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FLU CLOSES TOPEKA HIGH AGAIN

By Vickie Griffith Hawver, THS 1971

“Hurrah! Unexpected vacation. ‘Flu’ closes school for three weeks. Joy registered around THS until a new plan of studying thru vacation is announced. GLOOM!”

Sound like a description of Topeka High students’ reaction to the 2020 coronavirus pandemic?

No, it’s an excerpt from the 1918-19 Topeka High Sunflower yearbook. A “Calendar for 1918-19” in that yearbook detailed student observations about what happened throughout a school year marked by the Spanish Flu pandemic, starting with that first entry on Oct. 5, 1918.

THS journalism adviser Heather Hooper found the calendar page in an electronic archive of THS Sunflower yearbooks.

“I loved the fact that the item started with ‘Hurrah! Unexpected vacation announced.’ Sounds just like students today, followed by the ‘gloom’ of continuing education,” Hooper said.

“Teenagers haven’t changed that much in 100 years, but I will say as a teacher of teenagers in 2020, there wasn’t much excitement when the county health department extended our spring break for two weeks on Friday, March 13 (due to coronavirus). I did not hear elation from our students. They were still stung by the abrupt cancellation of the state basketball tournament, which we believed our undefeated girls team had every chance of winning. This time there was so much uncertainty and confusion about the changes that were quickly taking place.”

School buildings ultimately closed through the remainder of the school year, while teachers worked to remotely provide instruction to their students.

“Students are sad, especially the seniors who don’t know how or when they will mark their graduations. No prom, no spring sports. Mostly, the students are sad about not being able to see each other,” Hooper said. “But in the midst of all of this, I’ve also seen amazing

resourcefulness and resilience from our current yearbook staff, led by senior Editor in Chief Kaitlyn Brown.”

The shutdown in March happened just one week before the yearbook’s final press deadline.

“We had planned to use that week back from spring break to wrap up all loose ends and complete a double-page spread on the girls basketball tournament (win),” Hooper said. “They scrambled to interview students via social media, and five students met me at the picnic tables at school - each at a different table - so I could get them cameras and laptops so they could finish the work they started.

“They sat outside the school to connect to our server and downloaded photo files like the house was on fire. They would also return, alone, to empty school buildings around the city, whatever was closest to home, to connect to the school’s network to access our photo files for anything they missed. They worked heroically under really difficult conditions and finished our yearbook - on time!

“We had photos from the first state basketball tournament and got comments from players and fans about the aftermath. We included the Covid-19 closures and we interviewed kids about life on lockdown. This book will be one for the ages, too,” Hooper said, adding, “And we’re not done. In the next few weeks, the yearbook staff wants to put together a 12-page supplement that follows students during our final quarter. So, the work goes on.”

What next?

“We don’t know how or when we will distribute our 2020 yearbook. The day we turned it into the Balfour plant in Dallas, we got a message saying the plant was being forced to close for a couple of weeks. We know we’ll get it eventually; hopefully by early summer we can have a day to celebrate together - or have a drive-thru distribution - but either way, the history of Topeka High is still being told.”

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Here are other excerpts from the THS yearbook calendar for 1918-19:

Nov. 4, 1918: School board holds meeting and decides to lengthen school day 30 minutes and to have but one week Christmas vacation. More Happiness!

Nov. 7, 1918: School re-opens with new schedule. Alarm clocks work overtime about 8 a.m. School smells like hospital and gloom is thicker than disinfectants.

Nov. 14, 1918: World staff puts on farce in assembly to introduce long-delayed issue of The World. After dark weeks Journalism class comes out victorious and puts out good paper.

Jan. 1, 1919: School on New Year's Day. General resolution seems to be "Resolved, never to look happy again." Amount of work made up during the day is amazing.

Jan. 15, 1919: Class of 1919 reaches the climax of their misfortunes. School board vetoes graduation exercises. Some people have all the luck!

Jan. 30, 1919: Bad luck day for the faculty: many ill.

