



# Trojan Trumpet

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## Troy High School

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## Graduating Class of 2004

Class Motto: "The best is yet to be."



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# Students excel at state competitions; journalism, speech, band, choir

The end of the year means many groups are attending state competitions. The speech team, band/choir groups, and journalism teams all participated.

The band participated in the state competition at Sabetha April 15. They received a straight I rating. This is getting a I from every judge that listened to you. They performed "Where the Black Hawk Soars" and Prairiesong." They also had the help of some middle school students.

The choir received II ratings at the state competition. They performed "Pacem Blessing" and "Witness." Mrs. Elizabeth Smith accompanied.

A few students participated individually at the state level. Sean Reynolds received a I rating for a vocal solo, "Vittoria, mio, core." David

Flinders played a euphonium solo, "Concert in Bb," and received a I rating at state.

The speech team participated in their state competition May 1. They took eight people to compete in nine events. Katie Merritt received a I for her oration on the

Mad Cow Disease.

Stephanie Adams participated in humorous with "Queen of the World," and in informative with a speech about vampires. She received I rat-

ings for both of these.

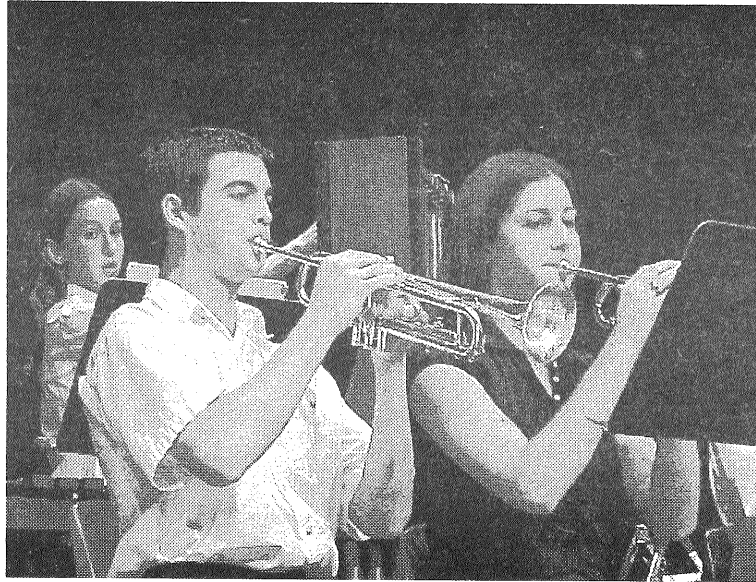
Amy Meng received a I for

for which she received a I.

Several students received a II rating for their performances. Amy Adams and Bethany Grable did IDA, receiving a II. Merritt did extemp and Clary did prose, and both received II ratings.

There were 15 entries for the

Those competing were Brady Cummings, in editing and newspaper photography; Kiley Franken, in news writing; Tara Turpin, in newspaper sports writing, yearbook photography, and yearbook copy; Gwyn Gaither, in headline writing and advertising; Katie Merritt, in feature writing; Stephanie Adams, in infographics; Shana Kostman, in infographics; Bethany Jenkins, in layout/double page spread; Kelsey Thomas, in yearbook photography; and Brie Richardson, in theme development/graphics. Many students had carry-in entrees and didn't actually attend the competition on campus, but some did on-site competitions. There was a dinner and an awards ceremony at the end of the day for the participants.



Jenna Johnson, Tyson Rohrer, Abby Winder perform at state band.

her extemp, while Breanna Clary and Brady Cummings received a I for their IDA competition.

Jocynlen Bishop also gave an informative speech, on rabbits,

State Journalism at Kansas University May 1.

Katie Merritt got Honorable Mention in feature writing and Kiley Franken got Honorable Mention in Newswriting.

## New Members inducted into Quill and Scroll at awards night

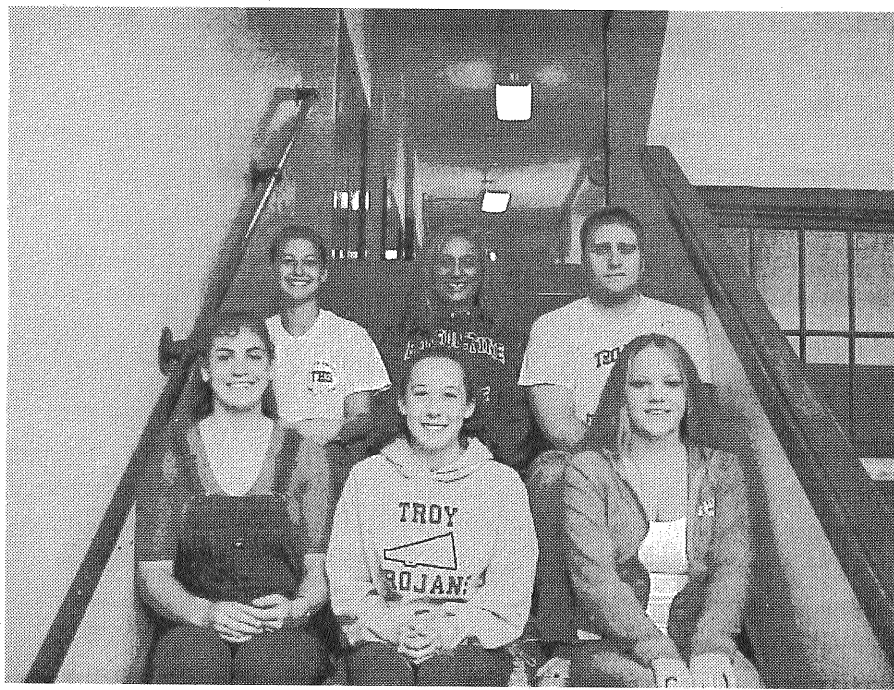
2004 members of Quill and Scroll Tara Turpin, Kiley Franken, Brady Cummings, Stephanie Adams, Bethany Jenkins, and Kelsey Thomas. Photo by Shana Kostman

Kiley Franken, Kelsey Thomas, Bethany Jenkins, and Stephanie Adams were inducted into Quill and Scroll May 11.

To be inducted the students had to excel in some area of journalism, whether in the *Trojan Trumpet* or the school yearbook. They also had to be approved by the current membership.

Those conducting the ceremony were current members Brady Cumming and Tara Turpin, with adviser Martha-Jean Rockey.

Franken was inducted into Quill and Scroll for her work of being co-editor of the *Trojan Trumpet*; Thomas, for her work in sports writing for the newspaper; Jenkins, for being a page editor of the newspa-



per; and Adams, for her work in the business part of the yearbook.

"I am very excited and hon-

ored to be a lifetime member of Quill and Scroll," said Jenkins.

Quill and Scroll was founded

in 1926 to recognize and award worthy high school students. There are many qualifications the student must meet before he/she can be inducted into Quill and Scroll. They must be a junior or senior; they must be scholastically in the upper third of their high school class; they must be recommended for membership by the adviser of journalistic work in their high school or committee governing publications and approved by the

current membership. This was the 28<sup>th</sup> induction ceremony of Quill and Scroll at Troy. With the four new members, the membership is now at 138. "Being a part of Quill and Scroll is an honor and a privilege. I am glad that the inductees this year could have the same honor I have had. They have earned it," said Brady Cummings.

# New study shows teenage brain not mature enough to be executed

By Kiley Franken

Right now, most teenagers are worrying about summer jobs, vacations, and how much school is left, but for those few teenagers on death row, their fears are much worse. Their fate is in the hands of scientists and legal organizations.

The debate is heated and has taken center stage as legal experts and scientists argue over whether or not the adolescent brain is mature enough to control some actions. Thus, opposers of teenage executions say the government isn't protecting these teenagers from cruel and unusual punishment.

Psychiatrists say that an adolescent's brain functions in a different way than an adult's brain does. Teenagers often make poor decisions and act impulsively because their brains

haven't formed a pattern of organization yet.

"From a biological perspective," Fassler asserts, on Science News Online, "an anxious adolescent with a gun in a convenience store is more likely to perceive a threat and pull the trigger than is an anxious adult with a gun in the same store."

The scientists don't want to excuse juvenile behavior; they just want to take away the ultimate punishment.

"Juvenile death sentences

bother me, but this is an ethical issue," said Harvard University psychologist Jerome Kagan.

crimes."

An article in Newsweek states that the brain isn't done maturing until well into a person's early 20s.

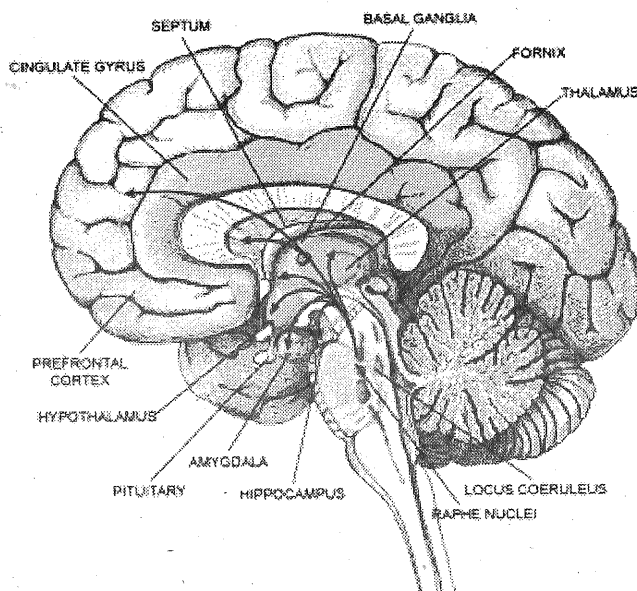
UCLA's lab of neuro imaging used MRI's to compare the brains of a teenager to that of a person in their 20s. The doctors found that the the frontal lobes, responsible for such "executive" functions as self-control, judgment, emotional regulation, organization and planning, under-

go the greatest change between puberty and young adulthood. They grow measur-

ably between 10 and 12, then shrink into the 20s as extraneous branchings are pruned back into efficient, well-organized circuitry.

