over the Christmas
break. Kayettes also had
a Christmas gift exchange
and cleaned the trophy
cases. These were just a
few of the services that
these groups performed
throughout the year.

Students Against
Destructive Decisions
hosted the Red Ribbon Fair
and a safety fair for the
grade school. They
attended conferences and
had the Kansas State
Highway Patrol do roll-
over demonstrations which
helped the students see
the impact of not wearing
their seat belt.

The FFA chapter kept
busy attending
conferences, with state
conventions and their
barnyard games. FFA
members also held chapter
meetings and parties to
celebrate the chapter and
its success. From
wrestling pigs to giving
speeches and
presentations, the FFA
chapter was involved in
many activities.

The sound of keys on the
keyboards in Mrs.
Rockey’s room was all that
could be heard as the
publications staff worked
to finish the newspaper
and the yearbook. They
kept busy writing stories,
taking pictures, and trying
to meet deadlines.

Homecoming and Queen
of Courts gave the
students the chance to
hang out and spend time
together decorating floats
and gym walls. Prom also
gave the students the
opportunity to get all
dressed up and dance all
night.

The year came to an end
at the academic and athlete
awards reception. The
students were recognized
for their months of hard
work. Students received
awards and several seniors
received scholarships that
they had applied for.
Above: Jeremy Etherton, Brett Christenson, Nolan Franken, Kyle Greaser, Kyle Koehler, Jay Johnson, Derek Shelton, Brie Richardson, Guy Masters, and Eli Norris read the bulletin board about the killing of John F. Kennedy at the JFK Museum in Dallas, Texas. Photo by Stephanie Adams

Left: Eli Norris, Nolan Franken, Jay Johnson, Jordan Libel, Whitney Franken, and Jena Johnson wait for the next lunch to come during the Stuco Thanksgiving dinner. Photo by Kelsey Thomas

Far left top: Bethany Grable, Jenna Grable, and Molly Geiger open up their Kayettes Christmas gifts. They each had a secret Santa. Photo by Jena Pickerell

Left: Pat Dill, Darrell Wapp, Bridget Losson, Morgan Lister, and Janie Simpson participate in the FFA contest. Photo by Shana Kostman

Far left bottom: Zach Guarde and Jessica Sutherland put a sign on their Homecoming float before going up to Main Street. Photo by Jenna Grable
The Kayettes, T-Club, and SADD members played an active role. Kayettes exchanged gifts for Christmas and Valentine’s Day, cleaned the trophy case, decorated the Christmas tree at the gazebo, threw a senior farewell, and wrote to troops overseas. “I really enjoyed sending letters overseas to the troops because some of the soldiers sent us letters back,” said Kayette president Jena Pickerell.

T-Club sponsored the National Activities Week in October by celebrating a Fine Arts Day, Fan Appreciation Day, Coach and Teacher Appreciation Day, and Health Awareness Day. T-Club also helped with the Men’s Alumni Basketball Tournament as an annual fundraiser to raise money for students’ letters and plaques. Red Ribbon Week was a big hit for Students Against Destructive Decisions. SADD not only gave away red ribbons for students to wear during school but also asked students to sign a ribbon that was hung on the football field fence in memory of loved ones. “SADD made me realize that destructive decisions are easy to make, but you have to be strong and know the consequences,” said SADD secretary Ginny Hodge.
Left: Freshmen Madi Twombly and Whitney Sutton clean the trophy case (as Kayette members). Photo by Jena Pickerell

Below: T-Club Secretary Katie Merritt checks the organization’s financial records. Photo by Blair Cummings

Students kept busy with numerous activities, including student council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) hosted the women’s alumni basketball tournament, which was new to the organization, and held numerous parties for the students.

"BBBS is a great organization. I love playing such a big role in these little kids’ lives," said Blair Cummings.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) met every Thursday morning. They also sponsored 5th Quarter parties after football games.

Student council continued to make contributions to the school. They bought two sets of card tables for the school, sponsored two dances, bought teacher-appreciation gifts, and sold suckers for Valentine’s Day. They also attended two Kansas City conferences.