2020 THSHS Ed Love Scholarship

The THSHS is pleased to announce our two recipients for this year's scholarships. Irene Caracioni and Madison Jacques will each receive a check for \$500 from the scholarship fund through the Topeka Community Foundation. These two ladies were selected from a pool of 20 applicants for the scholarship opportunity. Both of these two young ladies credited their experience at Topeka High for their success not only in the classroom, but in their extra curricular activities. We are very proud of these two ladies and the other eighteen applicants who demonstrated much passion for Topeka High in addition to the rigorous course work and ambitious extra curricular activities that they participated in.



Irene has been an active member of the debate and forensics team. Irene was named as an Academic All American and has served in the THS Student Government. As a sophomore, she founded the Topeka High Medical Club which was designed to help promote mental health at THS and to

assist in raising money for medical supplies for the homeless in our community. Irene has a long list of awards received while at THS including National Merit Finalist, Board of Education ACT score recognition, AP Scholar with Honor, National AP Scholar, Kansas Governor Scholar, and Presidential Scholar Nominee.

Irene's GPA is 4.0 Unweighted and 4.725 weighted. Irene is undecided on a college at this time but plans to major in applied mathematics and economics.



Madison was a member of Topeka High's first female wrestling team this past winter. It gave her the opportunity to interact with other females that she might not otherwise have been able to. In addition to slamming bodies to the mat, Madison was also a cheerleader for four years, which in itself is a full time job! As a young entrepreneur, she opened up the Trojan Cup coffee shop at Topeka High. Once again it

was an opportunity to meet other students while providing a venue for students and faculty to get a morning beverage. Madison has achieved several honors as a Trojan at Topeka High. She is a Wichita State Gore Scholar, Wichita State Wallace Scholar, All-American Academic Award Recipient, Kansas Honors Scholar, and a national qualifier in speech and debate (2018 and 2019). Madison's GPA is 3.933 unweighted and 4.417 Weighted. Madison is planning on attending Wichita State next fall and majoring in aerospace engineering and minor in both mathematics and American Sign Language.

Message from the 2020 THSHS President Joy Smith Dodd, 1975



Greetings on behalf of the THSHS Board of Directors! Covid-19 has certainly changed the way the board is going about its business but we are still active. Our March meeting took place via audio-conferencing. We will experience an efficient step-up with the use of

video-conferencing for our April meeting. The fact that our executive secretary is not able to work in the office on a regular basis has presented us with some interesting dilemmas. We are embracing each one with creativity, enthusiasm, and flexibility at home.

Let us first turn to campus life and congratulate our girls' basketball program which was well on the path to secure a 6A State Championship until their glorious season was cut short. Led by Coach Alexander, this group of stellar female athletes made the Halls of Troy swell with pride and accomplishment the entire season. Girl Power continued to reign as our Drill Team qualified for nationals. Ed Love scholarships were awarded to Irene Caracioni and Madison Jacques. This year's selection process was particularly difficult because of the quantity and quality of applications. Thank you to all who applied! The physical high school may be closed for the year but we should be confident in knowing that Principal Morrissey and her staff are heavily invested in the educational experiences that are being presented to our students. Unique and exciting opportunities abound!

Many of our THSHS Board members are continually involved in projects that showcase and preserve our beautiful school, especially in preparation of the 150th Anniversary Celebration year in 2021. The Museum committee is in the

process of restoring the photographs of past principals. Many were faded and generally needed some special care. Once completed, these framed pictures will once again hang in the hallway surrounding the THS Historical Society Paul Fink Museum & Office on the second floor. This committee is also involved in developing a display in the office to highlight and honor the anniversary of Topeka High's receipt of the prestigious Bellamy Award in 1961. The committee continues to collect, sort, catalog and preserve artifacts in our possession as well as new donations that are received. The THSHS is working with the district in contracting with a local company to perform a paint sampling study on the main entry/foyer walls of the school. The intent is to have the walls of the foyer and entry restored to their original glory. This study is possible because of a donation from a generous benefactor. We thank Dave Clark (1967) for repairing and refinishing the chairs that originally resided in the student cafeteria. All but eight of those chairs have restoration sponsors. You can still sponsor the restoration of a cafeteria chair by paying online thshistorycalsociety.org or sending a check to THSHS, 800 SW 10th, Topeka, 66612

