



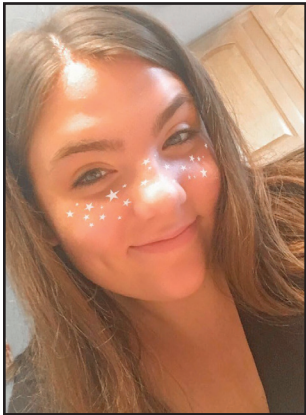
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Anna's Page

About the Author



Senior Tempo staff writer Anna Harman designed this page as her semester exam.

Anna Harman

Age: 18

Grade: Senior

Favorite movie:

"Aladdin" (2019).

Color: Yellow.

Book: *The Summer*

I Turned Pretty by:

Jenny Han.

Interests: Writing, singing, painting, and clocks.

Siblings: Two brothers and one sister.

Favorite class: Sociology.

Future career: Youth Minister.

Future college: Cedarville University.

Lucky number: 16

Random: I moved here five years ago, I love Chai tea, lavender ice cream, and playing nerts.

THS holds menstruation drive

By Anna Harman,
Trojan Tempo Staff Writer

THS- It's a situation many of us have experienced before... A girl is in the bathroom when she realizes she just started her period. She frantically texts her friends asking for a pad or a tampon but nobody replies. She stays stuck in the bathroom for 15 minutes before anybody comes to help her.

This happens more often than people realize. That time of the month can come unexpectedly and girls have to go on a 25 day safari to find period products. Our school may have found a solution to this problem.

In December, a menstruation product drive was held at Troy High School to help collect much needed period products to put in the girls bathrooms. Elena Schroeder, the Troy senior that thought up the idea for the drive, said the drive started when she explained..."I got a frantic text from my friend asking for a tampon right when the bell rang. My teacher told me to put my phone away and I told her it was an emergency and we started talking about how tampons should be provided in bathrooms. Since menstruation can be such a taboo topic in our society, you don't know there is such a need for products until you start talking about it. Once I got the support of some classmates in American Sign Language 4, MariCait Gillespie, Mrs. Szabo, and Mrs. Dedrick, I started brainstorming on how we could make this drive happen."

The girls at THS are very appreciative of this drive. "People don't realize how much us women go through to get that stuff. When you buy it, you are embarrassed and try to hide it. Telling boys that you need something of that kind, you feel judged. But through this drive, the ladies at this school can feel cared for and thought of," said freshman Brooklyn Halter.

"I'm very thankful for what Mrs. Szabo and the ASL 4 kids did. I think there should be a drive to help the junior high and Van Cleve as well," said Hailey Cox, a junior.

About 250 boxes/packages of products were donated during the drive. Moving forward, Schroeder hopes that Aunt Flow, a period product company for businesses and schools, (or a similar company) can provide products permanently for Troy High School. Until then, they encourage everyone to keep bringing in products to donate. They hope that this drive makes girls feel safer and overall makes THS a better place.

"This drive opens the conversation up about periods for girls who may not have someone to talk to at home and we hope we can provide girls with the period products they need in order to have a healthy and safe learning environment," MariCait Gillespie added.

To any male students that may have felt uncomfortable during this drive, "Please respect and support the drive. Menstruation is a healthy, normal, and biological process. There is no way for you all to experience menstruation, let alone the experience of being stuck without menstruation products. This is something every girl goes through. Girls appreciate it when guys handle this topic maturely," Schroeder said.

Periods are natural! Nobody should feel embarrassed talking about it or having one. Please bring any donations you may have throughout the year to Mrs. Szabo, room 274.

Tornadoes touch down in Troy



The awning outside Grandpa Joe's Candy Store was damaged by the tornado. *Photo by the Internet*

By Anna Harman,
Trojan Tempo Staff Writer

TROY- Without much warning, residents of Troy were faced with two EF0 tornadoes. Late on January 11, winds reaching 80 mph spawned two tornadoes that only lasted for two minutes. They touched down in the downtown Troy and Fletcher areas. Many businesses downtown were damaged, including: The Caroline, Grandpa Joe's Candy Shop, Ruby's Beauty Salon, the old courthouse just west of Leaf and Vine (112 W Main Street), and many more. Roofs were ripped off, stone fell onto the sidewalk, trees were uprooted all over town, and many cars were severely damaged.

The tornadoes had already passed by the time many of us got the warning and it seemed like no big deal because news stations were already saying that the warning was canceled 30 minutes later. Residents later came to find out that this did more damage than assumed. This was shocking to our community because downtown has always been the true heart of our city. Buildings over one hundred years old were damaged, businesses we all have gone to countless times struggled to assess the damage in the dark, but first responders and concerned citizens helped those affected by the tornadoes.

Jaden Wright, a senior, was driving downtown during the time that the tornado hit. "I saw a flashing green light in the sky and rain, the trees falling, lights flickering, windows shaking, and signs blowing. It was so scary watching the funnel clouds go right over your car," he said.

"I was working and during the storm I went home. I was calm. I was just doing homework when the power went out," senior Frida Hoening said.

Gracie Morlan, a sophomore, said "A car at Kroger was blown from one parking space to another. It's all so crazy."

All this shows, the tornado did more damage than most of us assumed. Overall, we are very fortunate that nobody was hurt and that the damaged buildings can be repaired. Many people helped clean up the next day, but there are still homes in need of help. Those interested in volunteering to help with clean up can call the Troy Fire Department at (937) 335-1700, or email volunteer@troyohio.gov.

Horoscopes: What the stars say for you

Aries: It will be a month of accomplishment and happy times.

Taurus: You should not be in a hurry to accomplish your goals this month.

Gemini: The month will see enormous development in your life.

Cancer: There will be

major transformations in your life which may disturb your normal routine. However, these will help you to advance in life at a faster pace.

Leo: Life will move at a faster pace. Concentrate on the major issues so you will be able to use your energy to the maximum and allow unimportant issues to pass for the time being.

Virgo: The month portends to be financially beneficial.

Libra: Gradually things will brighten up during the month. The emphasis will be on relationships and home affairs.

Scorpio: The month will be fast-paced but you will get time to relax. There will be plenty of obstacles and you have to deal with them

with patience.

Sagittarius: It will be a cheerful month. A haunting problem that was draining you out will be resolved.

Capricorn: There will be all-round growth and prosperity. This is the right time to achieve mental happiness and spiritual satisfaction.

Aquarius: It is time to be dominant and get things done the way you want. The aim should be to accomplish your goals and not bulldoze others.

Pisces: You will get rid of useless friendships and find new ones this month.

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New Year's Resolutions

By Cheyenne Copeland,
Trojan Tempo Staff Writer

THS- New Year's Resolutions are an annual tradition. Typically, it's a bunch of people claiming they will get in shape and stay organized throughout the year. Those new routines typically only lasts a week or so before they fall back into bad habits. It's hard to quit bad habits. That's why many people don't try. The Trojan Family has some New Year's Resolutions for 2020.

"My resolution was to be less petty-- it's NOT going well so far, still a work in progress." MariCait Gillespie

"Work out more-- it's going well." Olivia Mills

"Work out everyday and not eat fast food as much-- it's going really good." Kylie Smith

"Work out more and it's not going too well ." Audri Fergerson

"To stop procrastinating... it's going just about as good as it has in previous years, not well." Jenna Ulrich

"My New Year's resolution is to have a good season in track this year and support my teammates." Caleb Steggemann

"To work on getting physically healthier from my ankle and eating healthy-- it's going pretty good. I have been in the weight room and in to see the trainers to get back to being able to play and I've been eating healthier foods." Chamber Browning

"Going to work out at least two times a week before school or work--It's going well, some weeks I miss a day then make it up the next few weeks, but it is hard. I will get better with time and get used to getting up that early." Lucas Hensley

"My New Year's Resolution was to go to the gym at least three days a week-- I haven't failed yet so that's good." Owen Davis

"Stop procrastinating-- it's

going good, I'm just trying to stay on top of my homework and not wait till the last minute to do things." Kaylee King

"This year I wanted to start taking better care of my skin -- so far it has gone wonderfully." Cady Rhea

"Show up to school more often--it's going well." Timothy Hughes

"My New Year's Resolution was to be patient and let time do its job-- it's not going too well, I have a countdown until graduation. It can't come any sooner." Jaden Wright

"I want to do more for my mom and help her out-- it's going better than I thought." Athena Abner

"Keeping a more positive mind-set and attitude despite the situation and try to make the best out of it-- so far it's going well."Cassidy Poland

"Work out more-- and it's going good." Navin Couch

"To make the next five months memorable and the best-- it's going pretty good." Sean Keenan

"My New Year's Resolution is to eat healthier-- so far it's going really really well. My others are to obtain an indoor garden, which is going on right now. And to make bank which is also going pretty well and to try and be a better person which is also going really well." Frida Hoening.