“The members of Stuco did an excellent job this year! Both dances went smoothly. It was overall a great year, and I’m looking forward to the next one,” said Stuco Advisor Stephanie Lowry.
Left: Johnna Pasch meets with her little sister, Kelsey Zeltwanger. They met every Monday. At each meeting they either did homework or talked. Photo by Molly Geiger

Below: Stuco president Abby Winder takes out the trash from the Stuco Thanksgiving dinner. Each Stuco member had different serving and cleaning jobs for the day. Photo by Kelsey Thomas

Above: Lowell Handley and Bethany Jenkins read over their FCA lesson. Each Thursday morning the group met for breakfast and Bible study. Photo by Molly Geiger

Left: Darren Clary, Matt Ploeger, Cameron Blanton, Levi Jenkins, Tim Griffon, and Clyde Hixon enjoy the Stuco Thanksgiving dinner. Photo by Kelsey Thomas
roy FFA members added a few activities to their agenda. The chapter started the school year by putting on their first-ever barnyard games. The activity involved a greased pig chase, mud tug of war, hay bale toss, milk chug, and wheel barrow race.

Another activity returned to the FFA was the Chapter Banquet. The banquet was an awards night for members and their family. "I'm glad that the Chapter Banquet was brought back to our chapter. It gives us a chance to reward the students for all of the hard work they did throughout the year," said FFA Secretary Bridget Losson.

The two major fundraising events of the year were the 5th annual trap shoot and fruit sales. The FFA members also welded Trojan heads as yard ornaments to raise money for the National Guard welcome-home party.

The FFA members did well in contests. Both the farm management and ag. communication teams placed 2nd at Northeast District contests. The entomology team also placed 3rd at Northeast District contest.

As a community service project, members participated in the National Fire Prevention Week. FFA members developed lessons and activities to target grade school students with a fire-safety-and-prevention message. Here Ryan Whittaker and Jordan Frump pose with the kindergarten class beside the new Troy Fire Department pumper truck. Photo by Shana Kostman

FFA members Kyle Greaser, Carl Tharman, Jay Johnson, and Jordan Frump gather to compare scores at the annual trapshoot at Rohrer's Sporting Clays. The FFA members invited the Maysville FFA trap shooters to come and join the fun. Photo by Casey Beemer
Above: Wade Sutton, Ryan Whittaker, and Martin Meisenheimer take part in the Dairy Cattle Judging Contest at Troy. Photo by Blair Cummings

Left: Jay Johnson, Josh Smith, Kodie Koehler, Tim Griffin, and Laura Tharman compete in the entomology contest. Photo by Shana Kostman

Below: FFA Members attempt to crawl out of the mud pit after the barnyard games turned into a mud war. Photo by Darrell Wapp


Above: Shana Kostman gives a fire-safety presentation to the kindergarten class. Photo by Megan Campbell
P re-prom preparations finally paid off at the 2005 prom, “Shall We Dance.”

The day began as students gathered at the courthouse for group pictures. Then it was off to the Moila for pictures, dinner, and the dance. Pictures were taken by Foster Fotos.

The dinner consisted of chicken breast with cheese sauce, green beans, a baked potato, a dinner roll, and cheesecake. “The food was pretty good; I really liked the cheesecake,” said Heather Wetmore.

The remainder of the night was spent dancing and socializing. Superior DJ Service provided the music for the night.

“I love dancing, so Nathan and I did stupid dance moves to make up for the boring parts of prom. It turned into a great night,” said senior Danny Rathman.

After-prom was also held at the Moila. Parents sponsored a Casino Night where students were able to play games, eat, and socialize. At the end of the night the student with the most poker chips received a cash prize of $25 dollars. Every junior and senior received at least a $25-dollar prize. The grand prizes were four computers and four $100 bills, two TV’s, and two stereos.

By the way, “Shall We Dance?”

“Even though I didn’t have a date, I had fun cruising in ‘the burb’ with Burl.”

David Flinders

“I was very excited to win the $100 bill at after-prom. It made up for the DJ not playing good music, country and rock and roll.”

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“Prom was so much fun. The music was great. Everyone looked so pretty, and it looked like everyone was having fun. Plus, I really enjoyed spending time with Michael(Cluck),” said Bethany Grable. Photo by Stephanie Adams
Left: Andrew Simpson, Dru Whetstine, and Ryan Jones play blackjack at after-prom. Photo by Pam Young

Below: Abby Winder and Wade Sutton's out-of-town date Nicole Klingingsmith enjoy dancing at prom. Photo by Morgan Lister

Left: Stephanie Adams and Sarah Watkins show off their moves at prom. Photo by Amy Adams
NHS, QUILL AND SCROLL, PUBLICATIONS COMPLETE COMMUNITY, SCHOOL TASKS

Getting the paper out on time, calling people to donate blood, or working at the NEK-CAP Christmas store were some of the tasks National Honor Society, publications, and Quill and Scroll members did during the year.

