

# TROJAN TRUMPET

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Junior Alex Schmille steps towards the pitch before making contact with the ball at the home game against Heritage Christian Acedemy. **Photo by Courtney Klaus**

## Retired teacher substitutes for science classes

by Nathan King

There is a new temporary faculty member at Troy High School.

His name is Chuck Lauritzen. He has been called to Troy to be a temporary substitute in the absence of Kevin McNorton. McNorton is temporarily on leave as he is fighting cancer.

Mr. Lauritzen started his education in the suburbs of Chicago from kindergarten until middle school. "I was a bit of a trouble maker," said Lauritzen.

His family then moved to Kansas City when he

was 18. After graduating from high school, Lauritzen went to UMKC where he took classes in chemistry. He then went to Missouri State where he got his bachelors degree in chemistry, and then he earned his Masters

degree. He has worked at Quaker Oats in Saint Joseph, and he owned his own performance-car engine shop from 1980-1993. He then pursued a career in teaching in 1995.

After teaching for 16 years he retired at

the age of 60. Since then he has substituted at many schools as well as continuing his hobby of making and launching rockets.

When asked what he thinks about the Troy School District, Mr. Lauritzen said, "Well, I just

love it. I love to teach and work with kids who are willing to learn."

Lauritzen has also volunteered to do a rocket team. Rocket team consists of a team that builds a rocket and competes against schools across the country.

"I'm really thankful for Mr. Lauritzen stepping in during a time when we needed him. I really have enjoyed working on the many hands on labs he has given us," said sophomore Lauren Wigger.



Left: Mr. Lauritzen demonstrates a chemistry experiment.

Photo by Nathan King

## Musicians grab honors

by Halli Wigger

The Troy High School band and choir participated in the TVL music contest March 5 in Valley Heights and the regional contest March 29 at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas.

League is basically a "practice round" according to senior band member Holly Stegall. At league, the band received a rating of I. The band played several pieces which include A Chestnut Portrait and the Military Escort. The choir also received a rating of I. The choir sang Swinging with the Saints by Mark Hays. Individual students who competed were Lauren Wigger who

received a II in vocals; Jacklynn Clary received a II in vocals; Braden Grossman received a I in vocals; Allyson Budine received a I for vocals; Holly Stegall received a I on the flute.

During regionals, the choir received a rating of II. Individual students who competed were Ashely Stock, receiving

a rating of I for her violin piece "Third Movement of Cencerto in A Minor"; Nathan King received a rating of II on his saxophone solo; Alex Stanton received a rating of II for her clarinet solo; and Holly Stegall received a rating of II for her flute solo.

When asked about how she thought they

all did during regionals, junior Bailey Gronniger said "We did a great job! Hopefully we'll do even better next year." Sophomore Lauren Wigger said, "For the major half of us being sick, I think we killed it!" Sophomore Jory Barnthson said, "Regionals was really fun but it was cramped and

there were hardly any chairs, I hope we'll do good next year!" Anyone who received a one during Regionals will be going to state in Salina Kansas on April 26



Left: Holly Stegall, Ashley Stock, Lauren Wigger, and Allyson Budine.

Photo by Melinda Negonscott.

## Literature class sees *Much Ado About Nothing*

By Jessica Guffy

The junior and senior British literature classes went to the University Theatre at the University of Kansas Thursday, March 6.

The play, *Much Ado About Nothing*, by William Shakespeare, is set in Italy and began with a soccer game video relating to a major battle. The plot of the play production was to eliminate the war entirely from the original play. The point of this was to substitute a war happening to a simple soccer game.

The play is about a

young woman accused of unfaithfulness on the eve of her marriage. The play chronicles two pairs of lovers: Benedick and Beatrice, the main couple, and Claudio and Hero. Benedick and Beatrice are a witty couple who proclaim that they do not love each other. Claudio and Hero are a young couple who are speechless by the love they have for each other.

In the middle of the play, Benedick and Beatrice are tricked into confessing their love for each other, and Claudio

is tricked into rejecting his fiancé, Hero, at the altar in the belief that she has been unfaithful to him. Benedick and Beatrice attempt to set things right and clear up the falsely accused.

In the end, Claudio is set to marry Hero's cousin, not knowing what she looks like. He seems faithful and when he pulls the veil off to marry a new woman, Hero is shown and the two marry. Beatrice and Benedick marry and those who were involved in the conflict were pun-

ished and sent away.

"The play was fun to go to; I liked going to KU and look at the theater. The play was a little confusing, but after we watched the movie in class I understood it much more. My favorite part was just getting to hang around all my friends," said senior Jessica Burton.

After the play in KU, the British literature classes watched the movie version in class. The movie was watched to make up for any confusion. Some of the class

also had trouble hearing the actors in the play.

Several students said that made the plot much more understandable.

## Nifty Fifties: nostalgic showstopper

by Trae Shelton

Seniors said farewell to the stage with *The Nifty Fifties*. The Troy High School drama club presented *The Nifty Fifties* March 20, 21, and 22.

This musical followed Gracie Stanley (Lauren Wigger) as she promised to deliver Ziggy Springer (Jory Barnthson) for the high school Hippity Hop at Louise's Luncheonette. Ziggy's manager (Alex Stanton) didn't want her client performing anywhere without pay, so Gracie and her friends had to produce a double!

They used Donald Spinney (Nathan King) and planned to have him perform in the dark! It wasn't easy for Gracie, especially with her rival, snooty Muffin Mansfield (McKyla Barnthson), who

wanted for her to flop.

The songs were '50s like but were created to fit the plot of the play. For example, "The Blob" was a song that explained the whole plot of the *Blob*, a movie which was introduced in the '50s.

Drama club members built the set, put up the sound and light equipment, and helped set up for the annual dinner theatre. This year was different because besides the dinner theatre, the drama club also sold root beer floats at the Friday night showing. They were sold for a dollar and were served during the intermission.