Legal experts say brain science doesn't belong in court because there's no evidence linking specific characteristics of teens' brains to any legally relevant condition, such as impaired moral judgment or an inability to control murderous impulses.

The Supreme Court will be hearing these arguments later this year, and will decide whether or not adolescents should be executed.



"The brain data don't show that adolescents typically have reduced legal culpability for

# Students presented awards ; seniors receive several scholarships

By Kiley Franken

Troy High School students were honored at awards night with academic awards and scholarships Tuesday May 11.

Before awards night, the new members of National Honor Society were inducted. The new members are Stephanie Adams, Zachary Gaarder, Hannah Jenkins, Jenna Grable, and Jessica Sutherland.

"I try and do my best in my school and community. It's cool to be in a society that honors me for all the work I have done," said Stephanie Adams.

There was a 30-minute ceremony inducting the new members and electing the new officers. Abby Winder was elected president; Jena Pickerell, vice president; Bethany Jenkins, secretary; and Katie Merritt, treasurer.

The seniors received all of their scholarships at awards night also. Emily Albers received the Troy Alumni Schol-

arship; Breanna Clary received the Morrill and Janes Scholarship, and the SLK Scholarship.

Brady Cummings received the Troy State Bank Scholarship, HCC Math and Science Award, KU Honor Award Recognition, State Scholar and RE French Scholarship.

Kiley Franken received the Janice Kinsey Memorial Scholarship.

Bret Johnson received Janice Kinsey Memorial Scholarship, Vera Dean Scholarship, American Legion Award, USD Faculty 429 Scholarship, Pony Express Scholarship, Student Council Scholarship, KSU College of Engineering Math and Science Award, KU Honor Award Recognition, Kansas Governor's Scholarship, and the RE French Scholarship.

Siobhan Leger received the Arion Foundation Award; Jeff

McNemee received the HCC Math and Science Award, Missouri Regents Scholarship, and KSHAA Citizenship Award. Sean Reynolds received the Missouri Regents Scholarship.

Lisa Speaks received the Vera Dean Scholarship, American Legion Award, Doniphan County Farm Bureau Scholarship, Student Council Scholarship, KU Honor Award Recognition, Joey Frump Memorial Scholarship, RE French Scholarship, and the KSHAA Citizenship Award.

Jared Sutherland received the Morrill and Janes Scholarship, Troy Alumni Scholarship, Troy Lion's Club Scholarship and the Joey Frump Memorial Scholarship.

Tara Turpin received the Janice Kinsey Memorial Scholarship, Vera Dean Scholarship, and KU Honor Award Recognition.

"I was surprised that I re-

ceived so many scholarships. I am very grateful. They will come in handy next year," said Bret Johnson.

Mr. Rice honored five people for working in the wood shop. Bethany Grable and Carl Tharman were the best Industrial Art I workers and Emily Albers, Holly Etherton were the Industrial Art II workers, Holly Whittaker was the best worker in Advanced Industrial Arts, and AJ Jensen was the overall best senior. David Flinders won the John Philips Sousa Award for music.

Letters were given for students in art, student council, speech, journalism, scholars bowl, music, and students with good attendance.

Kyle Greaser, Laura Greub, Jay Johnson, and Jared Sutherland had perfect attendance this school year. They received the Iron Man Award. Twenty-three students had ex-

cellent attendance.

Twenty-five students also received the DVL Scholarship Award. This award goes to the top five students in each grade. Brady Cummings, Bret Johnson, Lisa Speaks, Tara Turpin, and Kiley Franken were the seniors that received this award. Jocelyn Bishop, Abigail Winder, Katie Merritt, Jay Johnson, Bethany Grable, and Bethany Jenkins were the top ranked juniors. David Flinders, Jenna Grable, Whitney Stock, Molly Geiger, Blair Cummings, Jessica Sutherland, and Garrett Twombly received the top sophomore award. Whitney Franken, Laura Greub, Lyndsi Christopher, Matthew Doolan, Morgan Lister, Jessica Watkins, and Lucas Wampler were the top ranked freshmen.

After academic awards were handed out, there was a short intermission and the athletic awards handed out.

# Farewell Class of '04: 'I had to see about a girl'

By Brady Cummings

"I have been chosen. Farewell my friends. I go on to a better place." This is a quote from one of the green alien men from *Toy Story* as he was selected by "the claw."

Like the little green alien, the seniors of Troy High School have all been chosen. We are to go out into the world, and make something of ourselves. By the looks of our class, we're going to wreak havoc in doing so. Are we truly ready for this next big step?

When preparing to branch out into the world, one has to look at the past. Our family

and friends are the ones that have affected our lives thus far. They are the ones who have molded us into who we are today. So we mustn't forget them.

Some would call me a "movie mogul" of sorts. I have enjoyed putting together this movie page for the school this past year. It has been my honor and privilege. I am one who believes in giving credit where credit is due. So I have a few people to thank.

I have been interested in movies since I was a small child. I used to act out the movies as I watched them.

Movies did not become my obsession until much later. This began with "the fellas" at A.J. Jensen's birthday party one year. We would watch *Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>* movies. This began my interest in horror films. The horror genre was my domain.

Finally, it came time for me to branch out. This was helped greatly by Kurtis Kerby. Kurtis and I would discuss movies on our late shifts at Subway. With this new mentor, my knowledge of movies grew and grew. Now, I plan to study filmmaking in college.

Right now, I would like to thank the ones who made this

page possible. I would like to thank "the fellas" for introducing me to the horror genre, as well as providing many memories of viewings. I would like to thank Plaza 8 Theaters for providing me with a means to watch new releases. I would like to thank CHUD.com and JoBlo.com for their constant movie news updates. And, I would like to thank my mentor, Kurtis Kerby, for guiding my journey to "movie enlightenment."

I'm sure many of the graduates this year have similar stories. The ones around us were the ones that showed us

our own talents and interests. Some of us might have needed a push in the right direction like Will Hunting in *Good Will Hunting*.

I titled this "I had to see about a girl" because of its meaning in *Good Will Hunting*. Will decides what he should do with his life and goes for it. We all should do the same.

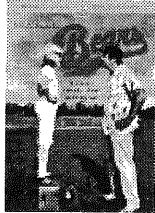
So, the answer to the question earlier is "yes." Yes, I believe that this graduating class is ready to take that step out into the world. And "no," they will not wreak havoc... unless they really want to.

## Seniors reflect on their all-time favorite movies



**The Shawshank Redemption (1994)**

Bret Johnson  
Jeff McNemie



**The Bad News Bears (1976)**

Blaine Whetstine



**Planet of the Apes (1968)**

Sean Reynolds



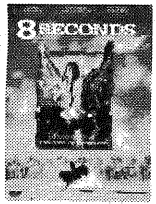
**10 Things I Hate About You (1999)**

Cheyenne Walter  
Bridget Shelton



**The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (2003)**

Jared Sutherland



**8 Seconds (1994)**

AJ Jensen  
Holly Whittaker



**Good Will Hunting (1997)**

Tory Eylar



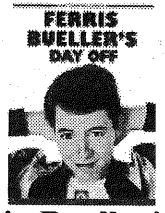
**Love & Basketball (2000)**

Tara Clary



**Agent Cody Banks (2003)**

David Chu



**Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986)**

Lisa Speaks



**Dirty Dancing (1987)**

Kiley Franken  
Tara Turpin  
Amber Weidmer



**Honey (2003)**

Tarmara Kostman  
Amber Douglas



**Dogma (1999)**

Gwyn Gaither



**Grease (1978)**

Danielle Marriott



**From Dusk Till Dawn (1996)**

Brett Clary

### Rental Recommendations: Coming-of-Age Movies

The seniors of Troy High School are finally graduating. As you venture out into the world, I encourage you to watch these movies. These are the films that epitomize the feelings of graduation and moving on with your life.

*Glory Daze*

*American Graffiti*

*Good Will Hunting*

*Can't Hardly Wait*

*Clueless*

*The Breakfast Club*

*Dazed and Confused*

*Say Anything*

*American Pie*

*Varsity Blues*

*Grease*

*My Girl*

*American Pie 2*

*American Beauty*

*Ferris Bueller's Day Off*

*Stand by Me*



**Donnie Darko (2001)**

Brady Cummings

# Seniors tell of their plans for after high school

By Amber Wiedmer

I will be attending KSU to become a civil engineer.

- Jay Ruhnke

I will be going to HCC in the fall.

-Austin Stock

I will attend the University of Kansas but am undecided on a major. I am leaning towards pre-medicine.

-Bret Johnson

I will be attending HCC.

-Jared Sutherland

I will be working while going to HCC. I am majoring in criminal justice and plan on becoming a criminal profiler in Virginia.

-Bri Mendell

I plan to go to Manhattan Christian College and get a pre-nursing degree from KSU.

-Lisa Speaks

I will attend Missouri Western, and then KSU, working towards a degree as a dietician.

-Danielle Marriott

I am going into the Navy.

-Chester Bishop

I will attend HCC in the fall of 2004.

-Cheyenne Walter

I want to go to PCI (Pennacle Career Institute) for Massage Therapy.

- Mandy Siard

I am going to KU for mathematics and accounting. I want to be an accountant or a jewelry dealer.

-David Chu

I will attend KSU next year and major in elementary education with a minor in criminal justice. I will attend HCC up to a year and work, then transfer to a college, such as KSU.

-Amy Meng

Go to college and become a veterinarian.

-Siobhan Leger

Go to college.

-Blaine Whetstone

I am going to HCC ; then I don't know.

-David Winder

I will be attending Missouri Western State College in the fall of 2004 on a football and academic scholarship. My major is undecided.

-Jeff McNemee

I plan on attending HCC, playing BB, and getting my associates. Then transfer to a four - year school or go to a Tech. School and major in Radiology.

-Tara Clary

I will attend HCC.

-Breanna Clary

I am going to work for a year and then go to Hillyard Tech. School for X-Ray tech.

-Holly Etherton

I am going to HCC.

-Brett Clary

I will work at KHP.

-Mike Mullins

Planning on attending college and becoming a physical therapist.