The National Honor Society hosted the annual community blood drive December 22 at the Catholic Church. NHS members called people in the community on call night to remind them about the blood drive and about 45 people showed up to donate. "NHS was really fun this year because I got to help with the Christmas NEK-CAP store, the blood drive, and student orientation. I only wish I were in it longer," said Stephanie Adams.

To be in Quill and Scroll, a student had to be in the top on-third of the class, excel in a part of journalism, and be recommended by current members. Quill and Scroll is an honorary society, and once a person is a member, he or she is a member for life.

Trojan Trumpet editor Kelsey Thomas said, "It was very challenging at times because some people don't know how to meet deadlines. But other than that it was a good experience with a lot of responsibilities."

Not only did the publications staff publish the school newspaper and yearbook, but they also competed at regional journalism, with 11 people qualifying for state.

Trojan Trumpet editors were Kelsey Thomas and Shana Kostman, and The Trojan editors were Katie Merritt and Bethany Jenkins.

Above: National Honor Society sponsor Jennifer Gatz holds the scroll while new member Janie Simpson signs her name. Photo by Brei Richardson

Top Right: Members of NHS are, front row: Treasurer Katie Merritt, Vice-president Jena Pickerell, President Abby Winder, Bethany Grable, and Secretary Bethany Jenkins. Row 2: Jessica Sutherland, Jenna Grable, Hannah Jenkins, Zach Gaarder, and Jay Johnson. Row 3: Stephanie Adams, and Jocelyn Bishop. Photo by Ryan Jones

Right: The 2004-2005 Quill and Scroll members are Stephanie Adams, Kelsey Thomas, and Bethany Jenkins. Photo by Jena Pickerell
Left: Bethany Jenkins and Stephanie Adams congratulate Whitney Stock for being inducted into Quill and Scroll. Photo by Brei Richardson


Above: National Honor Society vice-president Jena Pickerell right, initiates new vice president, Jenna Grable. Photo by Brei Richardson

Top: Yearbook editor Katie Merritt and Business Manager Stephanie Adams look over layouts before sending them to the yearbook company. Photo by Jena Pickerell
Throughout the year, students work hard to excel in both academics and in sports. Awards night offered those students a chance to be recognized for their hard work and dedication.

The night began with National Honor Society inductions. There were four new members installed into office.

After the NHS portion of the night was over, there were 18 scholarships presented to seniors.

After this there were other awards given. Stephanie Adams and Katie Merritt tied for the top senior speech award, and Amy Adams received the top speech award for the year.

Brad Flinders presented choir awards to students.

Miles Clary received the award for top male vocalist. Outstanding Female Vocalist went to Sarah Watkins. The service award went to Emily Merritt, and the Rookie of the Year went to Elizabeth Tharrman.

Katie Merritt and Nolan Franken received student council scholarships, presented by Stephanie Lowry.

Other people recognized were art students and journalism students.

The night concluded with students being recognized for sports accomplishments.

“Everybody’s hard work paid off and was rewarded whether it was in sports or in academics.”

Lyndsi Christopher

“IT was a little stressful [getting ready] for the induction ceremony, because there were a lot of things to do. I think the students did a great job, and it turned out great.”

Mrs. Jennifer Gatz, sponsor

STUDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR HARD WORK

Above: Senior basketball players Abby Winder and Bethany Grable are recognized by Coach Derek Jasper. Abby Winder was recognized for being a unanimous vote for first-team all four years of high school. Abby also made over 1,000 points during her high school career. Photo by Brei Richardson

Above: Basketball players Guy Masters, Nolan Franken, John Hoverson, and Timmy Snead are recognized for their accomplishments this season. Nolan was a unanimous vote for all-league team, and he received an honorable mention for all-state. Photo by Brei Richardson
Left: Whitney Sutton and Kara Masters are recognized for being part of the volleyball team. Photo by Brei Richardson

Below: Miss Stephanie Lowry presents Stuco awards. Photo by Brei Richardson

Above: Senior Cheerleader Katie Merritt gives sponsor Stacy Kahnt a hug. Photo by Brei Richardson

Left: Guy Masters stands to be recognized as the Outstanding Senior Industrial Arts Student. Guy built a gun cabinet. Photo by Brei Richardson

Left: Coach Joel Kahnt talks about the boys’ basketball season. Photo by Brei Richardson
SENIORS HEAD TO DALLAS FOR TRIP; ADVICE GIVEN TO STUDENTS AT GRADUATION

On a chartered bus driven by Juan, the senior class and sponsors, Joel and Stacey Kahnt, and Darrel Stufflebeam, headed to Dallas, TX, Friday, May 13, the weekend before graduation.