The dinner for the dinner theatre was prepared by the Tharman family. "This musical was an experience I will never



**Above:** Sophomores Nathan King and Lauren Wigger, and juniors Ashley Stock and Allyson Budine make faces during *Teen Queen*.

**Right:** Senior Claire Marriott, sophomore McKyla Barnthson, and freshman Emma Collins sing "Teen Queen."

forget because it was the first musical I have ever performed in. It was fun because of the cast," said sophomore Mackenzie Harbeston.



## Winter awards honor student athleticism

by Halli Wigger

Winter Awards took place April 31. All winter athletes were honored and recognized that night, and athletes who showed exceptional skill and dedication received letters.

As always, there was a large turn out for the ceremony. However, unlike previous years, the ceremony took place in the old gym at the high school.

The sports that were recognized included: girls and boys

basketball, dance, cheer, and wrestling.

The banquet highlighted student athletes and their accomplishments throughout not only the season, but also their years of involvement.

Seniors also received special recognition. They received small tokens of appreciation and were also able to take home their full length photos that were on display throughout the sports season in the C.W. Oliver Gymnasium.

Freshmen who lettered were: Reid Greaser and Wil Smith in basketball; Alexis Horner in cheer; Blair Weishaar in dance; and Alex Martinez in wrestling.

Sophomores who lettered were: Luke Smith in basketball; Cailyn Anderson, Makayla Ross, Madi Marriot, McKyla Barnthson, Lauren Wigger, and Holly Whetstine in cheer; Cailyn Anderson, Jacklynn Clary, Mackenzie Harbeston, Madi Mar-

riot, Makayla Ross, and McKyla Barnthson in dance; and Cadence King in wrestling.

Juniors who lettered were: Nathan Gaardner, Collin Jasper, Jake Ross, Alex Schmilke, Megan Schmilke, Mikaela Campbell, and Jay Whetsine in basketball; Bailey Gronniger in cheer; Alex Winder in dance; and Tristan Speer in wrestling.

Seniors who lettered were: Trevor Bembrick, William Boeh, and Cody

Israel in basketball; Harley Huss in cheer and in dance; Dalton Masters in wrestling; and Halli Wigger in baton.

## Trojan art “Out of this World”

By Dylan Kitzman

Troy students went to Doniphan West High School March 28 to participate in the TVL art show. Students put up their projects to be judged and also participated in on-site activities.

The people who went were broken up into groups to do certain activities. The activities included: posters, chalk drawing, ceiling tile painting, art quizzes, and clay sculpting. The chalk event was moved to the basement due to bad weather.

The students could do whatever they wanted as long as it stayed with the theme “Out of this World.” Troy brought home first in both chalk drawing and poster making.

Troy received 11 out of the 50 medals presented. Derek Franken received a gold; Kylee Anthony won three gold medals, one merit, and two honorable mentions; Lauren Wigger won one gold and one merit; Ben Wardlow won one gold; Nicki Stanton won four

gold and one merit; Alex Stanton won two gold, one honorable mention, and two merits; Bailey Winkel received a merit; Kaylee Bennett received a merit; Nathan King received one merit; Mackenzie Harbeston received one merit.

Jake Ross received a

merit; Bailey Schofield received a merit; Dylan Kitzman received an honorable mention; Lexi Norris received two honorable mentions; Emma Collins received a honorable mention; and Courtney Klaus received an honorable mention.

TVL art competitors.

**Front Row:** Jory Barnthson, Kylee Anthony, Andrea Stock, Dylan Kitzman, Emma Collins.

**Second Row:** Nathan Gaardner, Derek Franken, Jake Ross, Courtney Klaus, Makayla Ross, Madi Marriot, Cailyn Anderson, Holly Whetstine, Kaylee Bennett, Chris Winkel.

**Third Row:** Bailiegh Jenkins, Alex Stanton, Bailey Winkel, Mackenzie Harbeston, Nicki Stanton, Brittany Klaus, Lexi Norris, Jay Whetstine, Brody Winder.

**Fourth Row:** Bailey Schofield, Elizabeth Hale, Nathan King, Jeanne Bergeonneau, Blair Weisaar, Ben Wardlow, Tucker Morris, Preston Duncan.

**Fifth Row:** Jacklynn Clary, Ryan Franken.



## Troy scholars honored through Kansas Honors Program

by Halli Wigger

Seniors Alanie Stock, Holly Stegall, and Halli Wigger were honored at the University of Kansas' Honors Banquet February 26.

As well as the Troy seniors, academically exceptional students from all over the north-east corner of Kansas were also honored. Some of these schools

included Atchison High School, Maur-Hill Mount Academy, and Doniphan West.

The students received this honor for being in the top 10% of their class. This was determined by observing their accumulative GPA's throughout their high school careers.

The seniors were accom-

panied by their parents, high school principal Jared Wigger, and superintendent Brian Harris.

The banquet was held in Atchison, Kansas at the Heritage Conference Center and hosted by Atchison County's KU Alumni Association.

The banquet consisted of a chicken dinner, the awards cer-

emony, entertainment, and small speeches.

Chad and Carrie Ball served as the Masters of Ceremonies who opened the banquet.

Shortly afterwards, Dr. Ann Brill, Dean of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of Kansas, congratulated all of the scholars. Baker

Purdon, a music major at KU, also provided vocal entertainment.

Stock, Stegall, and Wigger all received personalized American Heritage Dictionaries which contained certificates of accomplishment and congratulations inside the front cover.

## 'No one fights alone'

by Nathan King

"No one fights alone." This slogan was created by the senior class and is a way of spreading hope rather than sadness. The slogan refers to the constant battle that people face every day when they are diagnosed with cancer.

The person in the community in particular that the slogan has been used for is high school teacher Kevin McNorton.