The 150th Anniversary committee has been dreaming, meeting and planning our celebration for years. If you are not already a member of the THSHS, there will never be a more perfect time to join than NOW! Your membership will allow you to receive updated information on a regular basis about the celebration. There will be activities what will appeal to everyone, young and old, and it will truly be a memorable year. If you are receiving this newsletter, please consider forwarding it to classmates, friends, neighbors, class Facebook pages and websites. As always, donations are accepted online at thshistorycalsociety.org.

Despite not being able to meet in person, the Topeka High 150 committee continues to plan for the huge 150th anniversary celebration in 2021.

This incredible milestone for Topeka High School deserves our best effort ever, and events throughout next year will help graduates, students and the community connect with each other as we celebrate.

When the Class of 2021 returns to the halls this fall, they can proudly sport their 150th anniversary buttons, which will be given to all students and staff. A vendor market will again be held during Homecoming weekend, October 2-4, 2020, giving the public and graduates having class reunions the chance for some early Christmas shopping.

The opening event of 2021 will be a musical gala and VIP dinner on January 23, featuring Richetta Manager, '71, whose amazing voice covers jazz, gospel and opera.



In February 2021, alumni are invited to celebrate THS "Tradition" by joining the cast in singing this opening number of "Fiddler on the Roof," the 2021 musical, which will be in Hoehner Auditorium. Participants will be asked to commit to rehearsals and performance dates.

The fun continues on April 24, 2021, when alumni can relive their youth at a sock hop that will coincide with the THS prom. The students will be in the cafeteria and the adults in the new gymnasium, where Sal Cruz, '89, will be the disc jockey.

The Centennial Class of 1971 will share its 50-year reunion on May 28, 2021 with the community as classmate Gary Krohe premieres his new documentary on Topeka High after an evening of 'Crawling the Avenue'. The film by the grad who brought us "Portraits of Troy," will be shown at the new Everygy Plaza on Kansas Avenue.

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Black & Gold Report - Then & Now

- ◆ **Brooke Mellen 1997**, started a new company recently Cultured Forest. Certified in Forest Medicine and holds a Certificate in Forest Therapy, she suggests forest bathing or *shinrin-yoku*, a Japanese wellness practice that involves mindfully immersing yourself in a natural atmosphere to restore well-being <https://www.the-well.com/editorial/how-practice-forest-bathing-even-city>
- ◆ **Deborah Bordner Luthi 1966** was initiated into the international Risk and Insurance Management Society's "Risk Management Hall of Fame" which recognizes risk professionals who have made exceptional contributions to advancing the risk management discipline. Deborah is one of only four women to have received the honor.
- ◆ Marne Taylor 2011 has been accepted into the Peace Corps and will be a community HIV/AIDS outreach coordinator volunteer in South Africa.
- ◆ Topeka High 2019 quarterback **Da'Vonshai Hard-en 2020** and running back **Ky Thomas 2020** were selected to play in the 2020 Kansas Shrine Bowl in July
- ◆ **Keiana McMillian, Trejon James, Arisa Oritz, and Seth Andrew Phelps (2020)** earned 2020 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 'Living the Dream' Scholarships
- ◆ **Michael Martinez 1967**, a 3 year active duty veteran of the United States Marine Corps, served in Vietnam, received a Purple Heart in 1968 and spent 20 years in the Kansas National Guard. He retired as a Statistical Programs Clerk from the US Postal Service in 2011. He graduated from Washburn University in 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Religious Studies. He also has a BA in Business Administration (1977) from Columbia College in Columbia, MO.
- ◆ **Becky Bodine Cole 1974** won the raffle at the 2019 THS Vendor Market for a Navy pen, by Josh Keene. The pen was created from wood of the 1931 THS flagpole, a spar from the *USS Constitution* Old Ironsides.
- ◆ **Steven Carper 1983** claims to have the most skull & crossbones on his football helmet.
- ◆ After posting an 89-50 record in 14 seasons, **Coach Walt Alexander** stepped down as THS head football coach after the 2019 season. THS ended its tenure under Alexander with a record-setting 10-win season and the first time in school history High posted three playoff wins in a season.
- ◆ **The THS MCJROTC Drill Team** qualified for the 2020 National Competitions
- ◆ Did you forget to pick up your THS diploma? You might be in luck. Contact THS registrar Teresa Simon at tsimon@tps501.org.