Seniors couldn’t wait to get out of school and lined up at the front stairs to leave for senior trip. The bus ride took about nine hours, but went quickly because the class got to watch movies. They arrived at the hotel around 10 p.m.

The first stop on Saturday morning was the Sixth Floor Museum, which is about the assassination of JFK. For lunch the class could choose from a variety of restaurants in the downtown area. The afternoon was spent shopping at the Galleria Mall, and that evening they went to the SpeedZone to race go-carts and drag race.

Sunday morning the class headed to Six Flags over Texas. The Batman ride seemed to be the favored ride of the day. Other popular rides were The Titan and Superman. The rest of the afternoon was spent relaxing at the hotel, and that evening Mrs. Elizabeth Smith visited the class when they went out to eat.

Monday, May 16, the class headed back to Troy. A stop was made in Oklahoma City to see the bombing memorial.

Sunday, May 22, was the day the class of 2005 had been waiting for, graduation. After Mr. Stufflebeam gave the class his advice about choosing carefully when to be angry and how a person should react to other peoples’ actions, valedictorian Jocelyn Bishop, and salutatorian Abby Winder gave their speeches. The senior video started with a Star Wars theme and ended with a Looney Toons theme, and finally each senior received his or her diploma.

Above: Bridget Losson and Emily Merritt watch as Bethany Grable plays a game at Six Flags and tries to win a stuffed animal. Photo by Stephanie Adams

Top Right: Eli Norris and John Hoverson try to catch up with Jay Johnson on the turbo track at SpeedZone. Photo by Stephanie Adams

Right: Abby Winder and Jena Pickerell laugh as they look at the hat Kelsey Thomas got at Dick’s Last Resort restaurant. The waiters at Dick’s made special hats for some of the customers. Photo by Stephanie Adams
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Left: Jordan Frump walks in during "Pomp and Circumstance." He is holding roses that each class member got to give to family and friends during the rose ceremony. Photo by Blair Cummings

Below: Valedictorian Jocelyn Bishop gives her speech, telling the senior class to look to the future. She said the class would do well in the future based on statistics of future plans of the class. Photo by Blair Cummings

Above: The senior football guys recognize Don Cash for his years of coaching and wish him the best for the next year as principal. They also gave him a team-signed football and photograph. Photo by Casey Beemer

Left: Seniors stand outside the Sixth Floor Museum in Dallas and listen to Mr. Stufflebeam talk about the murder of JFK in 1963. Photo by Stephanie Adams
What would our town have been without businesses and establishments to keep it running? They were the soul of our community and we wouldn’t have been a town without them. These businesses and others around our area supplied students with after-school jobs, additional income, and a sense of responsibility. Students just didn’t attend school during the year. They also had fun, which included spending money, whether it was for gas, food, entertainment, or shopping. Troy and surrounding towns offered these opportunities for students and adults of all ages.

Most of the businesses in Troy had been around for years, but there was a new addition to the Troy business community. Home Place Restaurant, owned and operated by Jean Rickless, offered home-cooked meals and pastries to its customers.

Improvements were also abundant in the town. Citizens knew for years about the dilapidation of the Statue of Liberty on Main Street. It had been missing spikes on its crown and had seen multiple cans stuck on its spikes for years. Spearheaded by the efforts of Tim Clary and the Doniphan County Historical Society, it was decided that old Lady Liberty needed a face lift and the statue was removed and sent to Topeka for restoration. The base of the statue was also refurbished and made to look like a giant star. The restoration of the statue cost an estimated $15,500.

The view from the football field of Troy High School also changed during the year. Students went from seeing farm fields and tall grasses to bulldozers and dirt as the construction of the Troy Community Center went underway. Dirt work was donated by the Luedke family.