McNorton recently has been diagnosed with throat cancer. The cancer is located on the back of his tongue and on the very top of his voice box, where the epiglottis is. When he found out about his cancer, McNorton went to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. There he was given two options. One, he could have surgery, or two chemo-

therapy. The downside of chemotherapy was that if he started treatment and it didn't work his throat and lymph nodes would be too damaged to perform surgery. McNorton decided to take the first option of surgery. On the day of McNorton's surgery the entire Troy School District wore purple to support him on his battle to fight cancer. The news

station KQ-2 was at the high school to publicize a small town school's eagerness support one of our teachers. The station covered the students wearing their purple and also told of the volleyball tournament headed by Julie Werner and the senior class.

"I've witnessed cancers affect on its victims. I've seen the outreach. I thought we could do

that for Mr. McNorton to help him in his battle against cancer," said senior Trevor Bembrick.

After his surgery in March McNorton had a feeding tube. He had this tube until March, 31. Since having the tube removed he has attended physical therapy.

## Good eats, tasty treats for Trojans

by Halli Wigger

Trojans might have recently noticed a new change to the bottom hallway. Students in Mrs. Jene't Brown's fourth hour entrepreneurship class are currently conducting a project that revolves around Troy students' new favorite piece of machinery: the snack machine.

The snack machine is filled daily with healthy treats including baked chips and granola bars. The best part? All snacks are priced extremely reasonably, ranging anywhere from 25 to 75 cents.

Alanie Stock, senior, said, "I wish we could have candy, but this is

better than nothing."

Other students concur with Stock, as Troy has been without any form of a snack machine for several years now.

According to Mrs. Brown, the project is a hands-on learning opportunity for her entrepreneurship students. The students are learn-

ing about profitability, supply and demand, and the in and outs of running a business.

So far, the project has been smooth sailing. The project began with \$70 and has made a profit of almost \$100.

**Right:** Senior Zach Huff and junior Izak Christian fill the snack machine with goodies during their entrepreneurship class.

**Photo by Halli Wigger**



## Students place in Regional Journalism

by Jessica Guffy

The Troy High School Publications students traveled to Kansas State University Thursday, February 23 for the KSPA Regional Journalism Contest where 29 entries placed out of 36 altogether.

The students who qualified for state with on-site entries are as follows: Trae Shelton, third, Newspaper Writing; Halli Wigger, honorable mention, Editing; Allyson Budine, honorable mention, Editing; Baileigh Jenkins, first, News Writing; Jessica Guffy, honorable mention, News Writing; Halli Wigger, first,

Editorial Writing; Kylee Anthony, third, Editorial Writing; Trae Shelton, first, Feature Writing; Nathan King, honorable mention, Feature Writing; Dylan Kitzman, second, Editorial Cartoon; Braden Grossman, third, Editorial Cartoon; Nathan King, honorable mention, Yearbook Copy Writing; Alanie Stock, honorable mention, Yearbook Copy Writing; Holly Stegall, honorable mention, Yearbook Sports Writing; and Alanie Stock, second, Yearbook Sports Writing;

Carry-in entry winners were as follows:

Halli Wigger, first, Infographics; Trae Shelton, honorable mention, Academics Photography; Halli Wigger, honorable mention, Newspaper Design; Trae Shelton, honorable mention, Sports Photography, Courtney Klaus, honorable mention; Sports Photography; Nathan King, honorable mention, Photo Illustration; Kylee Anthony, first, Photo Illustration; Halli Wigger, honorable mention, Student Life Photography; Baileigh Jenkins, third, yearbook layout; Courtney Klaus, honorable mention, yearbook layout;

Jessica Guffy, honorable mention, headlines, and Courtney Klaus, second, headlines;.

There were also two teams who competed in theme development and placed: Jessica Guffy and Baileigh Jenkins, first, and Kylee Anthony and Melinda Negonscott, second.

Students competed in several different categories including carry-in entries:

Advertising, Infographics, Newspaper Design, Sports Photography, Academics Photography, Headlines, Yearbook Layout, Student Life Photography,

Photo Illustration, and Theme Development. Some categories were done at KSU, including Newspaper Sports Writing, Editing, News Writing, Editorial Writing, Feature Writing, Cutline Writing, Yearbook Copy Writing, Editorial Cartoon, and Yearbook Sports Writing. Carry-in entries were to be turned in while registering and results came three weeks after the contest.

Those who placed will compete at the University of Kansas May 3 for state competition.

## Club Spotlights

### SADD

by Jessica Guffy

As the countdown for the last few weeks of school begin, SADD has been working to put together their annual fair held around the end of the year. The SADD committee and sponsor, Tanya Silvey, have been putting extra time into new ideas to make the fair memorable.

Meetings have been conducted during seminar and lunch periods to plan a fair for the grade school/high school students.

New ideas have been worked through and the SADD group looks forward to informing students on risks of drunk driving, chewing tobacco, seat belt safety, hygiene, and drugs..

A pizza party will be held after the fair.

### Band/Choir

by Nathan King

The past few months both the band and choir departments have been very busy. Recently a few of the band members as well as several soloists and the entire choir preformed at the regional music competition at Benedictine University. The departments have also been preparing for their spring concert that will be on April 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the C.W Oliver Gym. The music departments will be performing songs from the 1950s. Some artists being featured are Elvis Presley and Jerry Lewis. Admission is free but dancing is required.

### NHS

by Nathan King

NHS held their annual blood drive February 27. They had 27 donors. This put them just shy of their goal of 33.

The Community Blood Center is short on blood recently due to the major storms preventing previous donors from donating their blood. Though Troy was unable to reach their goal of 33 donors, each quart of blood they gathered mattered.

“Even though we didn’t reach our goal, we still appreciate all the donors who came in to give their blood to a good cause,” said President Holly Stegall.

### Drama Club

by Trae Shelton

In the past couple months the Drama Club has been very busy. They held a speech meet and performed the musical, *The Nifty Fifties*. The speech meet was Saturday April 5 with 15 schools that attended.

The *Nifty Fifties* was performed on March 20, March 21, and March 22. The drama club sold root-beer floats at the second performance and had the annual dinner theatre on the final performance.

“Drama Club was fun this year especially with the groups we had in speech and the plays. It [Drama Club] helped me realize how much patience I had,” said sophomore Bailey Winkel.