"My New Year's Resolution is to eat healthier-- it's going pretty well. I learned a bunch of new recipes." Dani Sloan

"Mine is definitely learning how to focus on my own happiness instead of relying on others for it. I'd say right now it's kind of difficult because I'm learning how to break out of old habits, but I'm making progress quickly and I'm really happy about it. I know it's important to be able to be content with yourself without needing other people's approval and that's why I chose it for my New Year's Resolution."

Mikayla Byrd

"To keep good fitness and stay healthy and get involved with college more-- it's going pretty well, I'm going to two college camps and still healthy." Gavin Marshall

"Being positive, and it's going well :)" Savannah Travers

"This year I'm trying to become healthier and more fit to feel better about myself-- it's going pretty good, my diet is great as well." Brianna Hatfield

"Trying to go to sleep earlier-- not going good at all." Luis Fuentes

"My New Year's Resolution was to not procrastinate as much-- it's going well." Jaden Williams

"Try and do more of my homework-- it's not going too well." Jesse Symonds

"I've been eating healthier-- it's going well." Mia Baker

"My New Year's resolution is to work on my shots in soccer. It's going well because I practice every week." Sumedha Wundavalli

"Improve my backhand in tennis-- it's going well." Mr. Westfall

"Get money-- it's going pretty bad. I have 50 cents. I need a new way to make money." Olivia Oliver

"Raise my grades-- it's going good. I have all As." Claire Harju

"Coach cheerleading and gymnastics again-- it's going okay, I'm applying to many gyms around here." Emma Rupert

The Trojan Family resolutions seem to be either doing okay. Those who are doing really well seem to have made it a priority. When trying to get out of old habits, it can be extremely difficult. Just push through it and be the best you that you can be. 2020 is our year!

About the writer

Cheyenne Copeland

My best friends are Sarah Kraynek, Anna Harman, Adam Tibbits and Brandon Swallow. I love all animals. I have three cats, a tortoise and a dog. My favorite season is summer, the hot weather is my favorite. I love swimming, hunting and fishing. I work at Outback Steak house.



When I Was a Senior

By Cheyenne Copeland,
Trojan Tempo Staff Writer

What was your dream job as a child?

As a kid, I wanted to be a professional athlete. As I got into high school, though, I wanted to either be the next Stuart Scott and be an ESPN sportscenter anchor, or be a basketball coach.

What's your favorite color?
Blue.

What high school did you attend?
Ashland High School in Ashland, OH.

What year did you graduate?
2003.

What songs, tv shows or movies were popular your senior year?

The most popular tv shows: Friends, TRL (Total Request Live) on MTV
The top "social media" was AOL Instant Messenger.
Music was very diverse. Popular bands were Backstreet Boys, N'Sync, Blink-182, Linkin Park, Nickleback, and Creed. I listened to Rap/Hip-Hop the most. Some of my favorite artists were Eminem, 50 cent, Jay-Z, Fabolous, and Nelly.

What college(s) did you attend?
Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

What subject do you teach?
Math.

Favorite thing about teaching your subject?
The "Aha" moment- when a student works really hard and a concept finally "clicks".

Tips to succeed in your class?
#OwnIt - own your own learning. Work hard and be proactive. Advocate for yourself and ask questions if you do not understand something.

Plans after you retire?
I would like to travel to different cities and countries.



Mr. Hess's freshman AAU team. Recognize LeBron James?

What job would you have if you couldn't be a teacher?

Be on a college basketball staff or work in sports journalism or broadcasting.

Favorite book?

Lone Survivor - Marcus Luttrell
Chop Wood, Carry Water - Josh Medcalf
The Energy Bus and *Training Camp* - Jon Gordon

Best teacher friend?

With it being my first year at Troy, I am still building relationships with a lot of the teachers. But everyone that I interact with has been great!

Who would you choose to play you in a movie?

Ben Affleck or Vince Vaughn

Advice for graduates?

Leave a legacy. Everywhere you go, you will have the opportunity to influence and inspire others. Embrace those opportunities and challenge yourself to leave a positive imprint wherever life leads you!

Name: Mr. Hess

Netflix: "You" worth watching

By Cheyenne Copeland,
Trojan Tempo Staff Writer

THS- "I like the show "You" on Netflix because it is full of twists and turns. It is interesting to see how a person becomes infatuated with someone will do anything for them, good or bad," said junior Alexis Carroll.

"You" on Netflix has everyone talking about Joe Goldberg.

You might think this is just a stereotypical chick flick, but guys watch it as well. It's not just about the love or infatuation, it shows you that even when you think you're safe that maybe you're really not. It opens your eyes to a whole new perspective.

"I think it's a good show, it makes you think about a lot of interesting stuff and makes you think about how things are from the villain's perspective. It makes you feel and root for the villain," said senior Christian Jones. It shows you that people may not be who you truly believe they are, and opens your eyes to the fact that people like this actually exist.

Joe's character has changed and grown over the two seasons. In season one, Joe is a little creepy, but no-

body really thinks twice about it. He is very witty, charming and extremely intelligent. He loves reading, he even works in a bookstore.

When he sees Guinevere Beck, he instantly chooses her and she then becomes "you". Beck wants to be a writer. She is very smart, charming, witty, but there's so much pain inside her. Joe falls in love with Beck and refuses to let anybody get in the way of his relationship with Beck, no matter what. This meant killing Beck's best friend Peach, all because she was in love with Beck and hated Joe, he saw her as a threat. He also killed Benji, Beck's ex boyfriend. Beck starts seeing Dr. Nicky for therapy over her best friend dying. Joe frames him for Peach's murder. Beck soon tries to find Joe's ex girlfriend, Candace, but she seems to have disappeared out of thin air.

"I really like the show; I think the main character Joe develops a lot after two seasons. Even though he is supposed to be a bad guy I still love him. I think a lot of people would like the show, especially because of the plot twists it has. Overall, I think everyone should watch it,"

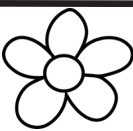
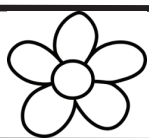
said junior Ellie Weaver.

In season two, we find out Joe has now kidnapped a guy named Will Bettelheim and taken his name. Will (Joe) has to teach himself how to love again.

He learned a lesson from season one: it's too dangerous for him to love again. Until he meets Love in LA. Her parents own Anavarin, a Whole Foods kinda shop, she's a rich kid with a twin brother named Forty.

Forty has a drug addiction and Love tries to keep him together at all costs and shields him from anything that may cause a relapse. There's also a few more new characters, such as Calvin, manager at Anavarin, Delilah, his apartment manager, and her little sister Ellie. He stalked Love before they even got together, which led him to LA.

Once he starts falling for Love more and more, Forty meets "Amy" who is really Candace coming back for revenge on Joe and to save Love from his evil mind. To see everything that happened within the second season, start streaming now. Season 3 will come out in 2021.



Climate change, a real concern

By Sophie Matthies,
Trojan Tempo Staff Writer

THS- It’s no secret that climate change has had a huge effect on our world. Every day, humans release more greenhouse gases into the atmosphere and cut down more forests. Are we doing enough to help? Sure, we occasionally throw our paper in the recycling bin, but does that really do that much? If we aren’t willing to do something about it, how can we expect our future generations to survive? “The earth’s temperature has risen more dramatically over time, every year the earth’s average temperature rises. We are at a very critical point when it comes to reversing the effects of climate change,” explained biology teacher Mr. McCullough. Although things are

looking uncertain for our planet’s future, not all is lost. I’m sure you’ve all heard of popular YouTuber, Mr. Beast. He started an uproar on YouTube, in which he wanted to plant 20 million trees after he hit his 20 million subscribers milestone in honor of hitting 20 million subscribers. To help him on his journey, celebrities like the CEO of SpaceX, Elon Musk, and Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey have donated money to support the cause. The total amount of trees planted hit 20,000,000 on December 19, just 56 days after it was launched. Another name that’s been quite familiar in the climate change epidemic is Greta Thunberg. Speaking one of her most prominent

lines, “How dare you?” to world leaders, the 16 year old environmental activist has also caused people all over the world to learn about how much we’ve damaged the earth. In September 2019, she traveled to America to address the problem. She spoke to world leaders about what we need to do to ensure the thriving of our next generations. Coming from someone as young as she is, this was a wake up call. Her speech caused protests all over the world, which accumulated more than 4 million people globally. Though it’s good that these things are happening, the future of the world depends on us being willing to change. So, what can each of us do to help?