-Tory Eylar

Attend KSU and major in Food Science.

-AJ Jensen

Attend Benedictine College and major is psychology and go on to get my PhD.

-Kiley Franken

First go to HCC and take either my Ag or criminal justice degree. Right now I am undecided.

-Holly Whittaker

I will attend NEKTC in their LPN program.

-Jessie Wright

Go to HCC and take the pre-nursing program. Then, go to Missouri Western and take the nursing program.

-Tamara Kostman

I plan to work and go to college to be a CNA. And after that, work to further advance my nursing skills.

-Aleena Rohrer

I will be attending Bethany College in the social work program on scholarships in track, dance, and cross country. Before my junior year, I will be applying for an internship with the Chicago Urban Life Center, where I will get a little more life experience for my career.

-Amber Wiedmer

Vatterott

-Gwyn Gaither

I am attending KU. I plan to major in theater and film and use it to begin a career.

-Brady Cummings

To work for a year and then attend Saint Lukes College for Radiology Tech.

-Ryan Long

Go to work for the first year and then school for two years.

-Tyler Ferris

Attend NW and study music.

-Sean Reynolds

Become a massage therapist.

-Emily Albers

HCC

-Amber Douglas

Going to work for a brick laying company and hopefully making some good money.

-Kenny Stewart

Going to KSU and majoring in veterinary medicine.

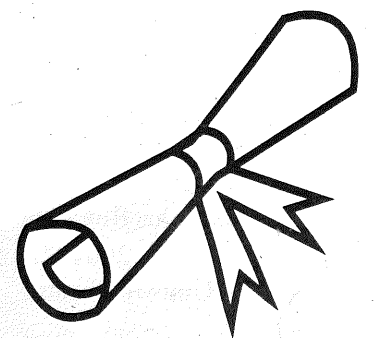
-Tara Turpin

HCC on a football manager scholarship and majoring in elementary ed.

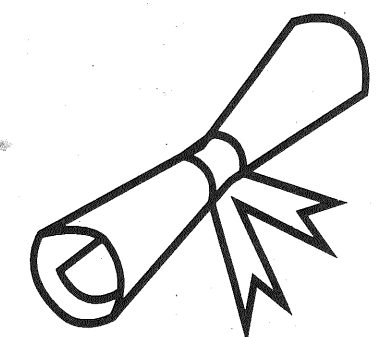
-Bridget Shelton

HCC, then maybe the KC Art Institute.

-Andy Boyle



**Good Luck  
with your  
future  
plans, Class  
of 2004!!!!**



**Do not go where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.**

**-Ralph Waldo Emerson**

# More concerts to check out this summer

It seems every day that passes a hand full of concerts is added to the summer line-up. So if there weren't any concerts in last month's issue, have no fear, there are new concerts to consider.

## Rockfest

June 19, 2004

Verizon Wireless Ampitheatre  
 Tesla, Puddle of Mudd, Damage Plan, Fuel, Saliva, Drowning Pool, Shinedown, Breaking Benjamin, and many more!

## Country Stampede

June 24-25-26-27, 2004

Tuttle Creek State Park  
 Manhattan KS  
 Mark Wills, Clay Walker, Rascal Flatts, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Brooks & Dunn, Terri Clark, Charlie Daniels, Steve Miller Band and many more!

## Dashboard Confessional featuring Thrice

May 27, 2004  
 The City Market

## P.O.D. plus Blindside

June 5, 2004  
 The Uptown Theatre

## Little Feat

June 5, 2004  
 Beaumont Club

## Tim McGraw

July 11, 2004  
 Verizon Wireless Ampitheatre

## Incubus with the Vines

July 24, 2004  
 Kemper Arena

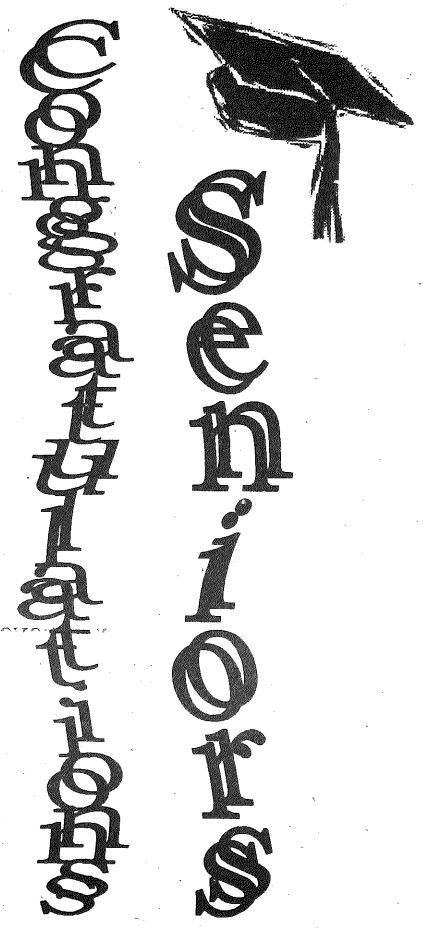
# Graduation Songs

These are the songs that really make your eyes water. Some of these songs are traditional some are a little unexpected. All of them speak of the end of an era and the beginning of life.

- "We Are the Champions"- Queen
- "Graduation Day"- Vitamin C
- "I Will Remember You"- Sarah McLachlin
- "Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)"- Green Day
- "That's What Friends Are For"- Dionne Warwick
- "This Used to Be My Playground"- Madonna
- "Lean on Me"- The Temptations
- "Goodbye to You"- Michelle Branch
- "Here's To The Night"- Eve 6
- "Ride of Your Life"- Lifehouse
- "Here Comes the Sun"- The Beatles
- "Beautiful Day"- U2
- "Please Remember"- Leanne Rimes
- "Times They Are A Changing"- Bob Dylan
- "I'll Be There For You"- Rembrants (Friends theme song)
- "I'm Moving On"- Rascal Flatts
- "Closing Time"- Semisonic
- "So Hard To Say Goodbye"- Boys II Men
- "I Hope You Dance"- Leann Womack
- "Ride Of Your Life"- John Gregory
- "Hanging By A Moment"- Lifehouse
- "Do You Realize"- Flaming Lips
- "These Are the Days"- 10,000 Maniacs
- "Greatest Story Ever Told"- Oliver James
- "Break on Through"- The Doors

The senior class reflects on what their favorite songs are. There is a variety of tastes between each and every one of us. Some songs new, some old, a lot of country, some rock, some pop, and even a little bit of hip hop.

- "Take my Breath Away" by Jessica Simpson & Nick Lachey"- Kiley Franken
- "Put It in my Mouth" by Lil' Kim"- Amber Douglas
- "When You Say Nothing at All" by Allison Kraus"- Bridget Shelton
- "Thugz Passion" by 2Pac"- Blaine Whestine
- "Don't Fear the Reaper" by Blue Oyster Cult"- Andy Boyle
- "Hardworking Man" by Brooks and Dunn"- A.J. Jensen
- "I'll Be Loving You" by Gigi Lenng"- David Chu
- "Swallowed" by Bush"- Breanna Clary
- "The Reason" by Hoobastank"- Tory Eylar
- "Big Pimpin" by Jay-Z"- Jared Sutherland
- "Paint Me A Birmingham" by Tracy Lawrence"- Tara Clary
- "Behind Blue Eyes" by Limp Bizkit"- Michael Mullins
- "On With Their Heads" by Skyclad"- Chester Bishop
- "Chattahoochee" by Alan Jackson"- Jeff McNemee
- "Blow It Out" by Ludacris"- Brett Clary
- "Take my Breath Away" by Jessica Simpson"- Danielle Marriott
- "Ghetto Star" by 2Pac"- David Winder
- "I'll Be There" by Lonestar"- Holly Etherton
- "Lake of Fire" by Nirvana"- Mandy Siard
- "Adam's Song" by Blink 182"- Matt Rush
- "I Love the Way You Love Me" by Faith Hill-Holly Whittaker
- "First of the Month" by Bone Thugs and Harmony"- Jay Ruhnke
- "I Can Love You Like That" by John Michael Montgomery"- Tara Turpin
- "When You Say Nothing At All" by Allison Kraus"- Jessie Wright
- "You Raise Me Up" by Josh Groban"- Siobhan Leger
- "Safe in the Arms of Love" by Martina McBride"- Tamara Kostman
- "Little Moments" by Brad Paisley"- Amy Meng
- "Calling All Angels" by Train"- Amber Wiedmer
- "Rodeo" by Garth Brooks"- Austin Stock
- "Fast Car" by Tracy Chapman"- Gwyn Gaither
- "Understanding in a Car Crash" by Thursday"- Bret Johnson
- "Two Days in February" by The Goo Goo Dolls"- Brady Cummings
- "Big Pimpin" by Jay-Z"- Jared Sutherland
- "It Works For Me" by Toby Keith"- Ryan Long
- "Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)" by Green Day"- Lisa Speaks
- "Perfect" by Simple Plan"- Tyler Ferris
- "On With Their Heads" by Skyclad"- Chester Bishop
- "A.D.I.D.A.S." by Korn"- Sean Reynolds
- "My Immortal" by Evanescence"- Cheyenne Walter
- "When You Say Nothing At All" by Allison Kraus"- Emily Albers
- "Whiskey Lullaby" by Brad Paisley & Allison Kraus"- Kenny Stewart



## Trumpet Editor Amber Wiedmer says her last thanks

Well, here we are. It's the end of senior year and the end of another chapter in our lives. I am so happy that it is time for something new. However, nothing will compare to the experiences and the people

I have met in my years at Troy. I know I will be four hours away, but if anybody ever needs anything, give me a call or send me some e-mail. I will be more than happy to hear from you. And believe me, I will be keeping in touch.

Now for the individual farewells. I am sorry if I leave anyone out on this, but I have been given specific instructions to keep it under 10 pages.

Mom and Dad. I Love You both so much. You have always been there for me. If it weren't for you, I would have never been able to fall down, and chances are, the hands that were there to help me up

wouldn't have been nearly so kind and loving. Mom, you have always been there for my every WANT and need. When I needed a costume, you were there to sew it and you always have made sure it was at least a hundred times better than perfect. Sure I could have had every expensive little lady dress in the world; however a room filled with diamonds couldn't compare to the love and beauty that you are and that you have always put into everything you have done.

