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Hanna King as Ruth Wilkins and Nathan King as Harry Wilkins act out a scene in the play *Dear Ruth*. The play was performed Thursday and Saturday, November 1 and 3. **Photo by Jessica Guffy**

Drama department performs *Dear Ruth*

by Halli Wigger

Dear Ruth is a romantic comedy set during World War II in 1944. The play was put on by the Troy High School Drama Department, November 1 and 3

The production centered on the Wilkins family. The parents Edith and Harry were played by Tori King and Nathan King. Ruth and Miriam were the two daughters, played by Hanna King and Alex Stanton respectively.

The play began as a typical morning in the Wilkins house with Edith Wilkins and the housekeeper Dora, played by Halli Wigger.

Later in the play, Miriam's attempts at contributing to the war effort spun the entire Wilkins family into dismay. Miriam wrote letters to a lieutenant overseas, played by Jacob Winkel. Miriam had signed her older sister's name to these letters.

Soon enough Lieutenant

Seawright, comes home expecting to marry the already engaged Ruth Wilkins. Ruth's fiancé, Albert Kummer, was played by Trae Shelton.

The production goes on as the family and Mr. Kummer try to figure out how to fix the mess. However, Lieutenant Seawright isn't aware that he had been played. Along the way, another couple is featured trying to fix their broken engagement. Nicole Stanton and Chris Tharman played these roles.

Since the play was a comedy, it did end the way one would hope. Lieutenant Seawright does indeed get the girl, and there was a lot of fun getting to that point. In fact, to end the play with a laugh, a young sailor played by Ben Wardlow rings the doorbell and asks for a Miss Ruth Wilkins.

While *Dear Ruth* had a relatively small cast, nearly 40 students were involved with

the play. These roles range from helping with costumes, running the sound system, and even building the set.

All in all, *Dear Ruth* was a nostalgic look back at the era of the 1940s and had the right mix of romance, comedy, and clever jokes.



Left: Judge Wilkins played by Nathan King talks to Miriam, played by Alex Stanton.



Above: Edith Wilkins played by Tori King and Ruth Wilkins played by Hanna King read letters from the lieutenant.

Below: Lieutenant Seawright played by Jacob Winkel holds Ruth played by Hanna King.

Below, Front row: Tori King, Hanna King, Halli Wigger, Nicki Stanton, Alex Stanton, Trae Shelton, Ben Wardlow, Chris Tharman, and Jacob Winkel. **Row 2:** Claire Marriott, Ashely Stock, Alanie Stock, Paige Fenley, Tanna Meng, Amanda Clary, Holly Stegall, Russell Ostertag, Tanner Weishaar, Director Martha-Jean Rockey **Row 3:** Cole Thornberry, Jake Ross, Cody Israel, Braden Grossman, Reece Simpson, Megan Schille, Valerie Mott, Nathan King, Olivia Robinson, Trevor Bembrick, Destiny O'Donnell, Holly Whetstine, Morgan Jamvold, Kirsten Davies, Jacklynn Clary, McKyla Umphenour, Bailey Winkel..



Photos by Kirsten Davies and Jessica Guffy



Club Spotlight

FBLA

FBLA is off to a great start with several activities already underway. FBLA members are currently saving pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Students are also gearing up for something very exciting... A Kansas City Chief's football game! FBLA members are starting to think about fundraisers as well. All

in all, the Future Business Leaders of America are continuing to have an eventful year.

Kayettes

Ms. Rosa Dolven is the 2012-2013 Kayette sponsor. Some events the club will be participating in are decorating the gazebo at Christmas time, cleaning the trophy case (freshmen), participating in

secret Santa, throwing a senior farewell, and cleaning the park for community service.

Ms. Dolven says she wants to be the sponsor because she believes in serving in the community, and she was impressed she was asked by the student body many times if she would. She thinks Kayettes will be very successful this year.

FFA

FFA is planning to go horse judging Wednesday, November 14, as long as the weather permits. There is only a small group going this time. FFA has not done this before so it will be challenging, but also a good experience for the students. Students will be leaving shortly before 8 and returning to THS before 3:25.