### FFA

by Halli Wigger

With the the last nine weeks of school in sight, the Troy FFA is beginning to look towards state contest, convention, and the installation of new officers.

Information on becoming an officer for the upcoming school year is available in Ms. Taliaferro’s room.

FFA is in charge of baseball concessions April 15, and the sign up is in the Ag classroom.

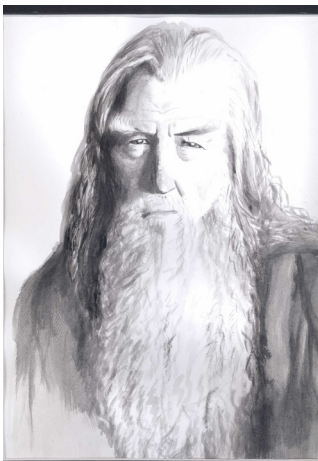
As well as this, the FFA honored the winners of the postcard contest on April 7.

# Trojan artists and photojournalists succeed

**Right:** Lady Liberty, a stipling done by sophomore Ben Wardlow, received a blue rating at TVL Art Day.



**Below:** Wise Man, a watercolor by senior Alex Stanton received a red rating at the TVL Art Day.



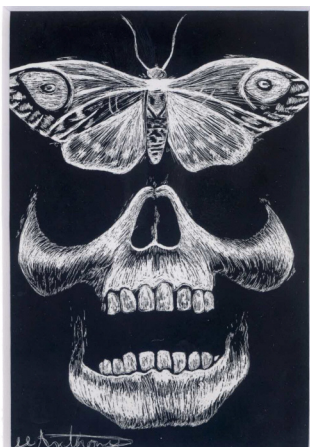
**Below:** Up, up, and away, an abstract sharpie drawing done by sophomore Lauren Wigger received a gold rating at TVL Art Day.



**Right:** Trae Shelton, sophomore, received honorable mention with this photo of Colin Jasper during the regional journalism contest at Kansas State University.



**Below:** Courtney Klaus, senior, received honorable mention with this photo in the area of Sports Photography during the regional journalism contest at Kansas State University.



**Left:** Life after Death, an etching made by sophomore Kylee Anthony, received a red placing at TVL Art Day.

**Right:** Trae Shelton won third place with this photo of Preston Robinson in the Academic Photography event during the regional journalism event at Kansas State University.



# Now You See Me

by Kylee Anthony

“*Now You See Me*” is basically a cat-and-mouse chase between LA’s finest and The Four Horsemen, which is a team of the world’s greatest illusionists. I love that The Four Horseman do all those tricks and steal from the rich.

The beginning of the movie introduces the main characters in their individual acts. The list begins with a street magician played by James Daniel who has grown full of himself.

Then his former assistant, Henley Reeves (Isla Fisher) tends to go with the more gory stunts. Her stunts are really intense because she pushes herself to the limit, and she is my favorite person in the movie. Also there is a has-been mentalist, Merritt McKinney (Woody Harrelson). I don’t like him because his stunts are scandalous and he was kind of a jerk throughout the movie to the people in public. There is a sleight-of-hand artist, Jack Wilder (Dave Franco, brother of James), who runs around as a pickpocket.

One of the coolest things about the movie is that it keeps you guessing. For example, there is a mysterious man that follows each magician around during their solo acts. Without their knowing, he slips magic

cards to each one of them with a date and address.

Another amazing thing is that a year later, they perform together as a headlining act called The Four Horsemen. I love their act. They always have cool and mind-boggling tricks that seem very unbelievable and impossible. At one of their shows, they use a member from the audience and teleport him to the bank he is obligated to. I thought that was pretty cool. It took me a while to understand how

would have figured this whole thing out.

There is an ex-magician named Thaddeus Bradley who is played by Morgan Freeman. He made a ton of money by revealing the tricks behind illusions. I don’t like him very much because he thinks he’s the “all-knowing” but he really is behind everybody.

*Now You See Me*’s coolest trick involves Thaddeus getting really confused and is put in jail because he



they did it, but when they revealed the secret it really was amazing.

The next day, the magicians were taken in for questioning by the FBI. I don’t think they should have been arrested since the FBI didn’t really have any proof of any possible way that the Four Horesman could have left and taken the money...there’s no way.

The FBI know The Four Horsemen are involved with the crime somehow, but can’t figure it out. I think that if the FBI agents were thinking a little more practically, they

was framed. As they say, “the joke’s on him.”

The Four Horsemen’s ideas, tricks and method, which involve giant mirrors, doubles, hypnosis, huge amounts of flash paper and holograms, are just as mind-boggling as their tricks. It would have been more believable if the end of the movie would have revealed the four magicians as wizards, but you have to figure it out all on your own, by watching and using your puzzled mind to create a theory of your own on who and what you think these people are and are doing.

That wouldn’t have been as fun or entertaining. The best part of *Now You See Me* and what really makes it so fun to watch are all the little mind tricks and the “cat-and-mouse” chases the movie puts you through.

The movie insists to escalate the entire 125 minutes it is playing. The Four Horsemen continues to go on more complicated thefts, which turn them into fugitives and everyday heroes or “folk heroes” to their audiences. It really amazes me that they would keep on keeping on even though they are being chased by the FBI. The movie,

which began as just a bank-robbing magician story, eventually involves secret identities, decades-old vendettas, and many other types of “mysticism.”

I loved this movie because of its use in several different elements and tricks. Another film that follows this one closely and is almost like a 1850s prequel to *Now You See Me* is *The Prestige*, and I would definitely recommend *Now You See Me* to anyone.

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## Who Knows Bailey Schofield Best?

by Courtney Klaus

Bailey Schofield, her brother Brandon, and her cousin Claire Marriott were eager to see who really “knew” Bailey best.



**Bailey**  
5 Guys

**Brandon**  
Cheddar’s

**Claire**  
???

**Favorite restaurant?**

Black

Black

Black

**Favorite color?**

**Favorite movie?**

*Warmbodies*

I don’t know, but she watches scary movies

???