No matter the changes or additions, the town of Troy offered fun and jobs for the students and allowed students to enjoy “The Simple Life.”
Above: Construction workers begin the process of creating the Troy Community Center, located west of the high school. Photo by Katie Merritt

Left: Davie's Oil Co. Inc. offered students after-school jobs for additional income and provided students and adults gas and food services. Photo by Katie Merritt

Far left top: Home Place Restaurant, located east of the court house, brought new business to the town of Troy. Photo by Katie Merritt

Left: John's Market also supplied students with jobs. John's often placed supportive messages for students and the town on the board under their sign. Photo by Katie Merritt

Far left bottom: The Statue of Liberty is absent from the court house lawn as construction begins to refurbish the statue and its base. Photo by Katie Merritt
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You have now come to the end of our broadcast. As you look back over the reality show we call Troy High School, what do you remember? Was your definition of school redefined? Instead of being an institution of knowledge, what did THS mean to you? Was it the place you broke the school's record in the javelin throw? Was it just a place you could hang out with your friends?

This book redefines the meaning of school, allowing every person to come up with his or her own definitions. This "show" represented a time of innocence, fun, and excitement. From doing stacks of worksheets and hundreds of math problems to finally nailing that 100-meter-dash record and playing on the varsity team, school held a different meaning for all of us. As we get older, we may forget what the exact definition of school is, but we will always remember what it meant to us. Those kinds of definitions will stick with us forever and will be passed on to younger generations through memories.

THS not only allowed us to redefine definitions, but it also allowed us to redefine ourselves. We have all become different people because of THS and the "reality show" it had to offer. We learned valuable lessons from teachers, students, faculty members, and ourselves.

Teachers and faculty members taught us how to survive in the world and expanded our horizons. Dr. Darrel Stufflebeam, honored and respected principal of TMS/THS, decided to expand his horizons as well, accepting a superintendent position at Rock Creek. Dr. Stufflebeam will be missed!

This broadcast of the Trojan 2005 has now come to a close. Join us again next year!

Signing off,
Your Editors,
Bethany Jenkins and Katie Merritt
A magnitude 9.0 earthquake in the Indian Ocean sends a 500 mph tsunami crashing onto the shores of 12 nations, killing more than 225,000 people and causing vast destruction.

Britain's Queen Elizabeth II announces the engagement of her son Prince Charles to his long-time love Camilla Parker Bowles.

NASA's Messenger begins a 5-billion-mile journey to Mercury.

Vioxx, one of several arthritis drugs linked to an increased risk of heart attack and stroke, is recalled.

Billions of 17-year cicadas emerge in the Midwest and Eastern United States.
More than 700 people are wounded and 323 hostages killed when Chechen rebels seize a Russian school. The standoff lasted two days.

The world mourns the death of 93-year-old Ronald Reagan, the 40th U.S. president, credited with ending the Cold War.

Filipino conjoined twins Carl and Clarence Aquirre, 2, are successfully separated following 10 months of surgical procedures and a final 20-hour operation.

A jury convicts Scott Peterson on two counts of murder and sentences him to death.

Hamid Karzai is the first democratically elected leader of Afghanistan.

A 1,200-square-mile iceberg blocks 12,000 brooding Adélie penguins from their Antarctic feeding grounds.

Despite threats of violence, millions of Iraqis cast ballots in a historic free election.

Kmart Holding Corp. and Sears, Roebuck and Co. agree to an $11 billion merger that will create the nation's third largest retailer.
With his wife Laura by his side, George W. Bush wins a second term as president by defeating Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry in a fiercely contested election. Bush won with 51 percent.

As US Airways, United Airlines and ATA enter bankruptcy, Delta Air Lines cuts fares by up to 50 percent to entice travelers.

Martha Stewart serves five months in prison and is fined $30,000.

Fire sweeps through a crowded, multilevel Paraguay supermarket, killing more than 300 shoppers.

Federal Communications Commission Chairman Michael K. Powell resigns.
As the death toll surpasses 1,400, Operation Enduring Freedom continues for the 140,000 U.S. troops stationed in Iraq. Though the first elections for the new Iraqi government were held in January, no timetable was established for the withdrawal of American forces.

Last erupting in 1980, Mount St. Helens again releases steam, spews ash and develops a 1,300 degree lava dome.

Despite a fraudulent election and dioxin poisoning, Viktor Yushchenko perseveres and becomes the new Ukrainian president.

Following a seven-year, 2.2-billion-mile journey, the Cassini spacecraft reaches Saturn’s orbit. One of Cassini’s discoveries was a new radiation belt surrounding the ringed planet.

Condoleezza Rice becomes the first black woman to be named secretary of state.

Contaminated batches of flu vaccine cut the U.S. supply in half.