The students who are participating in the horse judging are Chasity Wetmore, Olivia Robinson, Harley Huss, Dalton Masters, Kirsten Davies, and Cheyenne Blanton.

FFA participates in dairy cow judging, 4H day

by staff

FFA members recently participated in a dairy cow judging contest and the community 4H day.

The ag classes went dairy cow judging in Axtel, Kansas. They were split into groups according to what team they were on.

There were four cows that had numbers on their backs at each station. The team had to

judge them and give reasons why they judged them the way they did.

There were several schools there: D-West, Riverside, and Jackson Heights.

For some of the students it was the first time doing this.

There were several different classes of cows to judge, ranging from winter calves to

6-year-old cows. Each team had about 15 minutes to rate the class of cows from 1 to 4.

After judging the cows and handing in their cards, they had to give oral reasons for their choices. They had to tell judges how they rated the cows and why they were rated that way.

The highest placing in A team was Dylan

Langford, who placed 13th.

The Troy High School FFA recently cooperated with the annual 4H day. Students from the FFA went to the 4H grounds during school, while schools in the county brought their grade school students. There were seven different stations that the kids could learn from. The

stations were 4-wheeler safety, grain bin safety, arts and crafts, small pets, and demonstrative talks. Split up in the two barns were horses, a dairy cow, a beef cow, sheep, hogs, chickens, rabbits, goats, and a dog.



Above: A grade school student pets the miniature ponies at the 4H day.

Below: Chris Tharman shows the little kids that the dog is a loveable pet.



Above: Jacob Winkel, Halli Wigger, and Amanda Clary pose at the 4H day.



Below: Kallie Koehler studies her reasons while dairy judging.



Above: Ravan Kentzler, Tabitha Porter, Kallie Koehler, and Chasity Wetmore pet a calf.

Photos by Jordan Thornberry

Movie Review

by Halli Wigger

If you take *Mean Girls* and mash it into “Glee,” and then add *Bridesmaids*’ quick witted humor, you have *Pitch Perfect*.

Pitch Perfect stars Anna Kendrick as Beca, a disgruntled college student, who would much rather DJ and produce music than attend college. Beca finds herself attending school where her father is a literature teacher. There is a slight catch though; Beca can only move to the city and DJ if she becomes involved at Barden College. This leads to Beca’s snatching a job at the on-campus radio station and becoming a part of the Bellas, a prestigious a capella group.

The Bellas’ arch rival is the Treble Makers, an all male a capella group. Beca meets a member of the Treble Makers while working at the radio station. They seem like an odd couple, and have several rough spots throughout the movie. However, in the end, everything makes sense.

This begins Beca’s journey as a Bella. She trains and practices with the Bellas and ultimately changes the Bellas’ front as an a capella

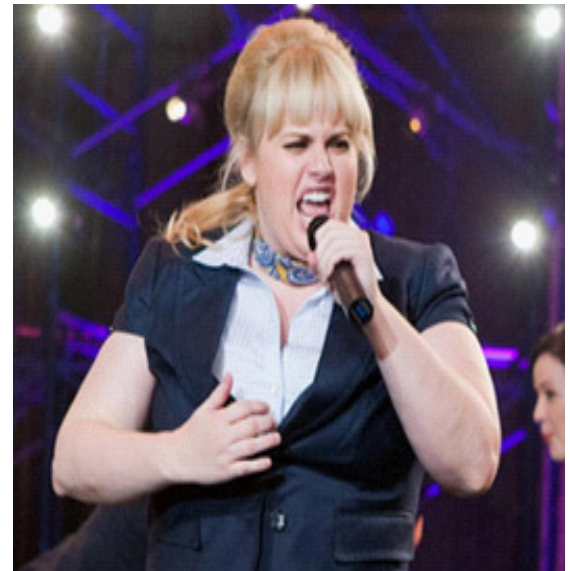
group. They travel to nationals and compete! If you want to know all the juicy details, you’ll just have to go see it yourself.

While all the characters are genuinely funny, confident, weird, and real, Rebel Wilson saves the movie.