**Favorite thing about spring?**

Nothing

Ride fourwheelers and eat ice cream

She can walk

**Who inspires you the most?**

Andy Biersack

Andy Biersack

Andy Biersack

**What does she enjoy doing in her spare time?**

Drawing

Messes around with me

Listen to Black Veil Brides

## Roving Reporter

### What is your favorite thing about spring?



“My favorite thing about spring is turkey hunting,” said freshman Braden Hansen.



“School almost being over with,” said sophomore Makayla Ross.



“School almost being done with and the flowers smelling good,” said high school secretary Abra Rush.



“It means that football season is that much closer,” said junior Jake Ross



“I like spring because I know graduation is getting closer,” said senior Harley Huss.

# YOU'VE BEEN SPOTTED



**Top Row:** Freshman Kassi Meng pitches during the JV game at McLouth. Junior Nathan Gaarder goes up for the shot against Valley Falls during the second round at substate. Claire Marriott (senior), Emma Collins (freshman), Jacklynn Clary (sophomore), Angel Davis (freshman) sing and dance to “Oh Baby” for the spring musical *The Nifty Fifties*. **Row 2:** Play cast sings and dances to “Dance Party” for the spring musical. Freshman Brittany Klaus bats at the JV game at McLouth, getting a single. **Row 3:** Senior Dalton Masters throws shot put at the Frankfort meet. Senior Caleb Winkel is up to bat at the home game against Heritage Christian Academy. **Photos by Courtney Klaus, Jessica Guffy, Baileigh Jenkins, and Amy Masters**

## School drools

by Halli Wigger

I've sat in classrooms for 13 years now. I even attended summer school regularly, so I think that probably adds some "classroom experience" to my repertoire.

In less than 20 days, my class and I will be done with high school. Nearing the end of my high school career, there's something that I think needs addressed.

We all know those people who take every opportunity they get to proclaim, "school sucks!" or, "I hate this place!"

We hear it all the time, and shoot, sometimes we do it ourselves too.

The thing is, though, the school owes us nothing. We are not entitled to be allowed to run through the hallways doing whatever we please. I think that detracts from the whole "learning environment" thing. When I got my first detention my freshman year (and trust me, several followed it) I bucked up, served my time, and made sure to work my best to correct my mistake. I didn't run to the nearest social networking site to proclaim my hatred of the school or the official who gave me detention. I didn't exclaim how "stupid"

school was. I didn't whine and complain to my parents that they needed to call the school.

School offers us a free education. We come, for eight hours a day, to a designated building that literally teaches us what we need to know to prepare us for our future. While we're here, we can participate in sports, travel, take part in clubs, socialize, and even eat.

Do you not like your teachers? Get over it. When you enrolled, you were not asked your preference on the personality type of the teachers you would be

learning from. They're simply there to teach us and guide us. It's up to *us as the students* to come to school with an open mind and be willing to learn. I've never met an inherently evil teacher who was out to get me. In fact, I've actually met numerous teachers who actually *loved their jobs and tried to make learning enjoyable for the students.*

We've sat in classrooms our whole lives, so we automatically believe we can critique the level of our teachers and school district. Unfortunately, we don't

know. We just know that sometimes we get reprimanded for talking in class. Sometimes we get detentions for being late. Sometimes, when our grades are too low, we can't play a sport. Sometimes our coaches ask us to perform to the best of our abilities, even when we're exhausted.

And apparently it stinks.

As we embark on our next year of schooling, I hope we can remember this: we're not entitled. We have to adhere to expectations - and that's okay.

by Jessica Guffy

## Senior year: strugglin'

Many expectations are to be met senior year. Graduation is a top priority for most seniors. While stress keeps piling on, you need to be busy planning a future for yourself.

Getting good grades is an important factor of your high school career. Ultimately, your grade-point average and ACT score could determine what college you go to. Extra-curricular activities will also help fill up space on college applications, giving you a little extra to look better for yourself. You need to stay caught up on your homework; every assignment counts. Every semester grade you've

done in your four years of high school will all add up when you're applying for scholarships.

Being a senior also comes with all the extra expenses. You're going to need to purchase a cap and gown, which isn't cheap. Some students order a "senior package" which includes 50 announcements, choice of a t-shirt, status tassel, jewelry, photo card credits, and your customized cap and gown. This package will cost you around \$230. You will probably have to pay for senior pictures to get done as well. Getting professional pictures can range anywhere from \$80-\$400. You

might as well add graduation announcements to your list of last-minute purchases. Announcements will cost you \$100 at the least. Going on a senior trip with your classmates is essential. Prices vary on a trip but will cost at least \$500 and up per person.

Senior prom is a big deal for most girls, so everyone goes all out. The total cost of senior prom could cost up to thousands of dollars, which is outrageous. Finding the perfect prom dress is equivalent to finding a wedding dress to some. Not only will the dress be hundreds of dollars, but you need matching jewelry as well. The

months of stressing and nervousness will be released when you're dancing the night away with all your friends.

Affording college won't be easy either. This is where scholarships will come in. I won't lie; scholarships are a pain to fill out, especially when rushing to meet the deadlines. Filling out scholarships takes some thinking and could also be difficult for some. For many scholarships, you need to highlight your accomplishments--even write an essay about yourself. Some see this as bragging about themselves but this is what needs to be done to con-

vince the judges you are worthy of receiving these scholarships and that you need them more than anyone else.

There's no such thing as a stress free senior year, but to take some ease off, get started as soon as you can. Underclassmen need to buckle down and plan for their future. Picking what career you want to in your future could determine where you want to go to college. Certain colleges excel in some programs, and that could affect your decision on where to go. Underclassmen need to be aware of all the stress that is coming ahead and to be prepared for it to all pile on at once.

## Season ends with honors

by Baileigh Jenkins

Following Queen of Courts, the Trojans took on the Centralia Panthers. That being their second match up, the Trojans were looking for a victory that time around. The Trojans tried their best, but they were defeated 29-58.