Dad, you have taught me many things. But, most of all you have placed in me a love for my country and a respect for others that will never be erased. I thank you for all of the auctions and all of the American Legion events that you have let me be a part of. I also thank you for always letting me hang out with my daddy at work. You are

both so amazing and you don't give yourselves nearly enough credit for all of the gifts that the Lord has given you.

I know I am your baby, but it's not so bad that I am leaving. The one thing that I ask is that you will both take time for yourselves. You guys are amazing and I know how much you are capable of. You have put your lives and dreams on hold for me and now it's time for you to take a leap of faith and reach for yours.

Tara Marie Clary. Hey Sis! I don't know what I am going to do without you next year. It definitely won't be the same during basketball season. I am going to miss watching you play so much. Ever since we were little, you have always loved the game. But, we both have goals and dreams and I guess the time has come for us to go after them. It is sad

that my dreams are four hours away. If you ever need anything, don't be afraid to call me or come get me. You know that I would drop everything in a second to be there for you. There is a lot more that I could say. However, sisters have a way of knowing exactly what the other is thinking without having to write it or say it.

Bryson Anthony. I Love You so much. Even though you can't be at graduation, I want you to know how proud of you I am. From the time I was a little girl, I can remember looking up to you. Sure we fought all of the time growing up, but now I know that the only reason you picked on me then was so I could stand up for myself. I am sorry I went through the whole jealous little sister phase with your girlfriends. But, I am glad I scared the others off, because I

couldn't ask for a better sister-in-law than Erica. You are one lucky guy. Also, if it weren't for you, I would never have had the blessing of being an aunt. Brayden is exactly like you. Thank you so much for always looking out for me. You are the best big brother that a little sister could ever have. Stay safe and come home soon.

To everyone else, I love you and I thank you for always encouraging me to do my best. I will always remember the sweet freshman boys who sent me a rose on Valentine's Day and the words of inspiration from Coach Bond. Everyone has impacted my life so much, and I just hope that 20 years from now, I will have had such a great impact on others. Much love and God bless you all. — Amber Dawn

## Trumpet Editor Kiley Franken says her final good-byes

It is so hard to believe that I am actually graduating from high school. I remember my first day just like it was yesterday. I was so nervous walking through the halls, but I soon realized it wasn't that bad. Three years passed and I don't feel a day older.

I don't even know where to start. Kelsey Suzanne.... Wow, have we been through some times. So many memories and such little space. Pigeon, South Dakota, Colorado, Tanner and Trae, and high school. Although our lives have traveled down different roads, we always seem to meet up in the end. I treasure your friendship so much. You have been there for me so many times, and we share so many things. I thank you for putting up with me all these years. But mostly, I thank you for being there for me when I really needed it! I love you so much!

Whitney Blaire... Why we have not started hanging out until last summer is beyond me. I have never met anyone so much like me. We should have been twins. We all know who got the looks! Ha!Ha! You have been like an angel this past year. You were always there for me to talk to, and you always had a shoulder for me to cry on. I would have never made it through this year without you. You could always cheer me up... Just do the SPIRIT dance!!! Or the toe dance! You are a truly amazing person. You have so much going for you.

Oh, yeah, those roof things are called SUN ROOFS. Wow! I can't even think of you without smiling. How many times have we driven back from St. Joe and not said a word because we were laughing too hard. That white cheese really gets me! We are two of the most talkative people, but we just

can't seem to talk at those times. I love you to death, but we will still hang out; what are cousins for?

Austy... You are one of the greatest friends I have ever had. I can't even begin with the memories. I had so much fun growing up with you and becoming mature young adults. You are such an amazing person, and you will go so far; just do your homework!

Blair, Molly, Whitney, although school is ending, our season is still going strong! You girls are a blast. I have had so much fun with you this year. You guys are definitely crazy and I love that. Don't change that about yourselves. Besides, you know what you are in charge of next year. Don't let me down! I love you guys!

To everyone in my senior class: We have been through a lot together; we have lost

classmates and gained classmates, but through it all we have stuck together and made the best of what we could. We are an amazing group of people and I really do feel we will make a difference some day; we just have to put our minds to it.

Always remember the best is yet to be!

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## Cool and refreshing summer drinks

By: Amber Wiedmer

Here are some fun drink recipes to keep you cool and refreshed over the summer.

### Cranberry Fizz Drink

1/4 cup cranberry juice  
1 cup ginger ale  
-Combine and serve.

### Citrus Punch

2 cups orange juice  
2 cups grapefruit juice  
1/4 cup apricot nectar  
1/3 cup pineapple juice  
4 cups ginger ale  
- Mix all ingredients

together and put them in the fridge to chill. Add frozen fruit for fun and a little extra flavor.

### Kiwi Melon Drink

2 kiwifruit peeled  
1 cup honeydew melon cubes  
2 tablespoons sugar  
- Blend the ingredients together for one minute, chill, and serve.

## New Business

Pizza Plus has been a hit with the Troy Community  
By: Brei Richardson

In the past month at Troy High School, students have been eating pizza at lunch. Before that they had Fastlane. Where did the get the pizza?

They got the pizza from the Pizza Place in Troy. It's the newest thing to be added to Troy. It is located just before Main Street on the highway, and brings a new business to Troy and somewhere else for Troy students and the community another place to eat at a good price.

Student Edwin Buch said, "I have eaten the pizza from the Pizza Place in Troy. It was good enough that I ate a whole large pizza by myself, and all I have to do is walk there to get my pizza and be filled."

Many of students have parents or friends out of high school bring pizza to them for lunch since the pizza place does not deliver. The prices of the pizza are \$7.49 for one, \$13.99 for two, and \$19.99 for three. These prices will change as of June 1 to \$8.49 for each pizza.

Employee Laura Greub said, "Most of the people who buy pizza seem to like the pepperoni the best."

Pizza takes about 20 minutes to make. The hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

## Teenagers: Being safe and having fun in the summer sun

By: Kiley Franken

No more pencils  
No more books  
No more teachers' dirty looks  
Schools out for summer

Now that school is nearly out, teenagers are free, and are already making plans for this summer. Some will get jobs, some will go on vacation, some will play sports, and some will get into a little trouble.

Summer is meant to be fun and care free, but some kids make it dangerous and not so carefree.

With the hot weather, everyone wants to swim. One of the most

dangerous things over the summer is swimming at ponds and not knowing how deep they are. Many teens show off by doing flips and diving off ledges. A head hitting on the bottom can cause severe neck and back injuries. It can also cause brain damage. So be very careful when swimming this summer.

Be sure to check the depth of the water before entering headfirst. This also applies at pools. A person may think he or she can dive in shallow water and clear the bottom, but that is one of the most

common injuries at pools, hitting a head on the bottom of the pool.

Going to pools usually involves lying out and getting a tan. Being in the sun is fine, as long as a person puts on plenty of sun block and applies it every couple of hours if her or she is going to be in the sun for a long period. Also, reapplying sun block after swimming is very important. An SPF of at least 15 should always be used.

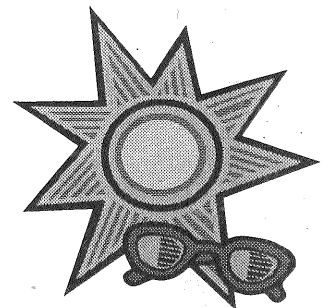
Another problem over the summer is not staying hydrated enough. A person should replenish fluids every 15 minutes.

Once a person becomes very dehydrated, he or she can then get cramps and then have heat exhaustion. Once a person stops sweating, his or her body uses the water in his or her blood and that can result in heat stroke. Be sure to drink plenty of water, and be sure to sweat when staying outside for long periods.

Another thing to watch out for over the summer is drinking and driving. We all know it's dangerous, yet it still happens. Summer is a time for fun, and there are usually many parties; just don't drink

and drive. Get a designated driver. Before getting into a car just remember all the consequences.

Summer is a wonderful time. Everyone wants to have fun, but just make sure it's safe fun. **Everyone have a safe and happy summer!**



# Music, opinion editor wishes good luck to friends

by Gwyn Gaither

It is almost sickening how fast four years go by. One night your so excited to go to you're first day of high school you can't even sleep, so you stay up late picking out what you're going to wear the next day.

You're freakishly excited about your new "big" locker and how you're going to decorate it. Then one morning you can barely peel yourself out of bed for your last day of senior year, you put on your last clean outfit in your closet and barely make it to school on time. Wow, how time flies when you're well, umm, having fun.

High school was like running out of gas in the middle of nowhere, the walk to town. You start off and there is no end in sight, but you have to trudge along, so you don't think about a thing, just the next step you take. By the end you can't

believe how far you've walked, and that you actually made it, how fast you got there.

Almost any experience would be completely impossible without having someone by your side, a guide if you will.

Chris, seriously could I possibly ask for a better brother? I have had so much fun going to school with you, especially this year because we had a number of classes together. You have this amazing gift of turning any situation into a funny situation. I really admire your personality. This year could have really fell short without you. Thanks for making it fun.

Kenny Peden, besides being my little brother's best friend, you are one of my favorite people. You and Chris make a really great team and you two make me laugh more than anything in this world. I still laugh at the thought of your "Wesson Boy" story.

Over the past year, Johnna, we have become very close friends. I love the way we can have fun doing anything, even rolling silverware. I thank God that I have had a chance to get to know you. I can't think of anyone who is as loyal friend as you are, and I love you very much for the person you are.

Amber D., it is great to know our friendship has stood the test of time. It seems like no matter what happens, we still have each other. You are a great and beautiful person. I still love to think about our freshman summer; it was one of the best times of my life.

Breanna, even though you broke my foot (joke) I still value you and the time we had together. I don't think there has been anyone in this world I could relate to quite like that way I relate with you. It is like you have a wisdom in you

that very few people have. You are different, creative, and caring; those qualities make you the great person you are.