This is a huge problem, and we as inhabitants of the world need to do something, for the world’s sake. “We could reduce fossil fuel emissions and ethanol emissions,” said junior James Craft. Although we can’t do this ourselves, hopefully someone with a bit more power will lead us. On a smaller scale of things that we can do. “Turn the lights off every time you leave the room, maybe use our phones less,” said Samantha Matthies, a freshman. This is a really big problem that’s growing worse day by day. If we don’t do something, and do it soon, the future of the earth as we know it is looking grim.

“Hollywood’s Bleeding” Album Review Part One



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By Sophie Mathies,
Trojan Tempo Staff Writer

TROY- “Hollywood’s Bleeding” - Starting out this list strong is the title track of the album, “Hollywood’s Bleeding.” The song begins very soft and pretty sounding. But soon after it smoothly transitions into a more rap/hip hop feel. The chorus is very well written, and the vocals portrayed in the chorus add to the unique feel of this song. Overall, I really enjoyed the first track.

“Saint-Tropez” - This was definitely enjoyable to listen to, but the lyrics were really nonsensical and a little bit pointless. For example: “Abs like Abercrombie Fitch (d***, ooh) / Milly, on my, whoa.” What really makes the difference in this song is how he delivers the lyrics. His singing is exceptional in this song. Besides the lyrics, this song wasn’t bad.

“Enemies” - This song was pretty cool. The actual sound of it was good, and the additional singing from rapper “Da-Baby” fit into the song

well. I have no complaints about this song. “Allergic” - I really appreciate that the vocals (in the beginning at least) sound a lot less sad than in the previous songs. They seem more hopeful in a way. My favorite lyrics of the song are probably: “Instead of holdin’ me down you’re only holding me up / It shouldn’t be so hard, this is impossible love, allergic.” The beat in the background is also really cool and interesting. One thing that I really love about this album so far is how every song has its own unique touch.

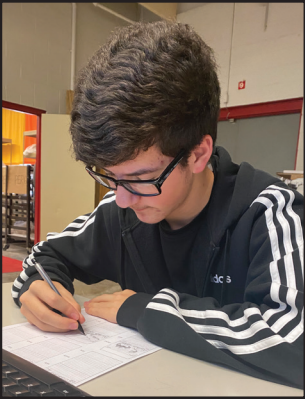
“A Thousand Bad Times” - In this song, the beat and the effects on his voice are really cool sounding, but what really brings this gorgeous song together is the chorus. It was well written, and he sings it really nicely. Of these songs, this one is my favorite so far.

“Circles” - This song is lyrically outstanding. The lyrics are very pretty and make more sense than in the previous songs. This album displays many unique sounding songs, and this one is probably the most pop-like of all of the songs.

About the writer Sophie Matthies

- I’ve lived in Troy my whole life.
- My favorite band right now is probably twenty one pilots.
- I have two Pomeranians named Oliver and Lily.
- I’m 16 years old.
- I usually spend most of my free time working, listening to music, or watching YouTube.
- My favorite color is purple.
- I want to be a meteorologist when I’m older.
- I prefer iced tea over coffee.

Artist In Residence:



Name: Evan Joins
Grade: 10

How long have you been drawing? Since about 3 or 4 years old.

Do you have any other talents or interests? I can play an instrument, play soccer, and I run track.

How did you learn to draw? I taught myself.

What was the hardest thing to learn in terms of art? That not everything needs to have a lot of detail.

What do you love most about art? The realistic value you can make with a pencil.

Have Troy classes helped you as an artist? Yes.

What advice do you have for the underclassmen that are interested in art? If you want to then pursue it, you never know what you can accomplish.

How has art impacted your life? It gives me something to do.

What artist or mentor has been your biggest inspiration? My aunt. I saw her art at a young age and wanted to be able to do what she could.

What to do on a snow day... if we have any more!

By Sophie Matthies,
Trojan Tempo Staff Writer

TROY- One of the best feelings for a student is waking up to a snow day. An entire day free of learning, stress, and waking up way too early is a dream come true. Although snow days are great, most of us probably spend the whole day watching entire series on Netflix or scrolling on social media. Even though it’s good to have a day to unwind every once in awhile, why not make the most of your day? Listed below are three things you can do to make the most of your next free day.

Clean your room.

I know what you’re thinking, why would I want to clean my room on a snow day? Although it can be a drag to do, cleaning your room is an important thing to do on a daily basis. If you’re like me, and don’t clean your room regularly, then you’ll have to get it clean sometime. So why not make the most of the

day and clean your room? I make cleaning more enjoyable by playing my music out loud and opening up my windows to let in natural light. Even though it usually does take the whole day for me to do, being as lazy as I am, when I finish I always feel like I accomplished something.

Have a snowball fight with your family/friends.

A good way to make the most of the snowy weather is to go outside. Along with having a snowball fight, you could also try to make a snowman. This is especially fun if you haven’t done it before, because everyone should experience playing in the snow at least once in their life. Just be sure to wear warm clothes, gloves, and snow boots if you have them.

Discover new music.

One of my favorite ways to spend my free time is finding new music. That incredibly happy feeling you get when you find a new

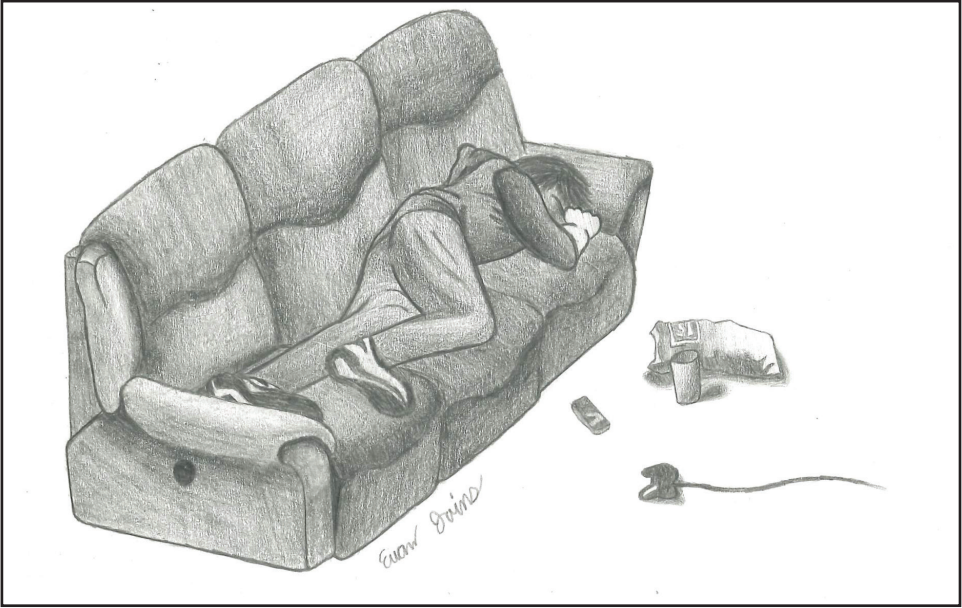
song/artist boosts my mood for the entire day. Even if you aren’t spending the whole day sunrise to sunset shuffling artists on Spotify, it’s still a very fun activity to spend some of your free day doing. (If you have Spotify, one of the best ways to find new music is to scroll all the way down on the home page until you find the titles that say “Similar to (An Artist you listen to)”. Playing music that Spotify recommends to you is always a good idea.

Along with these ideas, here are some more things other students at THS do on their snow days:

“Sometimes I just sit around and do nothing, but if I feel motivated to do it, I will sew,” said Abigail VanHook.