Next, the Trojans traveled all the way to Linn to face the Bulldogs. This game was back and forth much of the game. Finally, in the last quarter, the Bulldogs slightly pulled away. The Trojans were defeated 41-55.

After that, the Trojans hosted the Horton Chargers. This game was a back-and-forth battle for

all four quarters. When the clock started winding down, the Trojans knew they had to do something to try to get this W. With a few seconds left, the Trojans needed a basket, and they needed it fast. Unfortunately, the last shot was slightly off, and the Trojans lost a close one 63-64.

Next, the Trojans traveled to Frankfort to take on the Wildcats. Towards the beginning of the game, the game was back and forth. Slowly the Trojans pulled away, getting the victory. The final score was 60-48. Then, the Trojans took on the Axtell Eagles on

Senior Night. The Trojans had three seniors on the team, William Boeh, Trevor Bembrick, and Daulton Jasper. This game was another close one. From the beginning there were many lead changes. When it got to the end, the Trojans handled business and got the win. The final score was 63-59.

Next, the Trojans faced their rivals the Doniphan West Mustangs. The Trojans came out on fire, hitting many shots. For the first quarter the game was a close one once again. As the game progressed, the Trojans did what they

had to do and pulled away from the Mustangs, getting another win, 51-33.

Now it was sub-state time. The Trojans were the number four seed in their sub-state which gave them one more home game. For the first round of sub-state, the Trojans took on the McLouth Bulldogs. Home-court advantage seemed to really help this game. From the very beginning, the Trojans made everything look like a piece of cake. The Trojans creamed the Bulldogs 82-47.

Since they had defeated the Bulldogs, the Trojans

traveled to Valley Falls, to take on the Dragons. The game was close at the beginning, but the Trojans seemed to have lost their momentum in the second half of the game. They fell hard to the Dragons 38-59, ending their season.

Junior Collin Jasper was selected as part of the All-TVL second team, and was honorable mention 2A all-state.

William Boeh was selected to play in the All-star game at Highland Community College.

## Lady Trojans fight to finish

by Baileigh Jenkins

After defeating Clifton-Clyde on Queen of Courts, the Lady Trojans traveled to Centralia to face the Panthers. In the first half, the Lady Trojans stuck with the Panthers. They fought for 50/50 balls, and took care of business on the defensive end; however, in the second half, they let the game slip away. The Lady Trojans were defeated 33-43.

Next, the Trojans traveled all the way to Linn to take on the Bulldogs. The Trojans stuck with the Bulldogs all through the first half, only trailing by a few points at half-time. When the second half rolled around, the Lady Trojans acted like they didn't want to be there. In the third quarter, the Bulldogs pulled away from the Trojans. The Trojans ended up being defeated 30-49.

After that, the Lady Trojans hosted the Horton Chargers. The game was an all-out back-and-forth battle until the buzzer rang and the game was over. The Lady Trojans were forced to foul in the fourth quarter because they were behind. After fouling, the Lady Trojans couldn't do much on the offensive end, which killed them. The Lady Trojans ended up losing 24-29.

The very next day, the Lady Trojans traveled to Frankfort to face the Wildcats. Once again, this game was a back-and-forth battle. Towards the end of the fourth quarter, the Lady Trojans were down and forced to foul once again. The fouling didn't help because on the offensive end, the Lady Trojans didn't knock down shots like they knew they should

have. The Lady Trojans were defeated 40-45.

Then, the Lady Trojans hosted the Axtell Eagles for the last home game of the season and Senior Night. The Lady Trojans had three seniors: Kaylee Bennett, Alanie Stock, and Baileigh Jenkins. When playing the Eagles, the Lady Trojans showed everyone what it was like to play with some intensity. With the bench getting excited about the game, and the five on the court being pumped, the Trojans played great in the first half. In the third quarter, the Lady Trojans still played well, but not as well. In the fourth quarter the Eagles came back and made the game very tight. The Trojans were again forced to foul. The Trojans lost a nail-biter 36-39.

For the last regular-

season game, the Trojans faced one of their rivals, the Doniphan West Mustangs. This game was not a good one for the Lady Trojans. The basketball that was played was definitely not Lady Trojan Basketball. The Lady Trojans took a hard loss 18-39.

Now it was time for Sub-State to begin. The Lady Trojans were seeded fifth. For the first game of Sub-State, the Lady Trojans took on the Immaculata Raiders. The Trojans found out some disturbing health news about their former assistant coach, Kevin McNorton, so they chose to honor him by wearing his name on all of their shoes. The Trojans played better than they had in a while, and got a win! They defeated the Immaculata Raiders 36-33.

By getting that win, the Lady Trojans faced the number one team in the state, the Jefferson County North Chargers. The Trojans went into the game with nothing to lose. In the first quarter, the Trojans gained some respect by sticking close to the Chargers like no one thought they would. The rest of the game kind of got away from the Lady Trojans, and before they knew it, their season was over. The final score was 19-57. Although it may not sound good, the Lady Trojans held JCN under 60 points, which only three teams have this year. The final record of the Lady Trojans was 8-14.

Alanie Stock was honored with being chosen to play in the all-star game at Highland Community college, and as a part of the All-TVL second team.

## Tristan Speer, Troy's first ever state wrestling champion

by Courtney Klaus

Tristan Speer, junior, went undefeated all season with a record of 37-0. Friday, March 28, Speer traveled to Hays, Kansas, for state wrestling. There Speer won the 195-pound class 3-2-1A Kansas State Wrestling Championship.

Speer became the first ever state champion for Troy. Speer won the championship match by using a takedown and a pair of near-fall points to lead him 4-0 against AJ Cooper. He scored a final takedown in the third period before allowing an escape. Speer spent all season long ranked number one, according

to the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association.

For his first match at state, he found himself going against Randy Lahey and ended with a pin in only forty-three seconds. His second match, he wrestled against Phillipsburg senior Seth Bowsell. Speer won that match with a fall at three minutes and fifty-seven seconds.