Emily, Holly E., Holly W., Jessie W., and Tamara, you guys have really made this year interesting. I love to be around you all because everything is automatically more fun. Lunchtime with you is always interesting; who knows what's going to happen or what is going to get thrown. You all are very great and I wish you all the best in life.

Bri, I will have to say out of everybody, I think you have been my friend the longest. You really made childhood fun. I love talking to you now, you are an individual and that is awesome. Good luck in life.

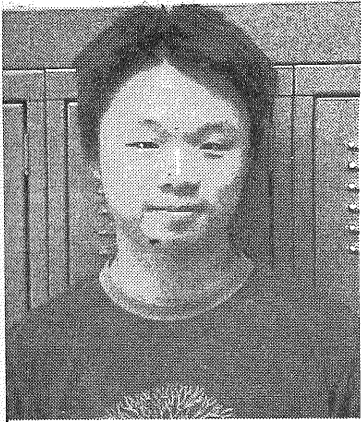
Amber W., we have been friends for a long time. This year was cool because we got to talk a lot. You are a really awesome girl and you have a very good heart.

Kiley, before this year I don't think we talked very much and I am so happy that changed. I am glad you were in publications class because together we really got on people's cases and got things done (especially this issue). Your personality is so refreshing; it is nice to see someone so full of life. I hope you have a good time next year at Benedictine.

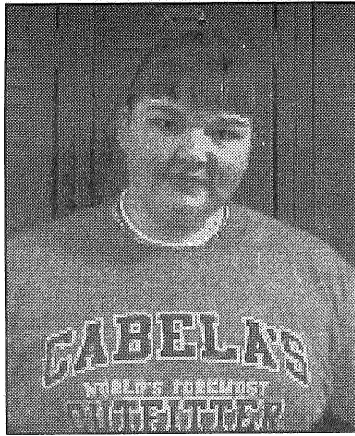
To all the senior girls, there is not one of you who I don't think is an angel. I am so glad to be a part of this class. I don't think that I could have asked for a better group of girls to grow up with.

At the end of this journey it is really great to look back and think of all the people and memories that lie behind us, but it is truly surprising to know you made it.

## What made this school year memorable for you?



"I was upset at the art judges for not letting computer art win!" - Chris Taylor



"Meeting new people; the lunches are really good. Everyone is very nice." - Susan McCulloch



"Helping coach the girls' basketball team that won the DVL championship." - Mr. Kevin McNorton



"There will be more memorable things to remember if the school hosts more competitions and outdoor activities." - David Chu

"Just being able to be with my friends, it seemed like every day was memorable. The best part was being able to choose between my friends when they got into a fight with each other." - Micheal Springstead



## Yearbook editor bids farewell, remembers friends

by Tara Turpin

"Truly great friends are hard to find, difficult to leave, and impossible to forget."

I can't believe our journey over the past 13 years has come to an end. I have so many unforgettable memories and, even more important, so many unforgettable friendships. There are a few "special" people I would like to say good-bye and thank you to for the last issue of the paper.

First of all, I would like to thank my parents who have given me so much support throughout the years. They have always believed in me and knew I could do anything I put my mind to.

Lisa, words can't even start to describe our friendship. The only word that I can think of is "rare." You know everything about me (as scary

as that is), and you are still my best friend. We have so many memories together I can't even begin to tell them all. Never forget that birds are safer when we aren't around, no matter how far the road trip we will have tons of fun, and I will always be there for you.

Breanna, what would we have done if it weren't for that Horton play? I never thought I could be so close to someone in such a short amount of time. Remember no matter what anyone says, you are hilarious, getting lost is easier than you would think, you should never get too close to a fence, and just go with it.

Danielle, Arnie, and Amber, you girls are great. Arnie, you sure make riding 4-wheelers exciting. I know

I wouldn't have made it through sports and boot camp without you. You had better keep tearin' it up on the court next year. Danielle, I can come to you with all my problems and you understand. You are one of the sweetest people I know; don't lose that. You and I both know we will always be tougher than the boys. Amber Dawn, you made Jackson Heights dances pretty exciting. You were a great co-pilot on all those road trips. Next year you can still call me at 1 in the morning just to chat. You girls made every lunch exciting, and I could always look forward to our "lessons" with Danielle's food.

Mol, no matter how old you get, you will always be our little "JB." The world

will never know who turned off that light or how much we do sound like Garth Brooks, but I do know that I am going to miss you a ton next year and you will always be like my little sister.

Abby and Jena, I couldn't have asked for any better co-workers. You guys are great, and made getting up at the crack of dawn worth it.

Now for the boys, you guys have always made class exciting. No matter what you think, you guys are louder than the girls who sit in front of ya.

Brady, I couldn't have asked for a better co-editor of the yearbook to work with. You are great and you are going to make it big.

Tyler, Jared, and AJ: I really don't think I would have made it through track

without you guys. You made practice so much fun. I know no matter how much you guys pick on me you don't think I am that fat.

Bret, Jeff, and Jay, you guys are great. You made calculus fun—well as fun as a math class could be. Jeff, *Finding Nemo* will always be our movie; Jay, you will always be my king, and, Bret, I know you actually like me more than you like my mom.

I am going to miss everyone a ton. For those I didn't mention for lack of space, thanks for the memories I had with you to. These last 13 years have been great thanks to every single one of you.

"Side by side or miles apart, dear friends are always close to the heart."

### Thought of the Month

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-2004 Seniors

## 10 Years / 20 Years

By Bethany Jenkins  
10 Years

In 1994, the seniors were wrapping things up at Troy High School as the year ended.

The class of 1994 explored Osage Beach for their senior trip. They first stopped at the Tonka State Park for a little sightseeing. They had a home-cooked dinner served family style in the Just Like Home Restaurant. They next day they spent doing a variety of activities.

For the first time the awards banquet was for just the seniors and their parents. The underclassman had their awards presentation during the school day.

The last concert of the 1994 school year was a success. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade choirs performed; then the high school choir performed. They performed four songs, "A Red, Red Rose," "Surrey with the Fringe on Top," "Witness," and "Alleluia." The middle school band

played, and then the high school band performed. They played "Variation Overture," "Prelude and Gloria," "Ride of the Valkyries," and "The Minnesota March."

Nikia Rosenberger, Lisa Winder, and Mandie Loroff received I ratings at the 1994 State Speech Festival. Rosenberger and Winder did a duet, "Night, Mother," about a mother who tries to keep her daughter from committing suicide. Loroff performed a serious solo, "Born of Man and Woman," about a girl who is locked in the basement until she goes nuts.

There were eight students who attended the State FFA contest. Sarah Fischer took part in the news writing contest. Joe Anderson, Michael Ferguson and Craig Kostman participated in the crop competition. The meats team placed tenth.

The track team took second

in the Doniphan County track meet at Midway. The track coaches were Don Cash, Cheryl Koelsch, Lyle Rockey, and Tom Bond. At the league track meet 10 personal records were set in the field events. The girls placed ninth and the boys placed fifth.

### 20 years ago

Twenty years ago the Class of 1984 was preparing for the end of their high school careers.

In eighth grade they picked their flower, class colors, and motto. The flower was a blue and white carnation, blue and silver colors, and "The reason many don't climb the ladder of success is because they are waiting for the elevator," was their motto. The class officers were Julia Simpson, president; Kenny Neumann, vice-president; and Marilyn Weber, treasurer; and Mrs. Goss was the sponsor.

Troy High School held the

awards night to recognize the students. The American Legion Award went to Julia Simpson and Ron Shelton. Theresa Simpson and Rob Karn received the honorable mention award. Two seniors, Theresa Simpson, and Ken Tharman, won the citizenship award. During awards night, they also had the athletic awards. The girls' and boys' basketball teams were given special plaques for accomplishments throughout the season. Doug Meng won the Bill Foster Award and Tammy Clary was the winner of the Most Outstanding Female Athlete Award.

Carrie Chase gave the valedictorian address during the 1984 graduation. Jill Jarrett gave the salutatorian address. The speaker was G. Kent Stewart, professor of Kansas State University. Ken Neumann performed a saxophone solo during graduation.

# THS track team has very impressive season

by Brei Richardson

The Troy High School Track team participated in many meets this year. The boys took first at all the meets except for Jeff West where they took 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The track team participated at the McLouth meet where the boys took 1<sup>st</sup> and the girls took 8<sup>th</sup>.

Abby Winder took 2<sup>nd</sup> in shot 31'5.5" and first in Javelin 106'7." Jared Sutherland took 1<sup>st</sup> in long jump at 19'9", 1<sup>st</sup> in high jump at 6'0", and first in triple jump at 43'3." Jeff McNemee took 2<sup>nd</sup> in javelin with 148'1", and 1<sup>st</sup> in discus with 134'4" and in shot put with 44'0.5"

Tory Eylar took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 400 Meters with 53.99 seconds. AJ Jensen took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100-meter dash with 11.26, 1<sup>st</sup> in the 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 400-meter dash with

54.04, and 1<sup>st</sup> in the 200-meter dash with 23.53.

Tyler Ferris took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100 with 11.43, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 200-meter dash with 23.85. Guy Masters took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 200-meter dash with 24.33.

At the Atchison meet, the boys placed 1<sup>st</sup> and the girls finished 9<sup>th</sup>.

Abby Winder placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in javelin at 99'2." AJ Jensen placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100 meters with 11.35 and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 200-meters with 23.37.

Jared Sutherland took 1<sup>st</sup> in the long jump with 20'3" and 1<sup>st</sup> in the triple jump with 41'7.5". Tory Eylar took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 800- meter dash with 2:11.75. Jeff McNemee took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the shot put with 44'4" and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the discus with 124'8".

At the Doniphan County meet in Highland, the girls placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and the boys placed 1<sup>st</sup>.

Janie Simpson said, "I'm happy that we were able to get 2<sup>nd</sup> in the county; we all worked hard and did Our best."