“Catch up on sleep or clean my room,” said Morgan Naranjo.

“I watch TV, play video games, or read,” said Dahlia Lazier.



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Female Athlete of the Month



Name: Lily Hemm
School: Troy High School
Grade: Senior
Sport: Swimming

Words to live by: “Just keep swimming!”
Toughest opponent: Hailey Honeycutt.
Favorite home-cooked meal: Lasagna.
Favorite restaurant: Chipotle.
Whose mind would you like to read: My dog’s mind, Griffey.
Place where you’d love to travel: Italy.
Something in the world you’d like to change: Personally, I want to become a doctor so I can help people live their best lives.

Do you plan to play in college, where: I plan to attend either The Ohio State University or Wellesley College.

What sets you apart from your competition: If I decide I’m going to do something, I do it.

What are your strengths: I am very driven and have worked very hard for all of my accomplishments.

What are your goals for yourself before you finish high school: To keep working hard, to get good grades, and have fun.

What keeps you motivated: I am usually very driven and am motivated by my teammates a lot.

What gets you fired up before a game: Listening to music and hanging out with my teammates.

Other clubs/activities/sports: National Honors Society and Vice President of Key Club.

Most memorable accomplishment: Probably when I qualified for districts my sophomore year in the 500 yard freestyle or setting the Troy High School Women’s 1650 yard freestyle record this year with a time of 20:57.73.

Advice for aspiring players: Join swim team, it’s a lot of fun and we are always there to support our teammates!

Who is your role model: My friend, Katie Castaneda is a great role model because she always perseveres in every part of her life and is inspiring to her peers.

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By Payton Ross,
Trojan Tempo Sports Editor

TROY- With the news of Kobe Bryant and his daughter passing away in a helicopter accident this week, the world was shocked and saddened. Basketball players near and far have been influenced by Bryant’s hard-working, “not enough” mind-set.

In October 2018, Bryant released a book called *The Mamba Mentality*. *The Mamba Mentality* takes the readers into the mind of one of the most analytical, intelligent, creative basketball players of all time. In an interview with CBS Sports, Bryant states the Mamba Mentality is “to be able to constantly try to be the best version of yourself.”

Not only basketball players have been influenced by this mentality

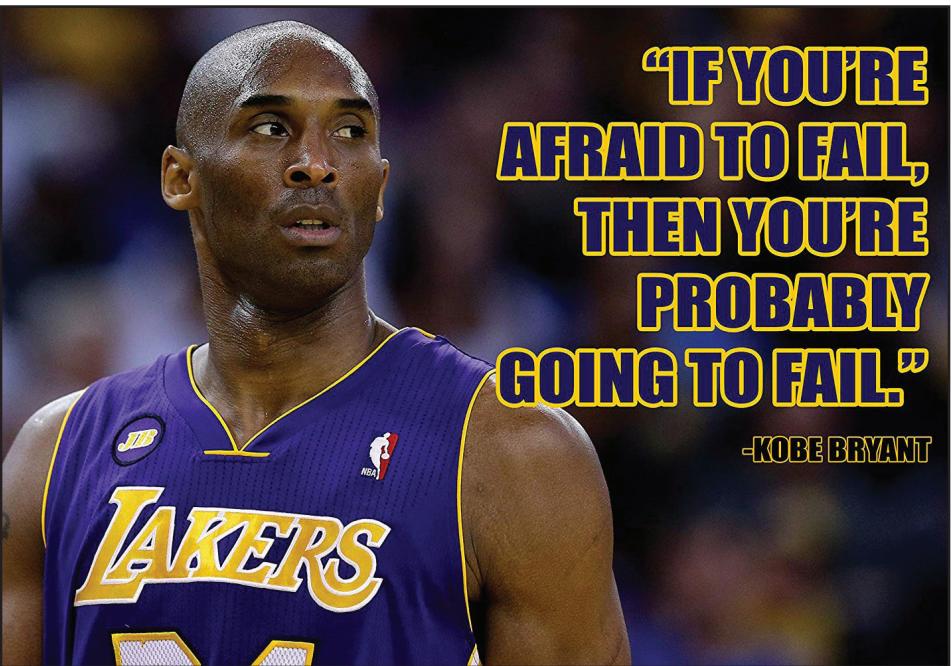


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but athletes, students and adults have also taken on this mentality in their everyday lives.

When the news came out that Kobe died in the accident, everybody was shocked, but when the news broke that his 13-year-old daughter passed away as well, it took this tragedy to a different level.

Gianna Bryant played basketball. The two, plus

seven others, were heading to a basketball game when Bryant’s private helicopter crashed. Now, fans all around the world are left with the impossible task of trying to sort out all he did and not only the impact he left on the basketball industry, but as a father figure as well.

Bryant’s legacy is that no matter what you put your mind to, even if you know you can’t ac-

complish it or you won’t be perfect, there is no reason not to strive for your goal.

The NBA lost a legend, but the Bryant family lost so much more. To us, he is known as Three Rings and Black Mamba, but to the Bryants he is known as daddy, husband, brother, son and so much more. Rest in peace 24.

Male Athlete of the Month



Name: Troy High School
School: Shaeden Olden
Grade: Junior
Sport: Basketball

Words to live by: You win some, you lose some, but you live to fight another day.

Toughest opponent: Myself.

Favorite home-cooked meal: Meatloaf.

Favorite restaurant: Mom’s kitchen.

Whose mind would you like to read: Ann’s.

Place where you’d love to travel: Jamaica.

Something in the world you’d like to change: The hate people have for each other.

Do you plan to play in college, where: Yes, undecided.

What sets you apart from your competition: My mentality.

What are your strengths? Being a leader.

What are your goals for yourself before you finish high school: Leave my mark.

What keeps you motivated: What I have been through/come from.

What gets you fired up before a game: Music.

Other clubs/activities/sports: AAU.

Most memorable accomplishment: Dub on Fort.

Who is your role model: My mom and dad.

Ross Recap: Winter Sports

By Payton Ross,
Trojan Tempo Sports Editor

Boys Basketball- The boys are currently 10-6 overall and 8-5 in league play. Juniors Shaeden Olden and Jaden Owens have had a lot to contribute to the Trojans this year. Olden, who was featured as Male Athlete of the month, dropped 32 points against West Carrollton on January 17 which was his highest scoring game. Olden is currently second in the MVL for rebounds and points per game. Jaden Owens dropped 32 points against Middletown on December 23 which is his highest scoring game of the season. The Trojans have two home games remaining. On February 4, the boys host number one Sidney in the MVL (Valley). On February 14, the boys are taking on the Piqua Indians in a rivalry showdown. Make sure you come and support the Trojans at their last two home games and pack the student section.

Girls Basketball- This season, the girls basketball team is currently 10-7 overall and 9-5 in league play. Sophomore Macie Taylor is currently number two in the MVL standings for average number of steals per game and third in the MVL for average points scored per game. On January 22, Taylor dropped a career high 27 points against Fairborn which led them to the 53-52 win against the Skyhawks. Tia Bass is also making her mark on the MVL defensively. Bass is currently second in the MVL for average number of rebounds and blocks per game. Bass is currently third offensively for field goal percentage. With only a couple of weeks left in the season, the girls are facing some big league games that could be crucial for the OHSAA playoffs. The girls will be hosting Tipp City on February 1 and then will be traveling to Piqua on February 8.

Hockey- This season, the Trojan hockey team has been focused on rebuilding the team and getting the underclassman ready for the upcoming years. Troy is currently 4-11-1 overall.

“The main goal is this year is to rebuild and help grow the hockey team,” said senior Zak Uhlenbrock. “We have to get a lot of young players. We really want to get the community and students more involved as well. The team is very optimistic and positive about the rest of the season. The team has been in the shadows for a while now and we really want to change that.”

The boys’ next hockey game will be on February 2 at Hobart Arena against Alter. The game will begin at 11:30 so make sure you show some Trojan spirit and watch the boys fight for the win.