Speer wrestles with the Doniphan West/Troy cooperative wrestling team during the season but during regionals and state they split and Speer wrestled for Troy.

"I thought it went well. Everything hap-

pened just the way I had pictured it happening. I wasn't nervous," said Tristan.



**Above:** Junior Tristan Speer wrestles Phillipsburg's senior, Seth Bowsell, for the state wrestling championship title.

**Photo by Julie Speer**

by Halli Wigger

The Troy High School track team began the season on March 3 with their first practice. Members are as follows: Freshmen Emma Collins, Lexi Norris, Kourtney Davies, Connor McNorton, Jarren Frump, and Brandon Schofield; Sophomores Jacklynn Clary, Holly Whetstine, Lauren Wigger, Jory Barnthson, and Preston Robinson; and Seniors Dalton Masters and Russell Ostertag. The coaches are Doug Fisher and Jared Wigger.

Friday, April 4, the Trojans competed in the Frankfort "Arctic" Invitational. In the 300 meter hurdles, Connor

McNorton received fifth place. In the boys 100 meter dash, Preston Robinson received fourth place. In the girls 100 meter dash, Holly Whetstine received second. Russell Ostertag received fifth in the boys long jump, and Lexi Norris received fourth in the girls long jump and Whetstine won first. Ostertag received 6th in the boys triple jump. In the 200 meter dash, Lauren Wigger received third and Emma Collins received fourth. In the 300 meter hurdles, Wigger won third. Whetstine took first in the 400 meter dash. Jacklynn Clary won sixth in the high

jump. In the 100 meter hurdles, Kourtney Davies won third and Collins took fourth. Dalton Masters won fourth in both shot put and discus. The boys 4x100 relay team consisting of Jarren Frump, McNorton, Ostertag, and Preston Robinson won fourth.

Tuesday, April 8, the team competed in the Valley Heights Invitational. Whetstine won third in long jump, fifth in the 400 meter dash, and eighth in the 100 meter dash. Wigger won eighth in the 300 meter hurdles. Clary took fifth in high jump. Norris took eighth in triple jump. McNor-

ton won seventh in the boys 300 meter hurdles.

April 10 was the Atchison Invitational, and Masters took fifth in shot put and sixth in discus. Norris won fourth in triple jump. Wigger won fifth in the 300 meter hurdles. Whetstine won fifth in the 400 meter dash and first in the long jump.

The most recent track meet was April 11 at McLouth. Frump won third in javelin. Robinson won second in the 100 meter dash. Dalton Masters won third in shot put and second in discus. Wigger took fourth in the 300 meter hurdles and sixth in the

100 meter dash. Whetstine won first in the 100 meter dash, fifth in the 400 meter dash, and third in the long jump.

The THS track team is off to a great start. Their next meet is at Seneca.

## Softball off to a rocky start

by Baileigh Jenkins

Softball is underway for the year but off to a bumpy start. The Lady Trojans took on the Riverside Cyclones for the first double header of the year. Fighting against the cold, first game nerves, and hits in the gaps, the Trojans took two hard losses 8-22 and 4-10.

For the second game of the season, the Trojans took on Nemaha Valley Central. Coming out on fire the first game, the Lady Trojans claimed their first win of the season 9-3. The second game of the double header was not as bad as the score looked. Going into the sixth inning

the Lady Trojans made a comeback and were only down by one run. Then the Trojans let the game slip away and lost 8-13.

The team consists of twenty girls: senior Holly Stegall, catcher; senior Baileigh Jenkins, second base; senior Kaylee Bennett, third base; senior Claire Marriott, second base; senior Alanie Stock, center field; junior Allyson Budine, pitcher and right field; junior Morgan Jamvold, right field; junior Ashley Stock, second base; sophomore Cailyn Anderson, short stop and left field; sophomore Josie Smith, left field and

right field; sophomore Jeanne Bergeonneau, right field; sophomore Kylee Anthony, left field; freshman Lauren Hill, left field; freshman Alexis Horner, left field; freshman Andrea Stock, right field and second base; freshman Brittany Klaus, third base; freshman Kori Bennett, center field; freshman Kassi Meng, pitcher and short stop; freshman Madysyn Guffy, right field; and freshman Blair Weishaar, first base.

For the third double header of the season the Lady Trojans took on the Maur-Hill Ravens. The Trojans dominated

both games 22-0 and 20-2. The Lady Trojans are now sitting at an even record of 3-3.



**Above: The 2014 softball team: Front row:** Claire Marriott, Holly Stegall, Kaylee Bennett, Alanie Stock, Baileigh Jenkins **Row 2:** Kylee Anthony, Lauren Hill, Alexis Horner, Andrea Stock, Morgan Jamvold, Brittany Klaus, Ashley Stock, Josie Smith **Row 3:** Kori Bennett, Allyson Budine, Kassi Meng, Madysyn Guffy, Blair Weishaar, Jeanne Bergeonneau, Cailyn Anderson. **Photo by Jessica Guffy**

## Baseball boys come up swingin’

by Kylee Anthony

Baseball is underway and the team swept the first two games 17-2 and 15-0. They were both against Riverside.

“The boys have a lot of potential and they do a lot of good things. During practices and the games they work hard, but it’s difficult when we only have one double header per week,” said Coach Roger Purdy.

“The boys still have a lot to work on but they will be ready for the games to come.” said assistant coach Todd Shifflet.

There are 21 baseball boys playing this year. Senior Dalton Jasper,

left field; senior Caleb Winkel, second base and pitcher; freshman Tyler Franken, second base; junior Jake Ross, left field and infield; freshman Cutter Huss, center field; junior Tristan Speer, left field, pitcher and short stop; senior Colton Masters, short stop and pitcher; freshman Reid Greaser, catcher and pitcher; sophomore Tayler Scherer, right field; junior Alex Schmille, right field and pitcher; freshman Brant Hamilton, left field; junior Collin Jasper, center field and pitcher; freshman

Alex Martinez, infield; freshman Wil Smith, third and first base and pitcher; senior Cody Israel, catcher; sophomore Dylan Langford, left field; junior Nathan Gaarder, third base and pitcher; freshman Wyatt Huss, infield and pitcher; freshman Brody Winder,

short stop and pitcher; sophomore Tucker Morris, center field and pitcher; sophomore Luke Smith, first base.