Placers in the 100-meter dash were Tyler Ferris with 11.67, 1<sup>st</sup>; AJ Jensen with 11.72, 2<sup>nd</sup>; and Guy Masters with 11.90, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In the 400-meter dash, Jared Sutherland placed 1<sup>st</sup> with 52.94, and Jay Johnson placed 2<sup>nd</sup> with 53.55. Tory Eylar got 1<sup>st</sup> in the 800-meter dash with 2:13.66, and Jay Johnson got 2<sup>nd</sup> with 2:21.04. Tory Eylar got 2<sup>nd</sup> in the mile run with 5:05.24. In the 2-mile run Brent Leger took 2<sup>nd</sup> 13:06.80, in the 300-meter hurdles.

The boys 4x100 set a new meet record with a time of 44.37.

In the boys long jump Jared Sutherland got 1<sup>st</sup> 20'05.50". In the boys' triple jump, Jared Sutherland took 1<sup>st</sup> 42'02.25". In the boys discus throw Jeff McNemee took 1<sup>st</sup> 152'05.00", and 1<sup>st</sup> in the javelin with 43'09.00".

In the girls 100-meter dash, Kara Masters took 2<sup>nd</sup> with 14.15. Kara also took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 200 meter dash with 29.86. Janie Simpson took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 800 meter dash with 2:50.33. Kara Masters took 1<sup>st</sup> in the 100 meter high hurdles with 17.61, and Stephanie Adams took 3<sup>rd</sup> with 18.83. Whitney Franken took 1<sup>st</sup> in

the 300 meter low hurdles with 55.29. Abby Winder took 1<sup>st</sup> in the shot put with 33'06.50", and the javelin with 101'07.00".

Breanna Clary took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the javelin in 88'07.50". Abby Winder took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the discus with 77'07.00".

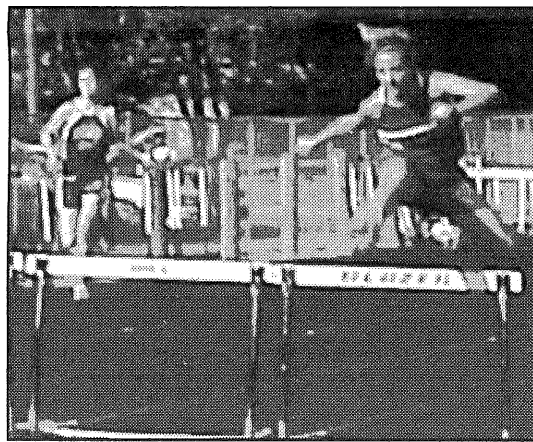
The team also went to the Jeff West meet.

Abby Winder said, "Jeff West was my best meet, I got a "P.R" in shot put and javelin."

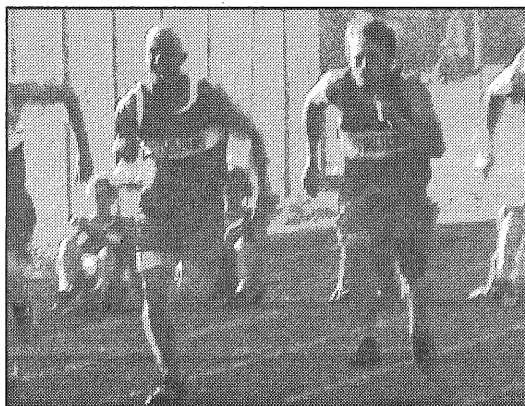
Tara Turpin said, "The thing I enjoyed the most about track was the practices with the boys."



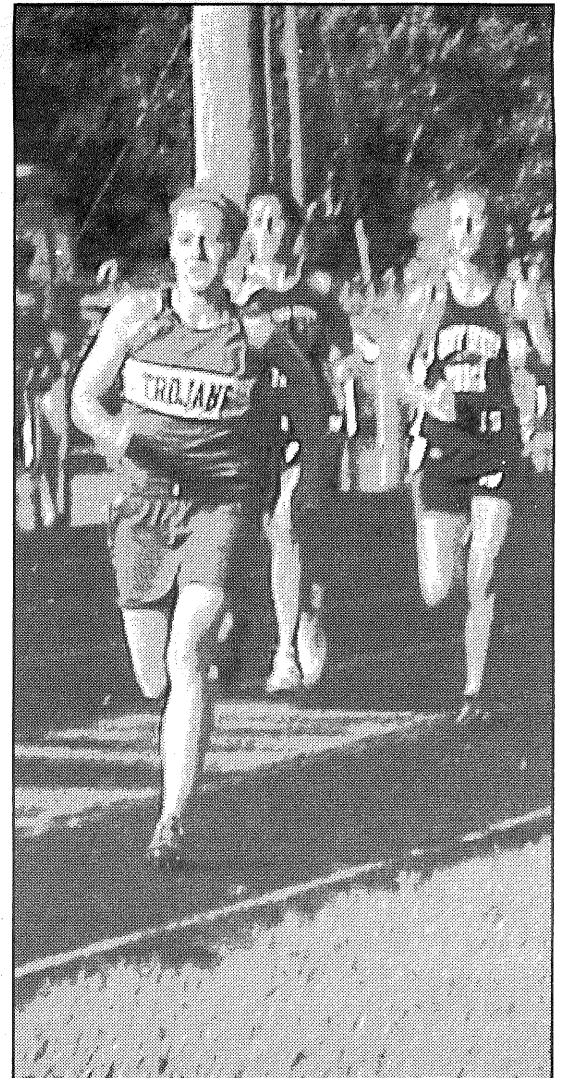
Trojan boys Tory Eylar, John Hoverson, and Jared Sutherland hang out and wait for there next competition to begin.



Freshman Whitney Franken hurdles her hardest.



Guy Masters and Tyler Ferris sprint to the finish line.



Senior Lisa Speaks pulls ahead of the pack at the Wathena track meet.

## Trojan athletes succeed in sports, receive many awards

By Kelsey Thomas

The 2003-2004 Troy High School Awards Night was Tuesday evening, May 11, in the high school gym. The sports section of the program is a chance for the coaches to remark on the past season and recognize those who have lettered.

Volleyball coach Stacy Kahnt recognized 10 letter winners, with only one senior, Tara Clary. Special awards are selected by the team each year. "The Rock" and "The Scrapper" were ties, given to both Tara Clary and Abby Winder. The "Most Improved" award was a tie between Whitney Morgan and Kelsey Thomas. "The Heart" was another tie and went to Abby Winder and

Kelsey Thomas, two senior leaders for next year's team.

Stacy Kahnt is also the cheerleading sponsor. Each of her six cheerleaders lettered this year. They are Kiley Franken, captain; and Breanna Clary, seniors; Bethany Jenkins and Katie Merritt, juniors; and Whitney Franken and Morgan Lister, freshmen.

Dance sponsor Brenda Turpin had ten dancers on the squad, and each of them lettered.

Coach Tom Bond's cross-country team was one of the largest teams he has had in quite some time. There were 20 runners on the team and all of them lettered. There were 12 runners who received their first letter, which Coach Bond said looks

good for the future. Seniors Lisa Speaks, Amber Wiedmer, and Tory Eylar were the four-year letter winners. Brett Clary, Tara Clary, Tara Turpin, and Aleena Rohrer were the other seniors on the team.

Football Coach Don Cash recognized 22 letter winners. Each year there is a Tom Keller award given to the player who has finished the season with the most tackles. Senior Bret Johnson was given the award.

"I was extremely excited and grateful at the sametime. I've always wanted to win the award since I was in grade school. With all the great players on our team, it truly

was an honor to lead the team in tackles," said Bret Johnson.

Seniors Tyler Ferris, AJ Jensen, and Bret Johnson were the only three four-year letter winners.

Coach Cash, also head track coach, talked briefly on the track season so far.

Girls' basketball coach Derek Jasper remarked on the past season and recognized those who lettered, and for some, broke records. There were a total of 12 girls who lettered in basketball, five of them seniors.

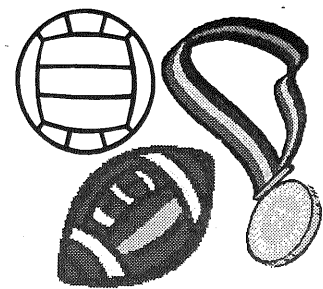
Junior Abby Winder broke the all-time scoring record and ended the season with 1,272 points. Winder also broke two single-season records. She

ended the season shooting 83% from the free-throw line and broke the single-season steals record with 83.

Senior Tara Clary ended her career with the all-time assists, with 276.

Coach Joel Kahnt spoke on the boys' basketball season. He recognized 12 letter winners from the team.

The Troy Trojans had a total of 92 athletes who lettered during the 2003-2004 school year.



## Seniors reflect on their greatest sports accomplishment

By Kelsey Thomas

It's time to take a trip back down memory lane. When the year is almost over and it's time for graduation, for most of the seniors the only thing that comes to mind is the memories they shared. The seniors are not always thinking about their accomplishments that they achieved so here we asked some of them their greatest sport accomplishments:

"My greatest sports accomplishment was winning my heat in the 400-meter dash in 7<sup>th</sup> grade track." - Holly Etherton

"My greatest sport accomplishment was going undefeated in volleyball my 8<sup>th</sup> grade year." - Bridget Shelton.

"My greatest sport accomplishment was just actually going out and staying out for it." -

Amber Douglas

"My greatest sport accomplishment was when we won the weightman relay my freshman year!" - Kiley Franken

"My greatest sports accomplishment was being on varsity volleyball my freshman year." - Holly Whittaker

"My greatest sports accomplishment was being on the State volleyball team my sophomore year, but I wasn't able to go." - Siobhan Leger.