The Supreme Court rejects a Florida state law that would keep severely brain-damaged Terri Schiavo alive.

The sun, Venus and Earth align during the first transit of Venus since 1882.

China’s coal miners endure a six-month series of deadly explosions and accidents that kill more than 550.
France’s 1.8-mile-long Millau bridge extends 1,122 feet above the Tarn Valley, making it the world’s tallest roadway span.

Following Yasser Arafat’s death, new Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas agrees to a cease-fire with Israeli leader Ariel Sharon.

Excessive rains cause a deadly and destructive mudslide in La Conchita, California.

Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne batter the Caribbean islands, Gulf Coast and Florida. During the same season, Tropical Storm Gaston drenched the East Coast.

Weighing 8.6 ounces, Rumaisa Rahman is the world’s smallest baby. In contrast, Brazil’s Ademilton dos Santos weighed 16.8 pounds.

Illinois Sen. Barack Obama delivers the keynote address at the Democratic Convention.

In the same year that a new, colorful $50 bill is put into circulation, the U.S. dollar hits a low against the euro.

Lebanon’s former prime minister Rafik Hariri is assassinated.

- Metabolife International Inc. and its founder Michael J. Ellis were charged with lying to the Food and Drug Administration about the dangers of taking ephedra.
- An accounting scandal led Fannie Mae, the nation’s second largest financial institution, to dismiss two executives.
- Scientists in China unearthed a perfectly preserved avian-like sleeping dinosaur.
- A 10-pound meteorite hit Cambodia.
- Sprint Corp. & Nextel Communications Inc. agreed to a $35 billion merger.
- Extinction threatened Hawaii’s rare poli when one of three remaining birds died.
- Abu Omar al-Kurdi, the top lieutenant to Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, was arrested in Baghdad.
- A 182-carat diamond, four times the size of the Hope Diamond, was found by a Guatemalan miner.
- Nate Greene and Sarah Janes became the first people to hike the entire 1,800-mile West Coast Trail.
- A deer-hunting dispute in Wisconsin left six people dead.
- The discovery of a new hobbit-sized human skeleton brought the history of human evolution into question.
- A stampede during a Hindu ceremony in India killed as many as 258 worshippers.
- For the first time in 30 years, scientists spotted endangered blue whales in the waters off Alaska.
SpaceShipOne completes two suborbital space flights, reaching a record-breaking altitude of 367,442 feet, to win the $10 million Ansari X Prize for the first privately funded spaceflight.

The Pledge's "one nation, under God," is preserved by the Supreme Court.

Trials proceed for seven U.S. soldiers accused of abusing detainees within Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison.

Cosmetics mogul and merchandising pioneer Estée Lauder dies at 97.

Ivory Coast loyalists initiate a violent, anti-foreigner uprising, forcing thousands of French citizens and visitors to evacuate.
The animated motion picture "Shrek 2" is the year's No. 1 box office hit. The movie earned more than $436 million, an Academy Award nomination and two People's Choice Awards.

ABC's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" is voted Favorite Reality Show/Makeover at the People's Choice Awards.

To celebrate her 19th season, Oprah gives away 276 new cars.

Millions of viewers are swept away on Wednesday night by ABC's new hit drama series "Lost."

Jude Law stars in "I Heart Huckabees," one of the actor's six films this year.
• Phylicia Rashad, star of "A Raisin in the Sun," becomes the first black woman to win a Tony Best Actress Award.

• Comedian and talk show host Ellen DeGeneres was "People’s Choice" for Favorite Funny Female Star.

• More than 30 million viewers tuned in to watch Fantasia Barrino defeat Diana DeGarmo and become the third "American Idol.”

• Following 24 years with CBS, anchor Dan Rather announced his resignation. Four CBS executives were fired for running an unverified story regarding President Bush’s National Guard service on "60 Minutes Wednesday."

• A quadriplegic for nine years, "Superman" Christopher Reeve died at 52.

• Both Tom Brokaw of "The NBC Nightly News" and Barbara Walters of "20/20" resigned their anchor positions after more than 20 years on the air.

• Hollywood couple Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pitt announced their separation.

• Media mogul Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen took control of $100 million in net assets on their 18th birthday.

• The world bid farewell to former "Tonight Show" host Johnny Carson, playwright Arthur Miller and entertainers Marlon Brando, Rodney Dangerfield, Janet Leigh, Tony Randall, Fay Wray, Jerry Orbach, Julia Child, Peter Ustinov, Sondra Dee and Isabel Sanford.