My favorite line is when Amy is pumping gas, and the Bellas’ opposing a capella group, The Treble Makers, fling a burrito at her while they’re flying down the road. Amy exclaims, “Ahh! I’ve been shot!” Even though the movie

Bridesmaids, or a fan of “Glee,” I suggest seeing it purely for Rebel Wilson. *Pitch Perfect* is funny and has an excellent selection of music. If you have not seen *Pitch*

Perfect, I urge you to do so. Catch a matinee, or go with a friend. Even in the event you can’t go to the theatres, grab it while it’s on DVD!



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Pitch Perfect slows down at points and has a somewhat predictable story plot. Yet, the bad outweighs the good in this snarky and spirited movie. Rebel Wilson is portrayed as “Fat Amy” who has an incredible sense of humor, both on and off the stage.

If you were to ask someone their favorite quote from *Pitch Perfect*, I can guarantee they would begin to quote one of Fat Amy’s many

slows down at times, there are definite points in this movie that will have you laughing. As well as being a well-rounded comedy, *Pitch Perfect* also has a romantic edge to it, making for the ultimate story plot.

I definitely recommend going to watch *Pitch Perfect*. It’s an all-round feel-good movie with toe-tapping music and catchy beats. Even if you aren’t into chick flicks such as *Mean Girls* and

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~Thanksgiving!~



A time to...

- *Enjoy a feast with your family
- *Take a nap after your meal
- *Watch the football game
- *Watch the Thanksgiving Day Parade
- *Browse the ads for Black Friday deals
- *Visit with your family and friends
- *Watch the countdown to Christmas movies

BLACK FRIDAY SHOPPING!



SPENDING TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS



He Says
She Says



"I sleep in and then if I feel like it, I go shopping in the afternoon," said freshman Bailey Winkel.



"I sit around and wait for my parents to get back and see what they bought," said sophomore Chase Umphenour.

What do you do for Black Friday?



"I will be working at Texas Roadhouse, getting the big bucks!" said junior Nicki Stanton.



"I don't shop; I let everyone else do that," said senior Chris Tharman.

85th National FFA Convention

by Halli Wigger

Can you imagine 55,000 people in the same room and all of those people in blue corduroy jackets? I couldn't either, until the 85th National FFA Convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana. It was the most rewarding experience I have ever had, and I believe every student involved with the FFA organization should have the opportunity to attend.

The first session of the National FFA Convention had 55,000 people in the convention center. The feel of the air was electrifying as the loud music blared, the students cheered, and the laser show began. Everyone smiled, and everyone wanted to get

to know each other.

When my team and I left the session, we were amazed at the sea of blue in downtown Indianapolis. Students from all over the country were milling around downtown in blue corduroy jackets. Everyone was there for the same reason: to grow as an individual. The sessions and workshops promoted growth in the FFA and growth as an individual.

Tuesday, October 23, I participated in a personal sales presentation and a team sales presentation. I performed a mock sales presentation selling Purina Feed for horses and cattle. My team and I then did the same thing, and answered questions at the

end. One of the best feelings I have ever had came that day. I walked out of a National Contest knowing I performed my very best and that a year of preparation had all paid off. The next day we took a 25-question exam regarding business and sales etiquette. Finally, Friday, we had the awards banquet.

My team sat there in anticipation, waiting to see what a year of hard work had given us. As the announcer called all bronze teams, we sat there tensed up. When no one was called, we sighed a breath of relief. Then the silver teams were called, and we were again not called.

Finally, the gold teams were announced, and we were not called. At this point, we were all at the edges of our seats somewhere between laughter and crying. We weren't called so that meant one thing... We were in the top five! They began to call the teams, and we were fifth. We accepted our plaque in the huge banquet room, shook the activity director's hand, and shook a Monsanto representative's hand.

Besides the honor of competing nationally, meeting tons of new people, and attending sessions, we had a lot of fun too. We went to haunted houses, pranked our advisers, and went to a Brantley Gilbert

Concert and The Band Perry Concert at the Lucas Oil Stadium. That's right; that's where the Indianapolis Colts Play!

The National FFA Convention was an amazing experience. I realize fully that anything is possible with heart and desire, and if you are truly willing to work for it. I met people from Puerto Rico, Alaska, North Dakota, New Jersey, and many more. I learned why it's so important to grow, and I had fun.