Gymnastics- To begin the 2020 gymnastics season, the girls traveled to Cincinnati and placed sixth. The Trojans had their first home meet on January 21. The girls finished in sixth once again, scoring 129.750 points. Senior gymnast Sarah Kraynek placed fifth overall by 34.3 points. She placed third on the vault (9.1), tied for fifth on the beam (8.6) and scored

8.8 on the floor and 7.8 on the bars. Last season, Kraynek was an individual state qualifier in the vault. Octavia Rambert was Troy’s other individual placer. Rambert placed 11th on floor, scoring a 9.0. Make sure you clear your calendars and come out to Gem City in Tipp City to support the seniors on Senior Night. Senior Night will take place on February 7 with a start time of 5:45.

Swimming- On January 25, the swim team traveled to Trotwood to compete in the MVL Championship meet. Lily Hemm, Hailey Honeycutt, Megan Robinson and Addie Fields placed third in the 200 Medley Relay. Lily Hemm, Hailey Honeycutt, Addie Fields and Ally Kyle placed third in the 400 Freestyle Relay. Lily Hemm placed third overall in the 500 Freestyle. Congratulations to Lily Hemm for setting the school record for the mile swim by a time of 20:57.73. Hemm’s time was more than 20 seconds faster than the old record that was set in 2015 by Lindsey Orozco. With key swimmer Michael Griffith out for the boys, the boys gave all that they had at the meet but did not end up placing in the top five in any events. The boys placed seventh overall by 110 points.

Wrestling- On January 11, the wrestling team traveled to Miamisburg. Carlos Quientero placed second, Nolan Fox placed third and Joe Cusick placed fifth. Quientero is currently second in the 160 weight class in the MVL going 20-5 along with 16 pins. Nolan Fox is currently third in the 106 weight class in the MVL going 15-9 followed by 10 pins. Joe Cusick is currently third in the 195 weight class going 6-10 with three pins. Zach Evans is seventh in the 126 weight class going 4-6. Carson DeHart is third in the 180 weight class going 4-11. Noah Leach is currently sixth in the 182 weight class going 6-14.

Bowling- The boys bowling team is currently tied with Tipp City for the number one spot in the MVL (Miami) standings. They are currently 6-4 overall and 4-1 in league play. The girls bowling team is currently second in the MVL (Miami) with a 6-4 overall record and 3-2 record in league play. On January 20, the bowling teams traveled to the Pioneer Classic in Lima. Both teams finished seventh at the Pioneer Classic, with the boys and girls both qualifying for the championship bracket, but falling in the first round. The boys were sixth out of 22 teams heading into championship play with a 3,391, but they fell 3-0 to St. Henry and dropped to seventh in the final standings. The girls were seventh out of 19 teams after qualifying with 2,832, but they fell to Wapakoneta 3-0 in the opening round. On January 25, the teams competed in the ‘Boro Rolloff Saturday at Poelking South. The Trojan girls qualified for the finals but fell in head-to-head play and finished fourth, while the boys finished seventh in the 22-team field.

Accurate as of January 27

About the author...

My name is Payton Ross and I am a senior. I have been writing for the Trojan Tempo since I was a sophomore and have always enjoyed it. I am currently the Sports Editor. I love writing about sports and interacting with our athletes. It is something I am very passionate about and love doing. I am planning on majoring in sports medicine or athletic training when I go off to college and I hope to get involved with my college’s sports teams in any way possible.

Logan M. Watern

Troy High School 2020



About the author...

Hi, I'm Logan M. Watern. I am an 18 year old senior who attends Troy High School. Most days you can find me over at the senior bench or walking the halls with my super large ACU camo bookbag hoisted on my shoulders. I enjoy learning about anything car or military related and can tell you all about certain aircraft or armored vehicles from any nation's armed forces or self defense forces.



M1 Abrams, a 40 year old Titan

By Logan M. Watern,
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LIMA- For more than 100 years there has been a machine on the battlefield that has made infantrymen run in fear...a machine that is able to cross trenches, run over barbed wire, and move over terrain that a usual car or truck would not be able to maneuver over...it can do this while shooting and taking shots from small arms and other large caliber weapons.

This machine is the all powerful and fearsome tank, and for 40 years the United States of America has used the infamous M1 Abrams Main Battle Tank (MBT).

The M1 Abrams has newer variants being used in the US Army and US Marine Corps. Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, Egypt, and Australia with the Republic of China (Taiwan) all operate versions of the Abrams .

The M1 was originally born as a plan to make a modernized and advanced Main Battle Tank that was to replace the M48, Patton's younger and stronger brother, the M60 family of tanks. The XM1 program was launched in the 1970s and both GM and Chrysler put out concepts for testing by the US Government, with the victor being Chrysler Defense. The base M1 was upgraded to the M1IP (Improved Performance) entered service in 1984 with the same 105mm L7 gun, the M1A1 in 1986, and the heavily updated M1A2 in 1992.

The M1A1 served and performed very well in the Persian Gulf War in 1991 when the US led coalition forces for the UN pushed Saddam Hussein's Iraqi Republican Guard out of Kuwait, proving its reliability with its new 120mm M256 Smooth-bore main gun, an American built Rheinmetall L/44, and its large Honeywell HTG1500 gas turbine engine.

The Battle of 73 Easting, a tank battle in Operation Desert Sabre, was the defining moment and real test for the M1 Abrams. 159 T-72s and 260 light armored vehicles, including BMP-1s and Sturm-Ss, (of the infamous انزال القوات (Tawakalna Ala Allah) division, Iraq's Elite Fighting force of the Republican Guard) lasted just 90 minutes against UN forces led by the US. Only 24 Iraqi tanks were functional and able to move back to Baghdad.

The 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment (2nd ACR), a group assigned to the VII Corps, only lost 6 Dragoon APCs and



took damage to one M2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle. No M1 Abrams were destroyed by enemy fire. The reason for the success was superior armor, technology, planning, and the use of Blitzkrieg, a way of using speed to overwhelm the defending enemy force developed by World War II General Erwin Rommel of Germany.

After the Persian Gulf War the M1A2 started entering service with a host of upgrades and new parts, including a commander's independent thermal viewer, weapon station, position navigation equipment, a depleted Uranium mesh put on top of the Dorchester Armor, a transmission attached to the HTG1500 engine and a full set of controls and displays linked by a digital data bus.

This is a move away from the M1A1 which is considered to be the last analog tank developed by the US Department of Defense. Later, the M1A1s where upgraded to M1A1HC and M1A1D variants which brought them into the 21st century with technology borrowed from the M1A2.

The M1A2 SEP (System Enhancement Package) series was developed as a further system upgrade and added armor, including Depleted Uranium armor, and upgraded HEAT and APFSDS ammunition.

The M1A2 is still being upgraded in Lima, Ohio. A quick 45 minute drive north on I-75 you can find the only place in the world where upfitting of technology, repairs, and refurbishments are all taken care of and shipped out from. This makes Ohio important to the US and its allies across the world, all while bringing jobs and money to the local economy.

Today you can find the M1A1/M1A2 Abrams in US service in Eastern Europe along the borders of Belarus and Russia, Iraq, Syria, and in small numbers in Afghanistan fighting terrorist groups. Saudi Arabia uses M1A2S export Abrams tanks in the fight against Iranian backed Houthi rebels in Yemen, with moderate success. Iraq uses M1A1

Abrams tanks against ISIS in Iraq. Egypt uses license built M1A1 Abrams tanks in its military, and the Royal Australian Army has around 59 M1A1 tanks in its force to replace its older German made Leopard 1A5 MBTs.

The Abrams is depicted in multiple movies either as the real thing or a cheaper older tank modified to look like the Abrams. An example of this is in the movie Hulk (2003) where the Hulk appears to tear apart and throw a couple of M1A1 Abrams tanks, which were actually British made Centurion Mk.1 with fabricated parts to make it look like the American monster.

In conclusion, the M1 Abrams has served for 40 years and has done this remarkably well, so good in fact that it is expected to serve well into the 2030s alongside its replacement which is slated to come along in the mid 2020s.

If you have any questions or comments, or would like more of these articles you can message me @logan_watern19 on Instagram, or in Mr. Owen's room, 105.

Clunker of the month

By Logan M. Watern
Trojan Tempo Staff Writer

THS- Ladies and gentlemen, welcome back for the first Clunker of the Month for the year 2020. Today we have another vehicle to review that is just as good, or bad, as the last few cars and trucks we have reviewed in 2019.