Jamie Fox receives the Actor in a Leading Role Academy Award for his portrayal of blind R&B legend Ray Charles in "Ray."

Hilary Swank wins an Academy Award for her lead performance in the Oscar winning picture "Million Dollar Baby."

Golden Globe winner Leonardo DiCaprio receives an Oscar nomination for his starring role in "The Aviator." The film, directed by Martin Scorsese, claimed five Academy Awards.

"Spider-Man 2" starring Tobey Maguire earns more than $373 million at the box office.

Dave Chappelle signs a $50 million contract with Comedy Central.

Julia Roberts joins a long list of new Hollywood moms with the birth of twins Phinnaeus and Hazel.

"Jeopardy!" wiz Ken Jennings wins more than $2.5 million in a 74-game run.

Sunday night soap "Desperate Housewives" is named Best Television Series at the Golden Globe Awards.
ASHLEE SIMPSON is criticized for lip-syncing on "Saturday Night Live" and is booed by fans during her Orange Bowl performance.

ALICIA KEYS collects four Grammys for her album and DVD documentary "The Diary of Alicia Keys."

"Redneck Woman" Gretchen Wilson is the American Music Awards Favorite New Artist.

MAROON 5 is named Best New Artist at the MTV Video Music Awards and the Grammy Awards. They also won three Billboard Music Awards and launched a world tour.

Green Day tours North America, Japan, Europe and Australia to promote its Grammy winning album "American Idiot."

KANYE WEST wins three Grammys including Best Rap Album for "College Dropout."

ALEJANDRO SANTZ receives four Latin Grammy awards including Song of the Year and Album of the Year.

PHISH calls it quits after more than 20 years of touring.

MUSIC NEWS

- "American Idol" wannabe William Hung releases his album "Hung for the Holidays."
- Following eight years and more than 30 million albums sold worldwide, rock band Creed dissolved.
- The Country Music Awards recognized Kenny Chesney and his album "When the Sun Goes Down" as Entertainer and Album of the Year. Other CMA winners included Keith Urban, Brad Paisley, Martina McBride and Rascal Flatts.
- No Doubt's Gwen Stefani released her solo album "Love, Angel, Music, Baby."
- Months after her 55-hour Vegas marriage to childhood friend Jerson Alexander was annulled, pop star Britney Spears married dancer Kevin Federline.
- Prior to his death, Ray Charles completed the collaborative project "Genius Loves Company," which received eight Grammy Awards.
- "American Bandstand" legend Dick Clark suffered a stroke that prevented him from hosting his traditional "New Year's Rockin' Eve" in New York City.
- The Los Lonely Boys received four Grammy nominations, including Best New Artist and Record of the Year for "Heaven."
- Queen Latifah released "The Dana Owens Album," a vocal jazz album that bears her given name.
- Rapper O.D.B., "Superfreak" Rick James and Oscar-winning composer Jerry Goldsmith died this year.
Usher wins 11 Billboard Music Awards including Artist of the Year. His album “Confessions” and hit single “Yeah!” won three Grammys and four American Music Awards.

Hilary Duff promotes her self-titled album and a new clothing/cosmetics line “Stuff.”

R. Kelly sues rapper Jay-Z for $75 million following a dispute that prematurely ended their tour.

Lindsay Lohan debuts her album “Speak” and film “Mean Girls.”

The Grammy-winning hip-hop group Black Eyed Peas “get it started” with their hit album “Elephunk.”
The cast of “One Tree Hill” models the year’s latest fashion trends including the “layered look,” distressed denim, vintage blazers and jean jackets. Ponchos, tweed jackets, and pearls were also hot items.

Sony releases PSP (PlayStation Portable) a 10-ounce, multiplayer video game system with a four-inch color screen.

Pastel hues such as pink are popular for men and women.

NASA’s “scramjet” breaks a world record by flying nearly 10 times the speed of sound.