The most previous game was Friday, April 4. It was a home game against Heritage Christian.

**Below: The 2014 baseball team: Front row:** Tyler Franken, Tayler Scherer, Alex Martinez, Dalton Jasper, Cutter Huss **Row 2:** Chris Winkel, Brody Winder, Reid Greaser, Alex Schmille, Wyatt Huss, Jake Ross, Caleb Winkel, Tristan Speer **Row 3:** Brant Hamilton, Cody Israel, Colton Masters, Tucker Morris, Coach Roger Purdy, Nathan Gaarder, Wil Smith, Luke Smith, Collin Jasper. **Photo by Jessica Guffy**



Kitzman's Kartoons

Odd Trivia



Dylan Kitzman

Major-league umpire Cal Hubbard is the only person in both the football and baseball Halls of fame.

There are 62 LEGO bricks for every one of the world's 7 billion inhabitants.

More than 150 million sets of SCRABBLE have been sold worldwide.

Tipping is uncommon, and even considered rude, in many Asian countries.

In 1999, Fernando Tatis of the St. Louis Cardinals became the only player to hit two grand slams in the same inning.

The Mall of America is so large it could hold 258 Statues of Liberty, or 7 Yankee Stadiums.

It is illegal to use a Segway on streets, roads, or highways.

September 13, 1859, Californian senator David Broderick became the first sitting senator to be killed in a duel.

High-flyin' teen

by Halli Wigger

Children often muse over the thought, "I wish I could fly." However, for Troy freshman Kolton Constant, this dream has become a reality.

When Kolton Constant isn't in school, you might see him in the skies.

Constant began taking flying lessons when he was 13 years old through Express Flight, which is located next to Rosecrans Memorial Airport, right outside of St. Joseph, Missouri. In these lessons, Constant is heavily involved in hands-on learning. He focuses on air traffic rules, controls, and the basic ins and outs of flying. According to Constant, it's similar to driving, but in a plane.

Constant says his fascination began after a trip in which he rode on a commercial jet, and since then he says he has been hooked. He was headed home from a vacation and "fell in love" with not only the experience, but also the airplane itself.

In an interview with Constant, he also said that there are numerous reasons why he loves to fly, but that some of his favorite aspects are the sight-seeing, and the ability to say, "I'm a high schooler but I can fly a plane."

Constant's Facebook page contains numerous aerial photographs of Doniphan County and the Troy area. During Constant's regular

flights, he likes to snap as many photos as possible of the scenery below.

Constant typically takes lessons two or three times a month. Flying lessons can be extremely costly, so Constant's lessons operate through a trust fund system. When the system is full, or open, Constant jumps on the opportunity to take a new lesson.

Once Constant turns 17 years old he will be

able to receive his private pilot license, or PPL, with which he can independently fly for private parties. With this license he cannot legally fly for a job, though. That comes several years later.

Once Constant attends four years of college, he will then be eligible to fly commercially, which is what he has chosen for his future career. Constant

says his dream is to be a commercial jet pilot.

Constant finds time to balance several different activities along with his flying lessons. Constant stays in good standing at Troy High School and also participates in FFA and plans on running for office at the end of the school year.

The next time you hear the distant rumbling in the sky, make sure you look up... you might just see one of our fellow Trojans flying.



Left: Freshman Kolton Constant.  
Photo by Baileigh Jenkins

# April 2014

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1	2	3	4	5	
		3pm MS Track @ D West  4:30pm Softball @ Nemaha Valley  	4pm Spelling Bee @ Riverside West Campus	1pm MS Track @ Washington (Hosted by Hanover)  6:30pm Preschool Parent Meeting	3pm HS Track @ Frankfort  4:30pm Baseball @ Troy vs Heritage Christian Academy	Troy Speech Meet   Happy Birthday, Jessica Burton!	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Senior Dinner	Happy Birthday, Chris Winkel!	4:30pm JV Softball/ Baseball @ McLouth  7 p.m. Preschool Concert	THS Assembly	3:30pm Baseball @ Maur Hill  3:30pm HS Track @ Atchison - TBA 4pm MS Track @ Oskaloosa  4pm Softball @ Maur Hill	3pm HS Track @ McLouth  4:30pm JV Baseball @ Troy vs. Maur Hill	ACT Test  Regional Speech  Speech Meet @ Nemaha Valley	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
	4:30pm JV Baseball @ Oskie  4:30pm Softball @ Troy vs Oskie  6pm Board of Education Meeting	4pm HS Track @ Seneca  4:30pm Baseball @ Oskaloosa  Happy Birthday, Halli Wigger!	State Music -- Large groups		No school!	Happy Birthday, Braden Hansen!	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
 Happy Birthday, Kevin Davis!	No school! Weather make-up day if needed.  4:30pm Baseball @ McLouth  4:30 pm Softball @ McLouth	JV Baseball @ Troy vs. Royal Valley  3:30pm HS Track @ Doniphan West		4:30pm Baseball @ Troy vs D West   Happy Birthday, Alex and Nicki Stanton!	4:30pm Softball @ Troy vs D West   Happy Birthday, Tanner and Trae Shelton!	Prom State Music (Solos & Small Ens.)	
27	28	29	30	May 1	2	3	
	3pm MS Track @ Seneca  7pm TGS Spring Concert K-6	7pm Gr. 7-12 Spring Music Concert		4pm HS Track @ Hiawatha  4:30pm Baseball @ Imac  4:30pm Softball @ Imac	12pm MS Track @ Riverside  5pm FFA Banquet  7pm Fine Arts Night	State Journalism State Speech	