Today we have MariCait Gillespie, a senior at Troy High School who you can find hanging out around the senior bench most mornings. Ms. Gillespie drives a 2009 Hyundai Sonata, that she has named Gertrude. This clunker has 171,774 hard driven miles on the odometer, and some rather interesting issues that come with almost 172,000 hard earned miles.

The first issue is rather interesting for a car to have, the windows will not roll down if the temperature is over 80 degrees Fahrenheit. This has got to be rather annoying when you have a typical Ohio summer day in August with 90 degree weather and high humidity index.

One of the biggest issues though is the brake system almost as a whole, with the brake pads, calipers, and hoses being replaced twice since she has procured the vehicle, and according to MariCait one of these may go out next.

One lesson you can learn from Ms. Gillespie and her car is that you should always listen to the check engine light when it comes on, for her this instance happened where gas fumes where leaking into the engine HVAC system, emitting the strong and somewhat sickening smell of gasoline.

A great story Ms. Gillespie has to share is when she first got her license and decided to take her friend to the local Cold Stone Ice Cream parlor and get some ice cream, as she pulled up she went too far and bent over the parking sign, as well as bending her front license plate. So far, Gertrude has been to the states of Georgia and New York, and has been stuck in the mud at Miami East which took seven

people to get it unstuck. On to the clunker rating, the first one of 2020 and the decade that follows. This is a system that will rate the overall car with respects of reliability, cost effectiveness, teenager sensibility, squad room, and style. This will be done on a one to ten scale with ten being the best and one being terrible, after all of the decisions have been made by the official THS Clunker judging panel, the scores will be added up and rated on a scale of 50 points.

Reliability is sort of low because of the brakes and their lack of reliability, but not too low due to the tried and true Hyundai reliability of the drivetrain, so a score of 6/10 points will fit nicely. Cost effectiveness is reasonably high due to the abundance of parts and the price runs around \$4,000-\$5,000 on Edmunds.com, so 8/10 points.

Teenager sensibility is high because the small size, low cost, and a gas mileage of 22 city/32 highway, this gives it a score of 8.5/10 points. Squad room is low because it is a smaller car, but can still fit five people, so a score of 5/10. Style is somewhat debatable here and we have come to a score of 5.5/10 points. This brings the score to 33/50 points, a very respectable score for a teen's first car.

If you have any suggestions or would like to be featured in next months issue, contact Logan Watern on Instagram @logan_watern19, or Mr. Owen in room 105.



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Bean Bag Books

By Jakob Smith,
Trojan Tempo Staff Writer

THS LIBRARY- Tom Clancy is notorious for writing large books. From *Hunt for Red October* to the Jack Ryan series, he is a man who somehow adds intricate detail to his story without bogging down the plot, *The Bear and The Dragon* is such a book. This is Tom Clancy's lengthiest book by far, weighing in at a whopping 1,028 pages long. Sometimes I wonder why I do this to myself. Alas, here is my review of *The Bear and The Dragon*.

The Bear and The Dragon is a fictional work regarding a war between the Russian Federation and America versus China. It starts off as a thriller spy novel, dwelling deep in the politicking of ambassadors as, in the shadows, a CIA operative hits a virtual gold mine as he gains access to secret Chinese intelligence. This first part is, well, it has adult situations. For those of you wondering how such a dry and dusty tome about foreign policy can get racy, well, apparently seduction is a very effective intelligence

technique. Anyway, a little later into the book a Chinese Baptist minister (who's from Oklahoma) and a Vatican ambassador get word that one of the Baptists ministers congregation is giving birth at a nearby hospital. For those that are unaware, China had the infamous one-child policy. Basically, it's a extremely late-term abortion done as soon as the baby crowns. Now, the mother and father lost their first child a few years ago, and they haven't registered to have another child. The minister and the Vatican ambassador then rush over to the hospital to stop the abortion, and they both get blasted by the Chinese cops for doing so, although the baby lives. Oh, and a CNN news crew recorded the entire thing. I'm not even halfway through this book, and it's already a wild ride.

For a book published just 13 years before his death, Tom Clancy still manages to knock it out of the park with his characters and their dialogue. The inner monologue portions still can take up half a page, but they at least make sense, which is more than I can say for other authors that try to attempt this (foreshadowing for the next BeanBag Books? Perhaps).

Here's my rating: 10/10 on dialogue and characters. They pull characters from *Rainbow Six* and *Hunt for Red*

October, which made for a pleasant surprise. Seriously, why did no-one tell me it was a connected universe? I would have paid more attention if I knew that. The characters in *The Bear and The Dragon* are a solid 7.5 out of 10. Some read like b-movie scripts, while others are just blatant cliches. Others, however, are actually well-written and character-ful, although that privilege mainly falls to the returning characters, not the newer cast. The action, however, is nicely done, and flows smoothly. 8.5/10.

This book, is, however, where Tom Clancy starts to run off the rails a little bit. His early works were fantastic. *Red Storm Rising* is one of my favorite novels of all time, but apparently he discovered that blatant American self-serving shlock sold better than good, detailed stories that has good people on both sides. Oh, well. Can't win 'em all. But, for what it is, *The Bear and The Dragon* is a decent story with interesting characters and plot twists, that unfortunately doesn't hold up to Tom Clancy's earlier work.

This month, the library added books like *Technically, You Started It*, by Lana Wood Johnson, *And the Trees Crept In*, by Dawn Kurtagich, and *War Stories: True stories from the first and second World Wars* by Paul Dowsnell. Be sure to check them out!

What to do with all your free time

By Jakob Smith,
Trojan Tempo Staff Writer

TROY- It has long been said by denizens of Troy High School that there is nothing to do in Troy. While this is not inaccurate, the common or typical response seems to be to roll over and take a nap. How many nights have been wasted away while such exciting time-wasters danced just outside our vision, I can only imagine. For anyone who almost had an aneurysm reading that last sentence (just as I almost had a stroke writing it), I'm talking about hobbies.

While a great number of activities can fall under such an umbrella, few seem to have been picked up by students here at THS. So, for those who don't fall into the common trifecta of sports-band-theatre, I'll list some of my own hobbies, and throw out a few others some of you out there might be interested in.

First off, weight lifting.

I know that this may seem to fall under the sports umbrella that I laid out earlier, but hear me out. I weight lift, because not only is it fun, but it's also good for me. Exercise in general can fall under this hobby, but I prefer weight lifting as opposed to cardio. I also find it helpful to come into exercising as something fun to do, not a chore. Life is short, and if you can't even enjoy the activities that make you healthier and improve your well-being, you might as well give up.

Next on my list is a few hobbies I've decided to label as "outdoorsy". I prefer hiking and fishing, but this can include hunting, biking, etc. Being outdoors is good for both the body and the soul. Vitamin D from the sun is proven to support your immune system, and also gives you calcium. Exercise in general releases serotonin, even if it's just hiking at Charleston Falls or Brukner Nature Center. I



also believe in the value of being connected to nature, even if by a small amount.

I have also dabbled in some amateur gardening, and even some sewing. While these may seem like "girly" stuff, I would say learning how to grow your own food and repair your own clothing isn't a "girly" thing at all. I believe that they are great skills to have, even if it's just learning how to grow some green onion on a windowsill, or how to

sew a button onto a pair of shorts. (If you want an example, just imagine how much money Mr. Owen could save if he hemmed his own pants.)

I know it may not seem like it, but even simply reading and writing can be hobbies that involve a lot of creativity and thought. I know that not a whole lot of people consider reading to be a "hobby", but I still

think that as long as it gets the imagination flowing and adds a little more magic into your life, it works for me. The same can be said for writing and music, whether that be listening to it or creating it. YouTube has a huge selection of videos that have writing tips for just about any genre and style of writing. As for music, even just stringing together a few chords or a few verses can be both entertaining and rewarding, though it obviously takes a little more knowledge of beats, tempo, rhythm and general composition than the average person has (again, YouTube is a great source for this sort of stuff). Heck, even just critiquing music can become a hobby of its own.

Now, I know a fair amount of what I suggested may seem really expensive, or a big time sink, or a lot of effort. And that's, for the most part, true. Hobbies

are expensive, they do take up time. That's why they're hobbies. They are things we do in our spare time, with what money we are willing to part with. They aren't just a useless time sink for people with too much money burning a hole in their pocket. Hobbies can help you meet people you would have never known otherwise; hobbies can enrich your life in ways you didn't even know were possible. They help de-stress us, they beat back boredom and inspire creativity. There has never been a better time in human history to get a hobby, and the best time is right. Now.