All in all, the 85th National FFA Convention was the most rewarding experience of my life, and I am so excited to travel there again next year!

Roving Reporter

What is your favorite Thanksgiving dish?



"My grandma's homestyle mac & cheese," said freshman Kylee Anthony.



"Turkey," said sophomore Wesley Clary.



"Stuffing," said junior Trevor Bembrick.



"Stuffing," said senior Jackie Mott.

YOU'VE BEEN SPOTTED



Top Row: Nathan King as Harry Wilkins and Tori King as Edith Wilkins carry on a conversation during a scene in the play *Dear Ruth*. Ryan Franken and Daniel Cordonnier block the Doniphan West players. The THS dancers perform to “Go Insane” for a Halloween-themed dance. **Row 2:** The cheerleaders get everyone cheering at the pep rally for the Doniphan West game. Band members perform during halftime of the football game. Alex Stanton as Miriam Wilkins drinks wine to cope with her feelings during the play *Dear Ruth*. **Row 3:** Christopher Tharman walks his mom and dad out onto the field for senior night. Trae Shelton as Albert Kummer and Hanna King as Ruth Wilkins express their feelings for each other during the play *Dear Ruth*. Harley Huss gets her dancing face on as she is the character of a zombie.

Photos by Baileigh Jenkins and Jessica Guffy

Teen drinking remains major issue

by Kirsten Davies

Alcohol is the oldest and most widely used drug in the world. Nearly half of all Americans over the age of 12 are consumers of alcohol. Although most drink only occasionally, there is an estimate of 10-15 million alcohol issues in the United States, with more than 100,000 deaths each year, according to pubs.niaaa.nih.gov.

When a person consumes alcohol, the drug acts on nerve cells deep in the brain. Alcohol serves as a stimulant,

then induces feelings of relaxation, and reduces anxiety. Consumption of two or three alcoholic drinks in an hour can cause bad judgment. Five drinks consumed in two hours may raise the alcohol blood level to 0.10 percent, high enough to be considered legally intoxicated in every state. Once a drinker stops drinking, his or her alcohol blood level decreases by about 0.01 per hour.

Almost everyone knows that the legal drinking age throughout the United States is 21, although 80 per-

cent of high school students have tried alcohol.

According to statistics from www.cdc.org, about 5,000 kids under 21 die every year because of under-age drinking. These include car crashes, homicides, and suicides. Teens that drink are also at risk for life-long alcohol abuse.

Alcohol poisoning is a serious and sometimes deadly consequence of drinking large amounts of alcohol in a short period of time. Drinking too much too fast can affect your breathing, heart rate, and gag reflex, and can lead to

coma or even death. According to www.teenalcoholabuse.us, teen caught drinking may face legal consequences depending on their age and where they live, such as losing their driver's license, paying fines, or serving time in jail.



Changes in school lunch explained

by Destiny O'Donnell

With the changes mandated by the federal government, the staff decided to conduct an interview with head school cook, Linda Schultz, to get her point of view on the changes.

How are things different from last year?

"High school students get a lot more fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, and whole grain foods offered to them. We have new recipes that we follow that meet the new guidelines and they seem to go over well.

Sorry, I do not think we can serve crisps (the one food we hear is the most missed), although I know of a school that is serving

them, but she can only serve one, not two like our high school students are used to getting. I will check into it more, but please don't count on this being on the menu."

What do you have to do differently when preparing lunch?

"We have a lot more fresh fruits and vegetables that we have to wash and prepare. We are learning the new recipes that we now use. We have to read labels on all the new food items we receive. We cannot serve anything with trans-fat now, so we watch that."

Do you like the new school lunches?

"I am pleasantly surprised with the school lunches. I think the new recipes are delicious! I like that the lunch

trays are very colorful with all the food items served on them."

We've heard that we aren't having the StuCo Thanksgiving lunch anymore; is it true? If so, why not?

"Yes, you heard right. And it is not that we do not want to do the Thanksgiving meal. Most students do not know that it took us four days of preparation work to put on that one meal. We just do not have the time to do that this year."