"My greatest accomplishment was when we went to state in basketball and volleyball my sophomore year." - Tara Clary

"My greatest accomplishment was to throw for over 2,000 yards in a single season." - Jared Sutherland

"My greatest accomplishment was helping our football team to a 10-1 record and being selected 1<sup>st</sup> team DVL wide receiver and 1<sup>st</sup> team All-State wide receiver in 2A for my accomplishments on the field." - Jeff McNemee

"The greatest sport accomplishment I achieved was when I was out for track and I won many medals." - Tamara Kostman

"My greatest sports accomplishment was when I received most improved in volleyball." - Amy Meng

"My greatest sports accomplishment was winning league and going undefeated in football and getting All-State honorable mention linebacker." - Bret Johnson

"My greatest sports accomplishment was getting 1<sup>st</sup> team All-County all four years in cross country." - Tory Eylar

"My greatest sport accomplishment was getting honorable mention All-State in football." - AJ Jensen

"My greatest sport accomplishment was when I won the Tom Keller award my junior year." - Tyler Ferris

"The greatest sport accom-

plishment I achieved was going to state in basketball my sophomore year, braking the 4x800 record my junior year, and winning DVL basketball my senior year." - Tara Turpin

"My greatest sport accomplishment was breaking the 4x800 meter record and becoming the Delaware Valley League champs in basketball!" - Lisa Speaks

"My greatest sports accomplishments were the ones my freshman year during track and cross country." - Amber Wiedmer



## Seniors tell best advice they've received over the years

By Kelsey Thomas

As the seniors look back over their high school years, they recall some of the best advice they have received from family, friends, classmates, and teachers. We asked a few seniors the best advice they have received and here's what they had to say:

"It's better to be hated for who you are than loved for who you're not." - Andy Boyle

"Stand up for what you believe in." - Kenny Stewart

"Don't sweat the small stuff; worry about the really big things." - Gwyn Gaither

"Be yourself and don't let

anybody talk you down." - Jessie Wright

"Never give up!" - Tamara Kostman

"Don't bite the hand that feeds you." - Michael Mullins

"Just because you can't change your past, doesn't mean you can't work on your future." - Cheyenne Walter

"Be yourself. Don't let others change you." - Mandy Siard

"Be yourself and make your dreams your reality." - Siobhan Leger

"You only live life once." - Amber Douglas

"Do what makes you happy. Be yourself." - Holly Whittaker

"Always believe in yourself." - Holly Etherton

"Be yourself and don't change for anyone." - Emily Albers

"Your daddies are the only men worth having!!" - Kiley Franken

"Be who you want to be. Don't let people walk over you. Tell it how it is." - Bri Mendell

"No matter what cards, life deals you in the future. I don't think you can be defeated because of your desire to succeed." - Tara Turpin

"You can't please everyone." - Breanna Clary

"Don't change for everyone; change for yourself." - Bridget Shelton

"Don't go fishin' (baseball)." - Blaine Whetstine

"Just go with it." - Lisa Speaks

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." - Tyler Ferris

"Deeds are seeds, and the harvest will appear in new season." - Bret Johnson

"Don't lie." - Amber Wiedmer

## Seniors tell of the best advice they've given over the years

By Kelsey Thomas

Through the tough times that high school may bring, advice is always helpful, not only to the seniors, but to everyone. Friends, family, and classmates are always needing advice. Sometimes it may seem like your friends are always coming to you for advice and you're always the one to help them. Here, we asked the seniors what is the best advice they have given and here's what they had to say:

"You can do anything you set your mind to." - Holly Etherton

"Don't let anyone talk you down or try to run your life." - Holly Whittaker

"Live each day as your last. Cause you'll never know when it will be." - Siobhan Leger

"Don't take anything from anybody and do your own thing." - Bri Mendell

"Stay outta trouble." - Tyler Ferris

"People change." - Breanna

Clary

"Don't run to coon creek." - Blaine Whetstine

"Don't lie." - Amber Wiedmer

"Cherish the time you have in high school because one day it will just be a memory." - Tory Eylar

"Don't change for anyone. Reach for the stars." - Emily

Albers

"If you want something bad enough, you will work hard for it; otherwise don't bother." - Andy Boyle

"Don't drink and drive." - Kenny Stewart

"Don't sleep in class." - Michael Mullins

"If you don't like what you see, walk away. If you don't like where you're at, walk away. If you don't like what you hear, walk away. If you don't

like where you're going, turn around." - Gwyn Gaither

"Do what makes you happy." - Jessie Wright

"Always follow your heart." - Tamara Kostman

"Live life to its fullest." - Amber Douglas

"Be yourself and nobody is better than you. Everyone is the same--last name means nothing." - Amy Meng

# Senior Memories

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By Stephanie Adams

Thirteen years ago the senior class started out with 49 students in Mrs. Susan Boeh's kindergarten class. This is where all the memories started. Some memories from the seniors are as follows:

"Jay Ruhnke knocked over this huge cabinet and it almost fell on me." ~ Matt Rush

"David Winder had to stay after school because he got into trouble." ~ Danielle Marriott.

So on they went to the land of first grade. Mrs. Beth Stock and Mrs. Freda McKittrick were there to make it not so scary. They always had fun things to do. One of the more popular memories that the seniors had from first grade include

"The panda place mats that we made for the Chinese meal. I still have mine." ~ Jay Ruhnke

This was also a time when they started to make memories of their own. For example, Amber Wiedmer remembers when "AJ and I would fight over the pencil sharpener, and the pencil got stuck in his hand. He pulled it out, and we told

folders." ~ Andy Boyle

"When Chester threw up... on me." ~ Jessie Wright

The third grade brought in new experiences as well as bringing back old memories, like the super kid from kindergarten:

"Doing super k i d e a c h week, we got clues a n d had to guess w h o the kid was." ~ Gwyn Gaither

"We had to learn the multiplication tables and got to have ice cream sundaes after we learned them all." ~ Tamara Kostman

The third grade teachers brought new interesting things into the lives of their classes.

"We were the first class to have the Kansas Bell cow bench." ~ Cheyenne Walter.

From cows in the third grade to pigs in the fourth grade with

Franken.

The class moved on to the fifth grade and air conditioning in the classrooms. This was a time when the boys and girls were looking cute. There were even times when the members of this class didn't go to the



salon for a hair cut.

"I got in trouble for writing a love letter to Aaron R." ~ Emily Albers

"Bret Johnson hit me in the mouth with a rock and it gave me a fat lip." ~ Bridget Shelton

"Michael Clark cut my hair during class." ~ Tory Eyler.

They moved on to the sixth grade, and ruled the grade school. They got to go on their first "oldest students in the school trip," and some students caused problems for the rest of their class.

"We went skiing at Snow Creek. It was really fun." ~ Blain Whetstone

"Keeping the whole class from getting to go to recess because the teachers were too busy yelling at Bret J. and me." ~ AJ Jensen

Now they had moved on to junior high. Seventh grade brought new teachers like Mr. Mick Davenport, Mr. Bruce Reynolds, Mrs. Jennifer Gates, and Mrs. Jennifer Ware, different classes, and plenty of memories.

"When I had dog poop on my shoes and I got embarrassed and put it in my locker and it ended up stinking up the whole school." ~ Amber Douglas

"Mr. Davenport broke his ruler over his desk trying to scare us. He turned out to be one of the coolest/best teachers I ever had." Bret Johnson

Again another year had gone by and the class moved up. Eighth grade brought new

responsibilities as well as plenty of fun times, not to mention all the sport teams. This was the second time that the class got to take a pre-graduation trip.

"Getting to go to the prison, but better was Worlds of Fun." ~ Holly Whittaker

"We had to have one of our school dances at the 4-H grounds just so that we could bring a date." ~ Siobhan Leger

The last school change was now coming. Freshman year would introduce a whole New World, and start what would be their last four years of school.

"I came back to Troy and I didn't talk to anyone because they all thought that I was weird." ~ Breanna Clary

"When all of us girls got french fries and went to the sand volleyball court and Tara [Clary] hurt her wrist." ~ Tara Turpin

Sophomore year was the year when the class knew all they needed to know about high school. They weren't the babies of the school. They excelled in sports and made plenty of memories that year too.

"I started as outside linebacker, and we went to

regional track." Tyler Farris

"We went to state in basketball that year." ~ Tara Clary

"AJ and Josh spray-painted the back wall of the stage." ~ Brady Cummings

Now it was junior year, half way through high school and almost out for good. The class was getting new students, missing old students, and getting ready to move on. The year went by providing many new memories:

"Spending" the whole summer on crazy road trips with Breanna and Tara Turpin. Good Times." ~ Lisa Speaks.

"I moved to Troy and make many new friends." ~ Holly Etherton

"Being able to attend Votech for the first time." ~ Michael Mullins

"Going to Hawaii for a basketball tourney." ~ Jared Sutherland

Finally the year had arrived, the last of the 13 years of school. The class of 2004 was finally seniors. They had so much to look forward to: graduation, senior trip, and getting ready to say goodbye after they had just said hello.

"Aleena [Rohrer] and I took a college day down to Lawrence for my 18<sup>th</sup> birthday." ~ Mandy Siard

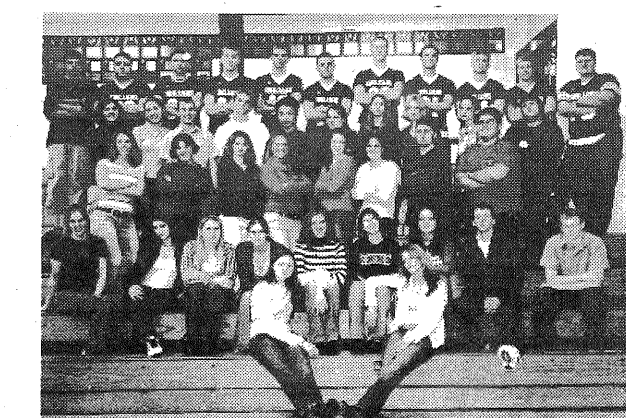
"All the speeches that I made." ~ David Chu

"Going 10-1 in football that fall." ~ Austin Stock

"Placing 3<sup>rd</sup> at the second hill climb." ~ David Winder

These are only a few of the hundreds, even thousands, of memories made and remembered by the seniors. The class is leaving in May to start lives of their own, no to continue the lives that they have only started.

The class that started out with 49 will be graduating with 41 students. Thirty-three of these students are part of the original 49 kindergartners.



the teacher. Neither of us got in trouble; she just sent him to the nurse."