(Or a few minutes after you read this article. Whenever you get to it, really. Doesn't have to be, like, NOW now. Just whenever you got the spare time, yeah?)

Everything you need to know about (applying to) college

By Jakob Smith,
Trojan Tempo Staff Writer

THS- As we head out of January and into February, some seniors are starting to seriously think about college (better late than never?). Payton Ross felt similar anxiety when trying to figure out the best time to get started. The best time, as the Van Halen song goes, is RIGHT. NOW. But where to begin? Applying for colleges is a confusing, scary, and expensive process. This will be an abridged guide to help some of us that are struggling.

First up, choosing a college. While you may not know what you want to major in (I still don't), what matters is finding a college that suits you. Personally, I prefer smaller colleges with lots of student activities, and while I don't want them to be rural, I would prefer to stay away from a major city.

First, go to a college website. I chose colleges that were fairly close to me, and I scoured their websites. What majors/minors they offer, clubs, sports, student life, programs, scholarships, etc are all very important to your decision making process.

Then, once you find a few you like, start planning visits! Usually, once a month colleges will have a weekend visiting day. Students and staff alike will walk you around campus, show the sights and explain what that school has to offer. Only after you've chosen a few colleges you really like would I advise you to dig through their website even further. Go to the college admissions page (generally, the admissions page is really handy) to view what they require for you to give them when you apply, and boom, the

first step is done.

Okay, okay, I know that that took a lot of traveling and planning. But after you have visited your choice college(s), then you can get on to applying to the ones you like best. Now, you can use CommonApp to apply, but I personally don't like it, and after the first two or three colleges it all started to blur together for me. Abby Kidder expressed frustration with CommonApp, citing how the website didn't have all the colleges she wanted to apply to. I would rather use the college websites individual applying process, but to each their own.

Then, send your ACT/SAT scores from their respective websites (for a fee, of course) to the schools, sign the pink slip in the guidance office to get them to send your transcripts to your chosen schools, and boom! Done. Now begins the waiting game.

I know that some are scared of college due to the perceived cost. And it can cost you a fortune, if you don't do your research. First off, FAFSA. It's a scary, unintuitive mess of a website, but FAFSA can pay for up to half your tuition in some cases. Scholarships are also useful, including local scholarships (including the ones we offer at the THS website). \$500 may

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A battleship takes up a 1x5 space

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A cruiser takes up a 1x3 space

A patrol boat takes up a 1x2 space

(And no, you can't place them diagonally)

To play, simply place your ships, call your shots, and blow your opposition out of the water!

not seem like a whole lot, but trust me, it's better than nothing. Private, well-funded schools, like Wittenberg University also give out fairly large sums for qualified prospective students. Working in school can also take the bite out of some of the costs. It's usually not recommended for your first semester, or even your first year, but certainly afterwards a job, even a minimum-wage one, helps a lot.

About the Author
Jakob has lived in Ohio for almost 13 years, and is a senior in high school. Jakob, when not at school or work, often spends his leisure time reading, writing, wargaming and hanging out with friends. Jakob also enjoys video editing, weight lifting, gardening and engaging in political arguments with strangers over the Internet. His favorite color is green, and on more than one occasion he has almost been hit by a car.

Netflix No More: Shows removed for 2020

By Allison Irey,
Trojan Tempo Entertainment Editor

MY COUCH- January 1st, 2020 was a day meant for celebration for the new decade; instead, for millions of 90's sitcom lovers across the world, it was a tragedy, as "Friends" was removed from Netflix. While Netflix agreed to keep it for as long as possible, "Friends" is to be relocated on HBO Max when it launches in May.

As more streaming platforms open up, popular television shows and movies are constantly being moved around.

However, this isn't the only reason why you may see your favorite programs disappearing from Netflix. Relocating to other streaming services isn't the most common reason, either.

According to Netflix, "If a TV show or movie you love is leaving, it indicates that our licensing agreement with the content provider is about to end." Basically, this means the agreement Netflix arranges with the company that makes that program only has a

certain amount of time before it ends, and they must discuss future options.

Typically, these agreements only last for a year. Netflix and the provider can work to form a renewal, but that's based upon the cost of the licensing agreement, how popular the title is, and whether or not the provider is willing to renew the rights of the program. Though "Friends" may be a popular title, the cost of keeping it on Netflix is far too high, and

the provider is not willing to renew the rights.

If your favorite title isn't on Netflix or was recently removed, don't panic! You can go online to help.netflix.com/en/titlerequest and submit a request, and you can submit this as many times as you want. Perhaps you can sit down for a few hours each day and submit the same request over and over again until Netflix eventually listens.

About the Author...

Hey there! I'm Allison Irey, the Trojan Tempo's Entertainment Editor. I'm a senior, and this is my second year on the Tempo Staff.

I actually fell in love with the news writing class on accident! I originally signed up for creative writing junior year, but that class was full. I wasn't too fond of journalistic writing coming into the class, but I absolutely love it now.

What makes it easiest for me is being able to write about my greatest passion: entertainment. I love everything Hollywood; everything pop culture related is kind of my thing, which is why I've spent my senior year specializing in it.

Outside of the WTHS newsroom, I dance, actively participate in Girl Scouts, write creatively, choreograph, and produce music. I'm a super creative person, if you couldn't tell.

After high school, I'll be devastated to leave the Trojan Tempo staff, but I plan on continuing the media route in college; I'll be majoring in Integrated Media (which is basically a combination of film, TV, and music production) at Ohio University! My ultimate dream jobs are a tie between working for Nickelodeon and/or being an Ultra Music Festival headlining DJ. My goals are all over the place, but they all fall under the entertainment category.

With scheduling season rapidly approaching, if you're even considering taking the news writing class: DO IT. Don't let anything hold you back from taking this class. It is the most fulfilling class I've ever taken, and I highly recommend that anyone who enjoys writing to join the Trojan Tempo. You won't regret it at all.



Hollywood's "Cats" is for the birds

By Allison Irey
Trojan Tempo Entertainment Editor

TROY- "Usually, if a movie is bad, I might see it again just to hate watch it. Not this one; "Cats" (2019) instilled a primal fear in me and I never want to see it again or I may cry...You'll be subjected to wonderful sights such as seeing hands have fur in one scene and none in the next, watch the cats float above the ground randomly, and have clothes animated like an old "Veggie Tales" episode," (via Tumblr user @d-o-t-s).

Before you get any further into this story, no, I did not see "Cats" (2019). I did not want to. Apparently, neither did anyone else; I ran an Instagram poll asking if anyone had seen it, and

to my surprise, absolutely no one saw this film. But at the same time, why would you want to?

"Cats" developed a bad reputation on the day the trailer was released. Social media was quick to criticize the terrible looking CGI, wondering why the film's creators didn't opt to put the characters into makeup and costume. With all of this right off the bat, it never had a chance at getting a single positive review.

This film had a budget of 95 million dollars, and still released an unfinished version. Granted, I suspect most of that was spent on celebrities like Taylor Swift, James Corden, and Rebel Wilson, you'd think they would attempt to put at



least an ounce of effort into the CGI. Instead, they decided to release an unpatched version, and chose to update it later. A lot of people worked on this movie, meaning a lot of people saw this version before it was sent out to theaters, and every single one of them thought, "meh, it's good enough for now."

The concept of up-

dating a movie after its release is... well, interesting, to say the least. Movies aren't like video games; you can't just release an update when you realize it's filled with bugs and visual mistakes. By the time their "finished version" was ready, all of the theaters in our area had stopped playing it anyway.

If you wanted to see a good, warm hearted, and emotional Christmas week released movie, I sure hope you didn't see "Cats" (2019). I hope you saw "Little Women" instead. It's better, it has Timothee Chalamet, and it's nominated for several Academy Awards. "Cats" (2019) could never come close to those standards.

Interested in music production?

By Allison Irey,
Trojan Tempo Entertainment Editor

TROY- If you're a musician looking to turn your passion into a career, you may have considered releasing a single, album, or EP: but you might be confused as to where to start. If that's the case, don't panic!