She concluded the interview with a comment of her own:

"In the years past, we served a lunch tray to high school students with an average calorie count of 857 calories. With the new guidelines this year, we serve a

lunch tray to high school students with an average calorie count of 850 calories. So that is only a seven-calorie decrease. Plus, with the fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, and whole grain items offered, a student can get the full calories needed if the student takes all food offered to them.

School lunch provides 1/3 of the recommended dietary allowances for students and is not meant to supply enough nutrients/calories for the entire day. Also, it would help if the students would eat breakfast at home or here at school. Students have always been hungry after the school day and wanted a snack when they get home from school;

this has not changed."



What is the publications staff thankful for?

I'm thankful for my family and friends. I have the best family and friends in the world; they're always there for me when I need them to be, and I couldn't see my life without them. Also, I'm thankful for the teachers here at THS. Even though the teachers may seem like they're being harsh, they're only trying to help us out. Another thing I'm thankful for is the troops fighting overseas and the troops who have lost their lives overseas. If they wouldn't have fought for us, we wouldn't live in the free country we live in now.

-Baileigh Jenkins

I'm thankful for all my friends and family. They have been there for me through everything, and I would be lost without them. I'm also thankful for the time I get to spend with my grandpa as he battles cancer. It's a tough road, but I don't see him giving in anytime soon.

-Destiny O'Donnell

I am thankful for my friends and family. I'm especially thankful for my parents. I wouldn't trade them for the world. I am thankful for my grandpa, who is fighting cancer. No matter what the days bring, he still fights. I'm thankful for all my classmates. We are so close and always have been; let's hope it stays that way. I am thankful for all the memories that people have shared with me. I am thankful for living in a free country. Thank you to all the men and women who have fought and are still fighting for our freedom.

-Courtney Klaus

Thanksgiving is almost here, and even though I'm really looking forward to eating until I fall asleep, I've also been thinking about things I'm grateful for. I'm beyond grateful that I live in America and have the freedom to express myself and worship God. I'm grateful for a loving family and a roof over my head. I'm thankful for my job, Mr. Majestic, and the opportunity to learn at a public school. I'm thankful for all of the great people I've met in Troy, and all of the friends I've made.

-Halli Wigger

I'm thankful for my amazing parents and friends for being there for me when no one else was. I'm thankful that my mom is my best friend; some don't have a good relationship like I do with their mothers. I'm thankful for being in good health, for doctors, and medicine. I'm thankful for the internet and technology itself. I'm thankful for freedom and to live in a country with so many opportunities. I'm thankful for second chances; it's too easy to take things for granted.

-Jessica Guffy

I am thankful for my family they have done so much for me and I love them. I am also thankful for my friends; we have good times together, and also for the teachers here at THS for their help on homework when I don't understand. Also I'm thankful for Taylor Swift; she's amazing and writes awesome music. And I'm thankful for the publications staff; they have already taught me so much this year.

-Kirsten Davies

I am thankful for an awesome God. He has blessed me in so many ways. I am thankful for my family because I wouldn't be who I am today without them. I am thankful to live in a country where I know I will have a future. I am thankful for the support of my educational future from my family, friends, and role models. I am thankful for all of my abilities: physical and mental. I know everything could be better and also worse, but I know He has a plan for everyone and I am thankful for the life I have been given.

-Kelli Marriott

I am thankful for my family. I don't know what I would do without them, especially my mom and dad. I am also thankful for all of my friends that I have made here at Troy. I have never felt more at home than here at THS. I am thankful for my teachers for taking their time to help us all learn. I am thankful to live in a free country, and I am thankful for all of the troops overseas fighting to keep us free.

-Ravan Kentzler

I am most thankful for my family that God provided me with. Without them I wouldn't be where I am today. They have also wanted the best for me. I am also thankful for my two younger sisters. They are my world, and I will always be there to support them in all they do. I am also thankful for my grandparents. From my education to sports, they are always there to support me. I am thankful for being healthy and having the ability to do the activities I wish to do. I am thankful for all of my friends. Without them, memories wouldn't be made.

-Tanner Weishaar

I am thankful to have this good group of students to work with in publications this year. They are intelligent and creative. I am thankful for my family, particularly for my very supportive husband, and I am thankful for our friends. I am thankful that I live in a country where we have the freedom to make choices and freedom to worship as we choose. I am thankful that this is the country where I was born and reared, a country where we can indeed feel free.