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Topeka High Chiefs fan wins Super Prize



Patrick Donnelly 1959 is a double winner. A 50-year Kansas City Chiefs season ticket holder won a lottery for season ticket holders that awarded him an all-expenses paid trip to the Super Bowl. He also experienced firsthand the excitement of winning the biggest game in football.

With the package, Donnelly won a flight on a chartered jet with people associated with the Chiefs, three nights lodging in Miami, tickets in the second deck at about the 48-yard line, and entrance to numerous events surrounding the game.

A retired engineer for the Kansas Department of Transportation began attending Chiefs games in the 1960s, and purchased his first set of season tickets in 1969, the first time that the Chiefs won a Super Bowl.

A friend from Kansas City who has been sitting next to Donnelly at the games for 50 years accompanied him to the game.

Donnelly had a feeling, before the game, that the Chiefs were going to win. He had watched a lot of Chiefs football to make that accurate prediction.

IN MEMORY OF OUR GRADUATES

Rose Etzel Lee 1932
 William I. Davis 1939
 Kathryn M. Iliff 1939
 Elsa H. Pomeroy 1939
 Evelyn Jones Sawyer 1939
 Bert 'Harry' Sorber 1940
 Katherine Kelly Galbraith 1941
 Mason 'Whitey' Cox 1941
 Lawrence C. Brunner 1941
 Lela M. Montgomery 1941
 Everett J. Cook 1942
 Lois Swearingen Cutright 1943
 Dorothy Rhynas Pooler 1943
 Dorothy Tudhope Dahlstrom 1943
 Mary Lewis Kresie 1944
 C.L. Kendall 1945
 Dorothy Carr Halstead 1945
 Joe Douglas, Jr 1946
 Jack C. Richmond 1946
 Donald W. Lewis 1946
 Ralph E. Skoog 1947
 Elizabeth Warren Gerhardt 1947
 Donna Jeffries Hopkins 1947
 Georgia Reklites Riggan 1947
 Donald V. Wingerson 1947
 Charles H. Hoffmeister 1947
 Lester 'Zeke' Zimmerman 1947
 Dallas W. Freeborn 1948
 William W. Bunten 1948
 Marilyn Davis Post 1948
 Kenneth Paslay 1948
 Philip C. Peterson 1948
 Charles 'Pete' Copp 1948
 Roy E. Mannen 1949

Gene E. Wolfe 1949
 Peggy Bowser Scheidegger 1949
 Warren D. Pearson 1950
 Norma Lee Wise 1950
 Dereld Spicer 1950
 Richard D. Lewis 1950
 Doris Powell Kinnitt 1950
 Jim Bass 1951
 Lynn Gilbert 1951
 Ray Mabon 1951
 Emma Lou Fox Skinner 1951
 Ruth Cowie Dixon 1951
 Patricia Scott Kranz 1951
 Charles Hodges 1951
 Darlene Abbott Dye 1951
 Keith E. Brinnon 1951
 Betty Barter Soltys 1951
 Vera Erwin Abell 1952
 Lela June Stoner 1952
 Norma Jean Rogers 1952
 D. Elaine Senne Porteous 1953
 Audra Phelon McPeak 1953
 Betty Shaw May 1954
 Jerry Donnelly 1954
 Carolyn Covert Huffman 1954
 Twila Standerfer McKee 1954
 Jan Leuenberger 1954
 Sharon Holt Jarvis 1955
 Gerald L. Chelson 1956
 Robert L. Anderson 1956
 Clyde Sykes 1956
 Gary A. Moore 1957
 Harry Jolley 1957
 Dixie Deines Flott 1957