Every successful musician was once in your shoes. Take University of Cincinnati student, who goes by the alias of Brenna Nicole, for example. She is an unsigned, independent artist who is currently studying commercial music production at UC, and has been writing music since before she can remember; she released her first five song EP, Incredible Strings as a senior in high school last January.

Surprisingly, releasing her album wasn't even the hardest part of her process; writing and choosing her best songs turned out to be.

"In total, I wrote about 80 songs, so picking which ones to put on the EP was a struggle. I would love to release some of them, but some of them shouldn't ever see the light of day," Brenna shares. "The hardest part was sharing it with everyone I know, and also don't know. Once it's out, it exists, and people make their own opinions: good or bad."

Releasing her music appears to be the easiest part. She explains, "after every song has been recorded and mastered, you can decide to distribute your music through different websites and platforms. Record labels have their own distribution methods, but for smaller artists like me, I can use websites like CD baby."

CD baby charges artists small fees to release music onto bigger platforms such

as Apple Music and Spotify. It's very convenient for beginner artists, and Brenna highly recommends it. However, if you're not interested in paying a fee, the best option for beginning musicians have proven to be platforms such as Soundcloud or YouTube. You might not earn any revenue, but the exposure is an advantage to getting your music out there.

What about the producing and recording process?

In the halls of THS, we have quite a few talented producers: senior Trista Sherman, junior Parker Williams, and myself are only a few. Though all three of us use the software FL Studio (\$99-\$899 depending on your version), we each produce different genres: experimental, alternative rap, and EDM. Each of us were inspired by different

musicians to start our music careers: Taylor Swift and Dodie for Brenna, Lil Peep for Trista, nothing,nowhere. for Parker, and Avicii for myself.

Our advice for beginning producers?

"Everyone should try to make their own music. Everyone has something to say, and it can be hard to put feelings into words. I can say a million things in a poem and sing it over a track and feel whole," Trista elaborates. "And if you're not good at making music, oh well! It's not a big deal. Just put your heart and energy into it, and something beautiful and amazing will come of it."

"The most difficult thing about producing music is the struggle of being motivated to work. Many producers struggle with staying motivated and as a

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result don't make as much money because they don't put out as much products as mainstream artists," Parker explains. "The easiest thing about producing is wanting to make music. Every producer wants to make music, and we all have that inspiration somewhere deep inside."

"Regardless of your musical background, if you want to get into music production or writing songs, the best thing you can do is listen and write lots of music," Brenna advises. "Don't get discouraged if something you write isn't as good as you want it to be; the more you write, the better you'll get, so don't beat yourself up!"

Ask Ambrosia

How do I get a prom date with someone who isn't my girlfriend?

First I want everyone to know prom isn't the biggest moment of your days in high school, it's a night to have fun and enjoy yourself. As for getting a date, if she isn't your girlfriend why does she need to be? Ask her as a friend, it doesn't have to be more than that.

How can I talk to a girl who is always around her friends and I can never get a word in?

Talk to her friends as well, don't feel like you need to only talk to her. If you like her it is better to have her friends like you too.

How do I talk to my crush without getting nervous?

I suggest trying to talk to them like you do with your best friends, make casual conversation, this can help make you feel more relaxed and not put so much pressure on a "how was your day?"

I write an advice column, but don't get asked many questions. Help!

Well- perhaps your advice isn't that good? Or people have perfect lives and don't need advice. Oh wait, neither of those are correct. I guess I could beg! Please submit your advice requests in room 105!



Gender Roles and Stereotypes

By Ambrosia Westcott,
Trojan Tempo Staff Writer

THS- A person's gender and the stereotypes towards said gender should not define who they are or how they are treated.

The way we treat people because gender/ stereotypes needs to be change, and people need to be more accepting of others' choices. Men and women should be equal in this society, and while we are getting there, we just aren't quite there yet.

Childhood is the most influential time in a person's life, especially when it comes to who they will grow up to be. Parents have a huge part in that development. If a child is raised with the idea that they have to act a certain way because of their gender, it could make them think that it's wrong to do things that go against gender stereotypes, thus leading to strained relationships with their parents.

"There is something to be said about boys only being able to be tough and just thought we want our kids to be good people," said English teacher, Mrs. Hampshire.

These children shouldn't see that one of their friends has two mommies or two daddies and think it's bad or weird. Even babies are influenced by

this because of the whole idea of it's a girl, everything has to be pink or it's a boy everything has to be blue. Toys are this way too, the whole idea of boys should play with wrestler figures and little girls should have baby dolls enforces gender stereotypes.

"In stores there's the girl and the boy toy section, if you look down them one is completely pink and the other is blue," said Fiona Atkinson.

A boy should be able to play with Barbies and girls should not be judged for wanting to be Spiderman.

"My husband and I never cared if our sons played with cars or a baby doll, we didn't worry about things like that, we shouldn't think that boys cant show these emotions," said Hampshire.

As people grow, they do form their own opinions, which may be different that they were raised but they could be worse, even in the simplest things such as how they treat others.

This leads to being a young adult where the things people do and say have an even higher influence on their own life, college, employers, and even adult relationships.

Workplace stereotypes are less enforced today compared to the past. Former stereotypes include women staying at home while the man works, or

even women having more hospitality and nurturing jobs while men have business jobs and professions that require higher education. These stereotypes have changed to be more equal, but women are still sometimes discriminated against because of the antiquated idea that men are better.

Yet a person's gender has an effect on their future. "We still have not seen a lot of women in strong government positions, such as president, or in other powerful positions. I believe that we are gonna keep going until equality truly gets reached," said Anna Mobelini.

Gender identity is a changing concept, and while that has been accepted by many, not all agree. If you are an adult and you notice that a woman has a deeper voice or a man has feminine features you still need to understand that they are a woman and a man.

"I see many trans people day to day, giving them groups and safe spaces is different however," said Mobelini.

The amount of femininity or masculinity a person has too should never be a topic of concern for people. Men should be able to take



care of themselves without being called names. As well as the simplest thing as a short haircut shouldn't be worried about from a girl.

"I believe that males are scared to dress out of the norm and their comfort range because of the fact they don't want to be called gay or be made fun of," said Victoria VanHook.

Always be who you feel

you are, no matter how you think others are going to judge you. This world is changing, and for the better. If you are someone who acts in a way that is traditional for your gender, that is great too! It is your time to own it, so go be yourself!

My Play list: Ambrosia's Audio Adventure

By Ambrosia Westcott,
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TROY- I love music, and although I mostly stick to pop, I can find a song I enjoy in every genre. I also enjoy languages! I love to hear music from different artists around the world. Music is the best way for people to connect, so for you to learn more about me, here (in no particular order) are some of my top songs of this month.

"I love you so bad" - The Rose
This song was originally by LANY but I prefer the way it's performed by The Rose. They slow it down a bit and Woosung sounds like an angel. I can't stop listening to it.

"Le bien qui fait mal" - Mozart L'Opéra Rock
This is my favorite song from the musical Mozart L'opera rock. As the title suggests, it has more of a rock feel. Even though it is French, I want to scream the words at the top of my lungs.

"Airplane pt. 2" (Japanese) - BTS
I prefer the Japanese version over the original, Korean version. I don't know why, I just like it better. This is a song makes me want to dance.

"Love Talk" - WayV
This song has a Chinese and English version, I adore both. This song is one that you want to sing, I'll butcher the Chinese, but I'll have a fun time doing it.

"Good guy" - SF9
This song comes off of SF9's first full album and has already won a couple awards, such as those on "Music Bank", and "M Countdown". The song has a very upbeat rhythm that makes you move along with it.

"Welcome to chilis" [Explicit] - bbno\$ and Yung Gravy
This song has a little bit of a Latin feel to it, but still has the funky beat of other music by Baby Gravy.

"Obsession" - EXO
You could say I am obsessed with this song, it is one of those that when it comes on you can't help but sing along. Specifically the 'I don't think so' line that's already iconic.

About the Author

I'm Ambrosia, I joined this class because I enjoy writing and thought it would be fun, it is even better than I imagined. Other than writing for this paper I am involved in band, the musical, and culture club. I love music (all genres), I enjoy watching movies and TV shows (mostly Thai) and I love to cook and bake. After I graduate I hope to become a pastry chef and one day own a bakery. I hope you now know a little bit more about me.