-Martha-Jean
Rockey

Volleyball wraps up for the year

by Tanner Weishaar

The Lady Trojans ended their season on a strong note. They played with great heart and determination their last game of the season.

Saturday, October 20, the Lady Trojan volleyball team traveled to Immaculata to compete in the Sub-State tournament. Their first game they competed with Maranatha Academy. Going into the game, the

girls really didn't know what to expect. They would be competing with a team they hadn't played.

Therefore, the girls went into the game with a lot of heart and the desire to win.

The Lady Trojans came out hot in the first match. They were able to defeat their opponents, 25-22. In the second match, the Trojans weren't able to stay on top. They fell to

Maranatha Academy the second match, 17-25.

Since both teams had won a match, the team that won the third match would be moving on in the Sub-State tournament. The Trojans fought hard, but fell in the third match 15-25. It was a devastating loss, as the team was motivated and had their minds set to move on to the next round in the tournament.

During this game, seniors Paige Fenley and Carmen Turpin, along with junior Kaylee Bennett, led the team with kills. Fenley had six kills, while Turpin and Bennett each had five. Fenley also led the team with blocks. She had five total blocks during the three matches.

Overall the team had a rough season, but still competed. They fought

hard even when they were doubted. The team had great heart and determination.

Cross country season ends at regionals

by Baileigh Jenkins

The Troy Cross Country team recently ended their season at Regionals in Washington. At Regionals the team had eight runners participating.

The team fell short of State but overall had a good year. All together the team had nine members: William Boeh, Trevor Bembrick, Russell Ostertag, Trae Shelton, Nicki Stanton, Holly Whetstine, Alex

Winder, Alex Stanton, and Baileigh Jenkins. At McClouth, Bembrick finished with his best time of 21:08, and Shelton finished with his best time of 26:22.

At Troy, four of the nine members got their best times: Boeh finished with a time of 23:16, A. Stanton finished with her best time of 22:31, Winder finished with her best time of 21:59, and

Whetstine finished with her best time of 20:29.

At Regionals, the other three members got their best times. Ostertag finished with his best time of 21:35, N. Stanton finished with her best time of 18:56, and Jenkins finished with her best time of 22:51. The team was coached by Mr. Douglas Fisher.



Above: The cross country team: **Front row:** Manager Courtney Klaus, Baileigh Jenkins, Holly Whetstine, Alex Winder, Nicki Stanton, Alex Stanton **Row 2:** Trevor Bembrick, Trae Shelton, Russell Ostertag.
Photo by Douglas Fisher

All-League selections announced

by Courtney Klaus

The 2012 DVL Honors for volleyball and football were announced.

Claire Turpin received DVL North All-League. Tanner Weishaar, Paige Fenley, and Josie Smith received Honorable Mentions.

Chris Tharman was named 1st team All DVL Defensive Tackle (unan-

imous); Daniel Cordonnier, Honorable Mention Defensive End; Preston Foley, Honorable Mention Defensive Safety; Colton Masters, Honorable Mention for Runningback and Defensive Specialist; Jay Whetstine, 1st Team All-DVL Linebacker and Honorable Mention Offensive

Gaurd; Nathan Gaarder, Honorable Mention Defensive End; and Jake Ross, Honorable Mention for Defensive Cornerback, Wide Receiver, and Return Specialist.



Above: Athletes who received DVL honors: **Front Row:** Chris Tharman, Paige Fenley, Tanner Weishaar, Claire Turpin, and Preston Foley. **Row 2:** Colton Masters, Jake Ross, Nathan Gaarder, Jay Whetstone, and Josie Smith.
Photo by Courtney Klaus

Football season ends with D-West game

by Kelli Marriott

October 12, the football team traveled to Centralia. They played for a short time before the game was delayed due to lightning in the area. The Trojans failed to score, making it a tough game for the Trojans as they lost, 0-55.

Then the Trojans traveled to Immaculata, October 19. The Trojans showed up to play as they had a much better performance. They defeated the Raiders, 44-20.