The second grade brought some new students, but also sent the class to the lowest number of students in the class at 39. Memories include

"Having to take tests behind those dumb blue "divider"

and sat by the trash cans during class because we were so mean to her." ~ Amy Meng

Summer vacations were also remembered,

"Kelsey [Thomas] and I went to South Dakota. We got lost and we thought we were gonna die, or at least never see our daddies again." ~ Kiley

# Senior Farewells

Seniors,

I've had so much fun these past three and a half years. There is no way I could thank all of you for all the great memories you've left me with. Good Luck in all you do.

God Bless,  
Breanna Clary

Danielle,

I am glad you were here for my freshman year. You made it so much easier for me. You are a great cousin as well as a friend. I will miss you next year. It will be different around this school without seeing you around. Good luck in all you do.

Love, Ryann Marriott

Tara & Amber W.,

It's been great being on the dance team with you the last two years. We've had some great times I will not forget. God bless through college and your lives. You will be truly. Love ya, Jenna Grable

Gwyn,

I am going to miss not having you at school because I won't have anyone to cheat off of. Have fun and "Getter Done."  
Chris Gaither

Jessie, EZE, Holly, Bri, TK & Doug!

Man, I can't believe it's time for us to graduate. I want you guys to know I'll miss all the fun times we've had. Reach for the Stars!

Love, Emily Albers

Amy,

Wow, where has the time gone? It seems just like yesterday, we were funning around the farm and making streamers out of toilet paper. You're really a strong person; don't change. Don't worry about what people think about you. Live life to the fullest and never forget me.

Micheal Springstead

Tory,

We have had so many memories these past two years, from our trips to St. Joe to partying together. It sees so unreal that your graduating, I'm going to miss seeing you in the halls the next two years. Even though you're only going to be in Highland, it just won't be the same. You have become one of my best friends; you're there for me to talk to about anything and I really appreciate that. I hope you never forget me!  
Megan Campbell

A.J.,

We had all kinds of fun on weekends, driving around and terrorizing the town. Don't treat your college teachers to bad "Possum." I will miss you when you're gone.

Ken Peden

Gwyn,

You are my best friend in the whole world. Life has been so much better with you by my side. Thanks for always being there me. You are a very beautiful person and never change anything about yourself. Good luck in everything you do.

Love, Johnna Pasch

Amber W.,

I have known you for several years now, and although we only have a few memories together, I still do remember them. Even though we'll still see each other because of Bryson, Erica, and Brayden, I'll still miss you at Troy High School.

Casey Beemer

Holly W., EZE, Tamara, Emily, Amber D., and Bri,

These years of high school wouldn't have been the same without any of you. You have all made a space in my heart forever!

Love you guys forever!

Jessie Wright

Big Hurt, J. Runk, and Mad Matt,

We've had many fun afternoons riding our bikes. You all have stayed back since I can't ride good yet. Since you are all going off to college you better not forget about me and all of our fun and interesting ride times. We still gotta ride. Burn Bye

Kyle Greaser

Hey, Jay!

We just wanted to say I really liked having you around at school to make everyone laugh. School won't be the same without you. I hope you have a wonderful life after the school year. We will miss you!  
Leslie Smith & Susan McCulloch

David,

I'm going to miss you tons! I know I'll see you at all the family things, but it won't be the same! Thanks for always giving me rides home; I love you, and good luck in all you do.  
Johnna Pasch

Hey, Amy & Mandy,

I am going to miss both of you; you both are quite funny in economics (but please keep you conversations a little quieter). Amy, we have had good times together. Just don't turn into Roderick. Mandy, I don't know what to say about you but still you're cool to hang out around with. I hope both of your futures are well lived. I am going to miss you both.

Edwin Buch

Hey, Tyler!

It's good seeing ya around school. I'm going to miss seeing you at lunch next year. Live life to the fullest and try to stay out of trouble.

Leslie Smith

Amy,

We've been through a lot together. We've known each other for three years and ev-

ery year gets better and better. Wherever life takes you and wherever you go, I want you to know you can always call me to say hello.

Ginny Hodge

Bret J.,

I'm sorry for dominating you all year in football. But now that you are out of high school, you won't have to worry about me anymore. Good luck in college.

Cole Whetstine

Holly Beth,

I've had an amazing year with you! We've made so many crazy memories! I'm not real sure what I'm gonna do without you next year, but I know we'll still have so many more fun times in Highland!!! I love you and good luck.

Janie Simpson

Kiley,

You are such a great girl and an amazing friend! We've had a lot of awesome times this year, and it's going to be disappointing to see it come to an end. It will be so much different without you next year and a lot quieter. I'm going to miss you so much. Remember to set your goals high and never give up—I know you can do it!

Whitney Franken

Brady,

The years have gone by so fast and I can't believe it's now time to send my big brother to college. I am very proud to have you as my brother. I love your individuality, confidence, and determination. Never change. Home won't be the same without you there. Mom and I will miss you so much.

I love you, Bud!

Blair Cummings

Blaine,

I am going to miss hugging B-Dub and having a good time with my bud. We all will miss

playing cards with you, even though we lost our life savings.

Burn

Bye

Simma (Thomas Keller)

Tara Turpin, Tara Clary, Lisa Speaks, Danielle Marriot, Amber Wiedmer, and Mandy Siard,

You girls are so super! Theater arts would not have been the same without you. I know you all will go far and do wonderful things. Don't forget about me and all those fun times acting like goofs.

I love you all!

Amy Adams

Amy,

I wanted to say I am going to miss you a lot and I hope you never forget me. You are like a big sister to me. I hope you have a nice life after high school.

Leslie Smith

David Winder,

Oh, my! I can't believe that you are getting ready to leave THS. Even though I haven't been here long, I still got to know you really well through work and school. I will miss walking down the halls and hearing you say "Cassandra"; you're the only one who calls me that.

Casey Beemer

Crisco, EZE, TK, Bri, Doug, and Em,

I am so glad I got the chance to be in high school with you. You guys have no idea how much you have meant to me this year. I will miss you so much next year. It won't even feel like high school. Especially seminar! Good luck to all of you. Dream high and always do your best.

I love you,

Janie Simpson

# Seniors asked: 'Where do you see yourself in 10 years?'

Now that seniors are graduating, and will soon be embarking into the "real world," it's time to start thinking about the future. The seniors were asked to fill out surveys with

several questions on them. They were asked about memories, favorite songs, favorite movies, greatest accomplishments, greatest sports moments, best advice received

and given, and where they see themselves in ten years. Most people see themselves as married with children, but there is a wide variety. Almost all see themselves with good jobs, and

several say they just want to be happy.

No matter where seniors see themselves in ten years, it will never be the same as the 13 years they spent being Troy

Trojans. Wherever life takes them, they can always fall back on fellow Trojans.

I will hopefully be married, living on a farm and doing something with my major.  
- AJ Jensen

Ten years ago I didn't know I would be here, so who's to say where I'll be in the next ten years. - Gwyn Gaither

I will maybe be married and doing something art related.  
-Andy Boyle

Hopefully married with a good family and a good career.  
-Matt Rush

I don't have any idea where I see myself in ten years.  
-Chester Bishop

I plan on being married with a couple of children, and working as a psychologist somewhere, hopefully at a school or in a clinic.  
- Kiley Franken

In a mirror... Where else?  
-Brady Cummings

I hope to be started in a career in nursing, but besides that I'll be wherever my future takes me. - Lisa Speaks

Hopefully playing ball and being single.  
-Blaine Whetstine

I plan to be married, with two kids, living out in the country as a designer.  
-Cheyenne Walter

I will hopefully be married with two kids, a good job, and living in the country around Highland or Troy.  
-Holly Whittaker

Hopefully in ten years I will have a wife and two kids and live on a farm or in a neighborhood somewhere, and own a 1967 GTO. -Tyler Ferris

I see myself still with my career going strong, married, a couple kids, and living on a farm with animals.  
-Bri Mendell

Hopefully I will be married, working on a couple of young'ns with a good job. But, I don't know what I'll be doing or where.  
-David Winder

I don't plan that far ahead.  
-Breanna Clary

I will be married to Casey Jarrett, have a family, and have a career as a nurse.  
- Jessie Wright

I will be pursuing a teaching career as a music director.  
-Sean Reynolds

I will hopefully be living on my own but I don't know where. - Jared Sutherland

In ten years, I see myself graduated from college with my degree and having a job I enjoy. Maybe living in Colorado with my family.  
-Jeff McNemee

I plan to be married with one, maybe two, children. I will be working as an X-ray tech.  
-Holly Etherton

I see myself working as an RN. I will have a good home, and be married to someone wonderful. Also, I will have at least one child. I will probably be living in Troy and most importantly will be happy!  
- Tamara Kostman

I plan to be married with two kids and be a famous massage therapist. -Emily Albers

Hopefully with a good job and making a lot of money.  
-Bret Johnson

In ten years, I am hoping to be a radiologist at a clinic or a hospital; maybe married with a kid or two. - Tara Clary

I don't plan on being around here. I will be working for KHP anywhere they want me.  
-Kenny Stewart

I plan on being married with a kid and a good career under my feet.  
-Aleena Rohrer

I will have a family, nice house, and hopefully own my own business. - Kenny Stewart

Probably single and hopefully rich with a nice vehicle.  
-Austin Stock

I plan on being married to a beautiful woman who has a nice job, and I will also have a good job and maybe a kid or two. -Tory Eylar

I don't know what I'll be doing, or where. I will probably be married with a good job. -Brett Clary

I will be working in the inner-city with youth or just helping people in general.  
-AmberWiedmer

I will be starting my job, married, and happy.  
-Tara Turpin

I will be working on my Ph.D.  
-David Chu

I will hopefully be residing in Colorado with a wife and three children.  
-Jay Ruhnke

I don't even know, hopefully doing what I want and having a good life. -Mandy Siard

I will be teaching at a grade school, maybe Troy.  
-Bridget Shelton

I will have a family and a career as a vet.  
-Siobhan Leger

I hope to have a great job, nice house, and maybe a husband. If I am married, I may have a child. - Danielle Marriott

## Good Luck, Class of 2004!!