Phil Frankengerger 1957
 Patricia Ann Boyles-Tillman 1957
 Helen Smith Turner 1957
 Gerald Eastman 1959
 Gary Crider 1960
 Milton 'Sparky' Patterson 1960
 Earl E. 'Ed' Hicks, Jr. 1960
 James L. McMillan 1961
 Francis W. Berberich 1961
 Frances Jacobs Maust 1962
 Georgia Deatrick 1963
 Claude L. Grinnell 1963
 Ann Bates Johnson 1963
 Marily Morris Oldham 1964
 Vernon 'Eddie' Black 1965
 Helen Taylor Drain 1965
 Glenda Thomas Kearse Wake 1966
 Charles 'Chuck' Miller 1967
 Mary Tetuan Ortiz 1969
 Terry L. Widner 1969
 Debra Heath Davis 1970
 Laurie McFarland Ritchie 1970
 Daniel J. Dempewolf 1971
 Gerald C. Toledo 1972
 Wally W. Schrempf 1974
 James V. Chavez 1975
 Dennis Gibson 1983
 John Bullock 1985
 Damon Bowman 1998
 Shawna I. Lister-Shutt 1999
 M. Leanne Shaughnessy 2000

~ 2020 TROJAN CLASS REUNIONS ~ Homecoming 2020 - October 2 - THS vs Highland Park

<u>Class</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>For More Information</u>
Class of 1960	September 25-26	jpfuetze@gmail.com
Class of 1965	October 9-10	cadair47@gmail.com
Class of 1970	September 18-19	dwdscednal@yahoo.com
Class of 1980	October 2-3	mbrentnall@gmail.com, Facebook, www.topekahigh1980.com
Class of 1990	TBA	Facebook
Class of 2000	October 2-3	TaCarra82@yahoo.com, Facebook
Class of 2010	October 2-3	williamchristopherdale@gmail.com

The THS Historical Society assists class reunions by: 1. providing classmate contact information 2. arranging THS tours 3. facilitating the use of the building 4. offering \$5 discounts for new memberships during reunions. Go to thshistoricalsociety.org for words to the school song, THS graphics, information for reunion coordinators and more. **Let the THSHS know if your class is having a reunion and we'll help you get the word out to your classmates.**

LADY TROJANS 2020

By Kelm Lear 2021

2019-20 THS WORLD, sports editor

After qualifying for the 6A state semifinals, the Lady Trojans' basketball season came to an unexpected end. With a second-place finish last season, the team was going into the 2019-2020 season looking for redemption before being stricken from that opportunity. However, their season still holds many notable accomplishments.

First, the Lady Trojans went 23-0, winning the Centennial League championship and defeating their opponents by an average of 38 points. Secondly, many players, along with head coach Hannah Alexander, received several points of recognition.

NiJaree Canady, sophomore, made first-team All-City for her second season and was named the Centennial League player of the year, averaging a double-double season for her second straight season. Kiki Smith, freshman, was also named a first-team All-City and All-Centennial League pick as well as newcomer of the year for both the city and the league. And after leading her team to a semifinal berth and an undefeated season, Coach Alexander was named the All-City coach of the year.

Other notable Lady Trojans include Lilly Smith, junior, who made second-team All-City, Ja'Neysa Hendricks, junior, who made third-team All-City, and Yana Grassity, senior, who made the Honorable Mention list.

Despite all the success, their season didn't end the way they had hoped and so the team is eagerly looking forward to next year when they can return to Wichita and have another shot at the state title. "I think we definitely know what we're capable of," said Alexander. "We know that we can get back to that state tournament. We've just got to keep doing what we did this season and we have to continue to bring it each and every day."