The final game of the season was against the Doniphan West Mustangs. It was also senior

night and many of the seniors stepped up to play in their final game. However, the Trojans failed to score touchdowns when they were only a few yards away. It was a tough loss against their rivals. They lost, 6-22.

When asked about the season, senior Preston Foley said, "It was a tough season, especially for us seniors to go out like we did."

When asked about the season, Head Coach Ronnie Shelton said, "This year we seemed to be our own worst enemy. When we focused and executed we were

an awesome team, and when we didn't, we had too many mistakes to overcome. The 2013 team with mostly seniors and juniors will be the year of the Trojans."

The Trojans' final record was 2-7 and their league record was 2-5. The Trojans had a tough season but through it they gained experience.

Top Right: Seniors Christopher Tharman, Daniel Cordonnier, Preston Foley, and Reece Simpson shake hands with the Doniphan West players at the coin toss.

Bottom Right: The Trojans get on the line to stop the Mustangs from gaining yards.

Photos by Destiny O'Donnell



Winter sports previewed

by Kirsten Davies

As the weather turns cold and football, volleyball, and cross country wrap up; Winter sports will be starting soon. Practice started November 12. Roger Purdy and Dallas Keller are the boys' basketball coaches. Coach Purdy was interviewed.

Who are your role models in coaching and why?

"My role models in coaching are my dad and my older brother Casey. My dad coached me in soccer and baseball in high school, and I always appreciated how he approached the game and worked with

the student athletes. My brother Casey has always been a good friend and the first person I go to for advice. He coached my senior year of high school and really showed me how to enjoy the game.

Why did you choose to coach these boys?

"I enjoy being around the game and it's fun to be around kids with great potential and the desire to be better."

How do you think this year's season is going to go?

"I believe this year is going to be successful as long as the players believe in themselves. We are going to be very

young, but that cannot be an excuse for how much effort is put in. All of these classes have the potential to be good."

Derek Jasper and Kevin MocNorton are the girls' basketball coaches. Coach Jasper was interviewed.

Who are your role models in coaching and why?

"I had several great coaches as I played sports in Troy Middle School and High School. I learned a lot from Mr. Harter, Frank Davies, Don Cash and Kevin Kelley. I have read all of the John Wooden books. My favorite coach right now is Bill

Self at the University of Kansas. When you can take talented individuals and mold them as a team and get them to play hard it is amazing.

Why did you choose to coach these girls?

"Well, sixteen years ago, I had been coaching TMS boys and was assistant THS boys basketball. Some of the girls came to me when this job opened and said they would work hard for me, so I was all in. I wanted to build a program for the girls and start a tradition. So this started the girls a tradition. This starts my 16th year as head coach of the THS girls hoops.

How do you think this season is going to go?

"I think our success this year depends on the senior class. They need to live up to the expectations we have had for them and leave their mark on this program. I feel a winning record is a must this season and a possible finish in the top of the DVL. We would also love to win at least one post-season game. It is really all about our attitude and playing up to our potential every game."

<i>~November 2012~</i>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 End of the first Nine Weeks 1 p.m. Fall Play Matinee 4:30 p.m. MS Girls BB @ PR	2 Football Regionals NO SCHOOL!! (Teacher Inservice/work day)	3 7:30 p.m. Fall Play
4	5 5 p.m. MS Girls BB @ Troy vs. Everest	6	7 4 p.m. Parent/Teacher Conferences (4-7:30 p.m.)	8 4 p.m. Parent/Teacher Conferences (4-7:30 p.m.)	9 Football Sectionals NO SCHOOL!!	10
11	12 Winter Sports Practice Begins 5 p.m. MS Girls BB @ Troy vs. McLouth 6 p.m. Board of Education Meeting	13	14 8 a.m. ASVAB Test	15 4:30 p.m. MS Girls BB @ ACCMS	16 Football Sub-State	17
18	19 5 p.m. MS Girls BB @ Troy vs. Oskaloosa	20 PLAN Test	21 NO SCHOOL!!	22  NO SCHOOL!!	23 NO SCHOOL!!	24 State Football
25	26 NO SCHOOL!! 4:30 p.m. MS Girls BB @ Xavier	27	28	29 5 p.m. MS Girls BB @ Troy vs. D-West	30	