Oval decals featuring popular locations and symbols appear on vehicles worldwide.
Popular News

- Japanese schools tracked students on campus via computer chips that emit radio transmissions.
- Ben G. Jerry's worked with a Penn State scientist to invent an ozone friendly freezer that uses sound waves to cool a liquid cooling agent.
- Tabouli and Baba Ganoush were the first leeks to be cloned.
- Philips designed MirrVisor, a flat screen television that doubles as a mirror when not in use.
- The FDA approved a use of a new face transplant surgery to fix patients with sensitive burns.
- A grilled cheese sandwich depicting the Virgin Mary sold for $28,000 on eBay.
- Scientists created Sensei, a sensor that indicates when fruit is ripe by analyzing emitted aromas.
- Cellphone jammers were installed in churches, courthouses and schools in an effort to curb interruptions and incidence of cheating.
- The United States Army issued new fatigues that feature easy-to-use Velcro openings and redesigned camouflage that conceal soldiers in the desert, forest and city.
- Congress passed a bill that prohibits the use of camera phones to sneak unapproved photos of other people.
- Divers and surfers began using Shark Shield, a device that repels sharks by emitting electronic pulses.

Apple's iTunes and iPods, along with Satellite XM Radio and Sirius Satellite Radio offer innovative ways to collect and listen to music.

No larger than a grain of rice, a microchip containing important medical data is approved for human implantation by the FDA.

Snack food brands such as Reeses, Edy's, Lays and Coke cope with the Atkins craze by developing and marketing low-carb candies, ice cream, chips and sodas.

"The O.C.'s" Mischa Barton wears one of the year's most popular hairstyles.

"Livestrong" bracelets raise awareness of the fight against cancer.

The desktop CPU of the new iMac is contained within a monitor just 2.875 inches thick.

Popular television series like "Seinfeld," "CSI" and "24" are released on DVD.

Bluetooth and advanced laser technology make wireless internet, known as WiFi, easy-to-use and affordable to the public.
In a 24-21 game, the New England Patriots defeat the Philadelphia Eagles to win their third NFL Super Bowl in four years.

Patrick Tillman, who left the NFL's Arizona Cardinals to enlist in the United States Army, is killed during a firefight in Afghanistan.

Golfer Phil Mickelson enjoys winning his first career major at The Masters.

Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart leads the University of Southern California to a 56-19 win over the University of Oklahoma, making the Trojans the NCAA National Champions.

In a defensive battle, the Detroit Pistons defeat the Los Angeles Lakers to win the NBA National Championship.

Labor disputes cause the NHL to cancel the entire hockey season for the first time.

Kurt Busch wins NASCAR's Nextel Cup championship by an 8-point margin over Jimmy Johnson.

Birdstone denies Smarty Jones the Triple Crown at the Belmont Stakes.

**SPORTS NEWS**

- In the same year that Kobe Bryant's lawsuit was settled out of court, the L.A. Lakers traded Shaquille O'Neal to the Miami Heat.
- Golfer Tiger Woods wed Swedish model Elin Nordegren in a Barbados ceremony.
- A brawl broke out during a game between the Indiana Pacers and the Detroit Pistons. Several players and fans were charged with assault as a result.
- Former Orioles' pitcher Mike Adamson took the lives of 10 Hendrick Racing team family members and employees.
- Former Green Bay Packer and 13 time Pro Bowler Reggie White died at 43.
- Golfer Michelle Wie became the first 16-year-old to play on the LPGA.

**OLYMPIC NEWS**

- The United States brought home 103 Olympic medals, including 25 gold, 39 silver, and 39 bronze.
- The U.S. women's 4x400 relay set a new world record in the 4x400 relay.
- With only one run scored against them during the Olympic Games, the U.S. Men's Softball Team earned the gold.
- Kyle Shewfelt became the first Canadian gymnast to win gold in the men's floor competition.
The Boston Red Sox overcome the New York Yankees' three-game lead to win the ALCS. Boston moved on, defeated the St. Louis Cardinals, and ended "the curse" with their first World Series win in 86 years.

Peyton Manning breaks Dan Marino's single-season record with 49 TD passes.

Despite a back injury, Serena Williams claims her seventh Grand Slam victory at the Australian Open.

Lance Armstrong wins his sixth consecutive Tour de France.

The University of Connecticut wins both the Men's and Women's NCAA Basketball National Championships.
Gymnasts Carly Patterson and Paul Hamm claim gold in the all-around competitions. Despite a controversy caused by a judging error, the Court of Arbitrations for Sport upheld Hamm’s victory.

Swimmer Michael Phelps contributes to the U.S. Swim Team’s 12 golds by earning a record-breaking eight medals.

Mariel Zagunis, 19, wins gold for the U.S. Fencing Team.

Misty May and Kerri Walsh captivate viewers as they spike their way to a women’s beach volleyball gold.

U.S. cyclists Tyler Hamilton and Bobby Julich pedal to gold and bronze medals.

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