OLD IRONSIDES in the THS Library



A model of the USS Constitution has been displayed in Topeka High's library since 1993. The story behind it?

It was built around 1980 and lovingly cared for—through careful cleaning with a toothbrush—by former Capital-Journal reporter Charles Zin until he retired and moved to Arizona in 1993.

"He was so proud of all the hard work and the time it took to build it," said his wife, Lena Zin. "He wanted a good home for it," when he left Topeka, so he donated it to Topeka High. He passed away in January 2017.

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- ♦ **Brent Sledd 1978** has been an associate with Reece Nichols Real Estate in Kansas City for 38 years.
- ♦ Topeka High educators **Ashley Coffman** (vocal music coach), **Teresa Leslie-Canty 1983** (Jobs for America's Graduates-Kansas teacher) and **Tonia Lauxman** (language arts and creative writing teacher) have been nominated by their students for the 2019-20 national LifeChanger of the Year award
- ♦ **Anne Hageman**, web and digital communications teacher at TCALC (501's Topeka Center for Advanced Learning & Careers) has been recognized for excellence by the National Center for Women in Technology and also won the 2020 Western Missouri and Kansas Affiliate Aspirations in Computing Educators Award.
- ♦ One of Mrs. Hageman's students, **DayLynn Hughes 2020** was chosen by the National Center for Women & Information as one of 35 female students in the region demonstrating excellence in the field. Hughes plans to attend Washburn University to study computer science.
- ♦ Topeka Public Schools announced the 2020 Distinguished Staff Award Recipients. Topeka High staff and graduates recognized are: **Dr. Laura Lyons, Assistant Principal; Jacob Grindol, custodial staff; Dr. Beryl New 1970, District Administrator; and Eric Bagshaw, Band Director.**

The THSHS has a new website URL:
<http://www.thshistoricalsociety.org/>

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A graduate art show will open on June 4, 2021, and the annual Chimes Concert will be on the lawn on June 27th.

When students return for classes in the fall of 2021, the 1871 opening day of Topeka High School on September 17th will be celebrated with birthday cake for students and staff.

The main events will, of course, be on Homecoming weekend at the end of September 2021. Alumni are invited to join the Homecoming parade on Friday, September 24, and a special halftime show at the football game will celebrate the anniversary.

The school will be open on Saturday for grads to get together with their classmates and meet those who enjoyed the same extracurricular activities through the decades. A graduate variety show will give alumni from every era the chance to show off their talents.

The finale will be on the lawn – keep watching for details of this fantastic culmination to our celebration. You can keep up with events and activities through the **Topeka High 150 Facebook page, at Topeka-High150.com and at the Topeka High School Historical Society website. THSHistoricalSociety.org.**

Get involved:

We need people for committees planning the various events, as well as people to help host them. Let us know how you would like to help by sending an email to TopekaHigh150@gmail.com.

Requests for donations to fund the events have been delayed until people are in a better position to know what and how they can contribute. If you can donate now, though, please do so through the website or by sending a check to the THSHS, 800 SW 10th Ave., Topeka, KS 66612.



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The THS Historical Society appreciates our members!

We welcome new members! Help us get the word out about our mission to support Topeka High. Encourage a classmate or friend to join the THSHS. Consider giving a THSHS gift membership to a sibling or classmate for a gift. You don't have to be a THS graduate to be a THSHS member. All who are interested in historic preservation are welcome. You can remit your dues by completing the form on page 7 of this newsletter or by going on-line (thshistoricalsociety.org) and renewing via PayPal or credit card.

According to "The Discoverer Blog" website, Topeka High School is the coolest building in the state.

Gary Menke, USD 501 General Director Fiscal Services/Treasurer reports that currently the Total Insurable Value (TIV) of all buildings on the THS Campus is \$61,000,000.

**THS HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ACCOUNTS**

THSHS ENDOWMENT - Established in 2019 to sustain the operations of the THSHS and encourage building preservation - administered by the Topeka Community Foundation

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