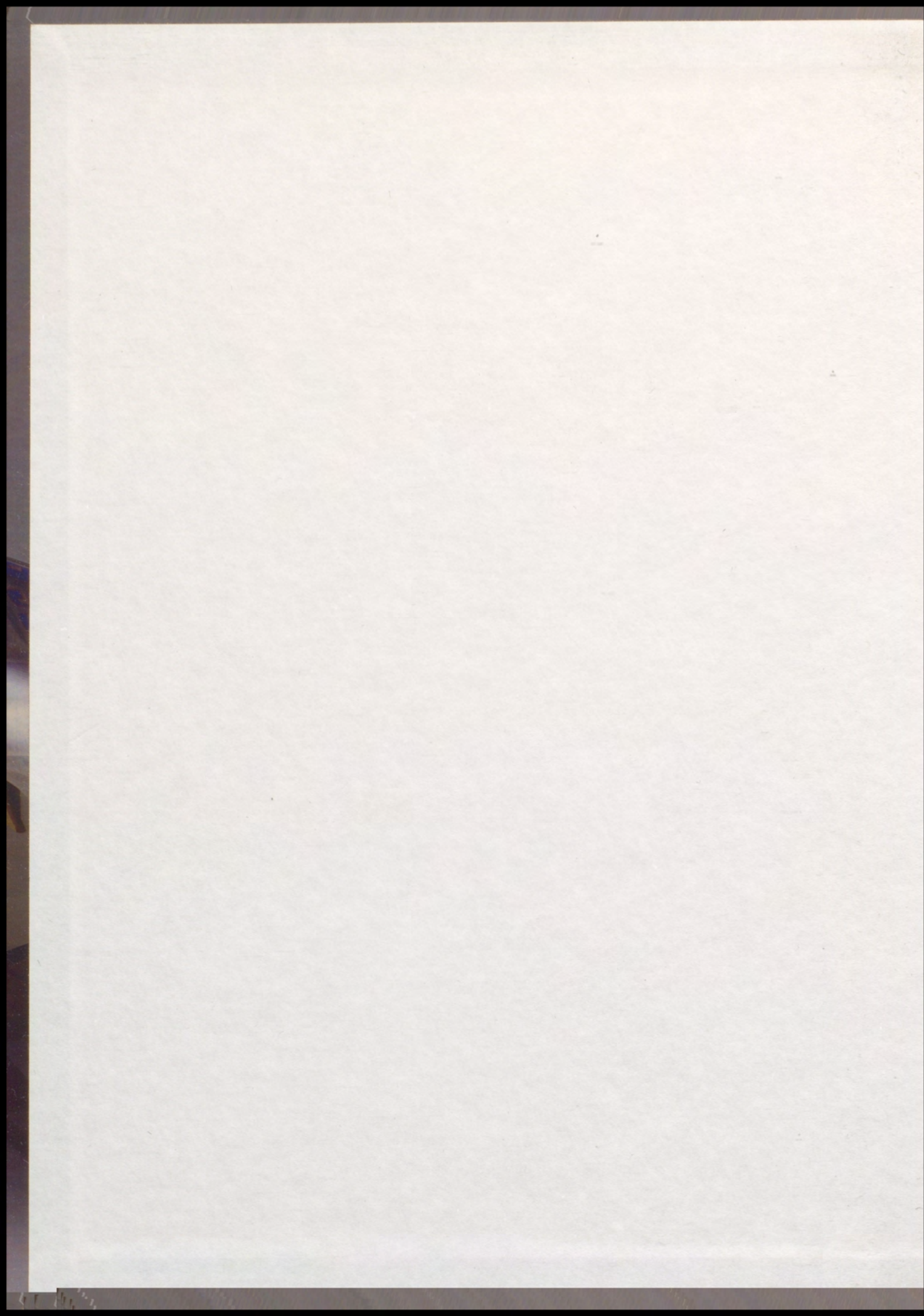


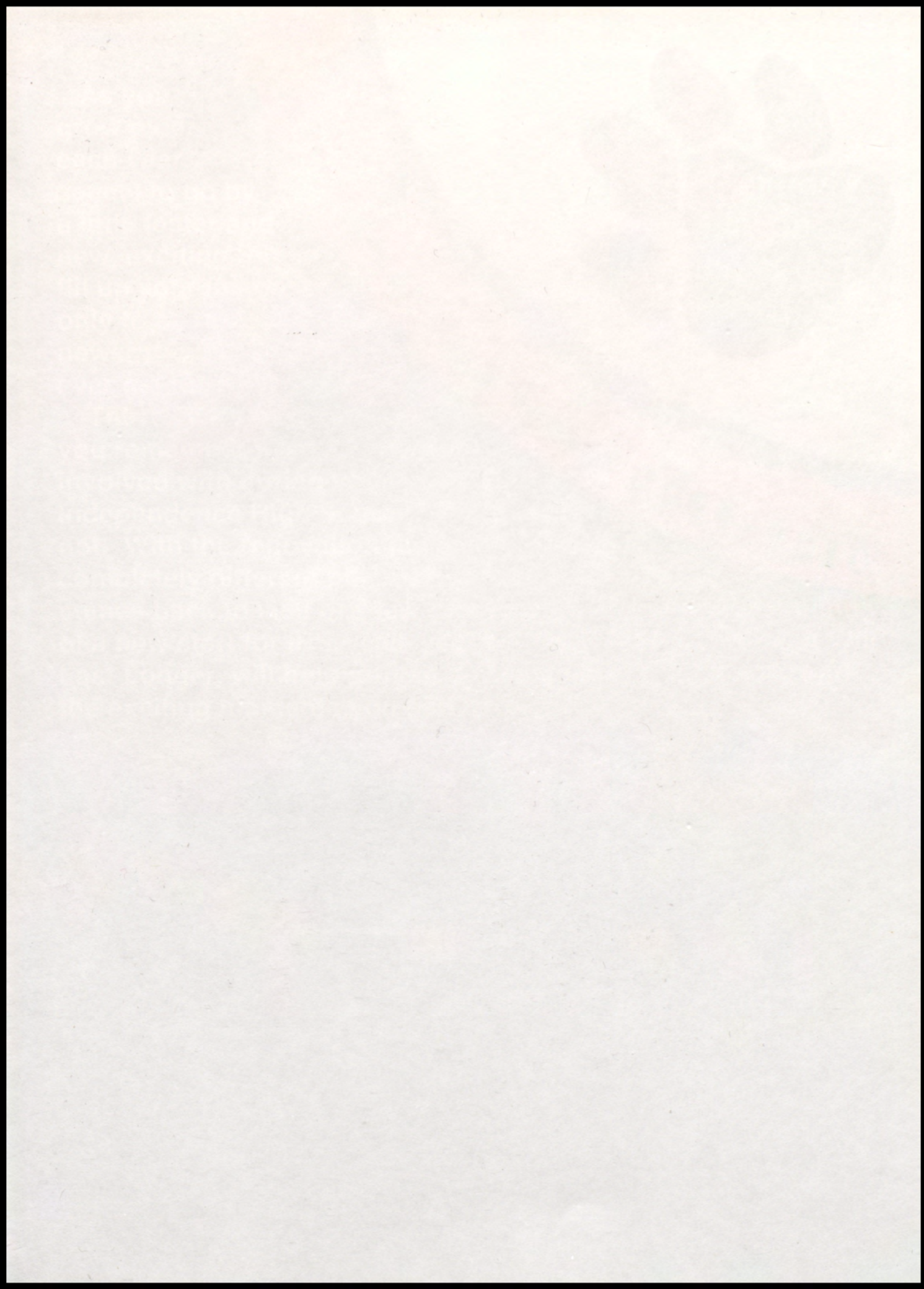


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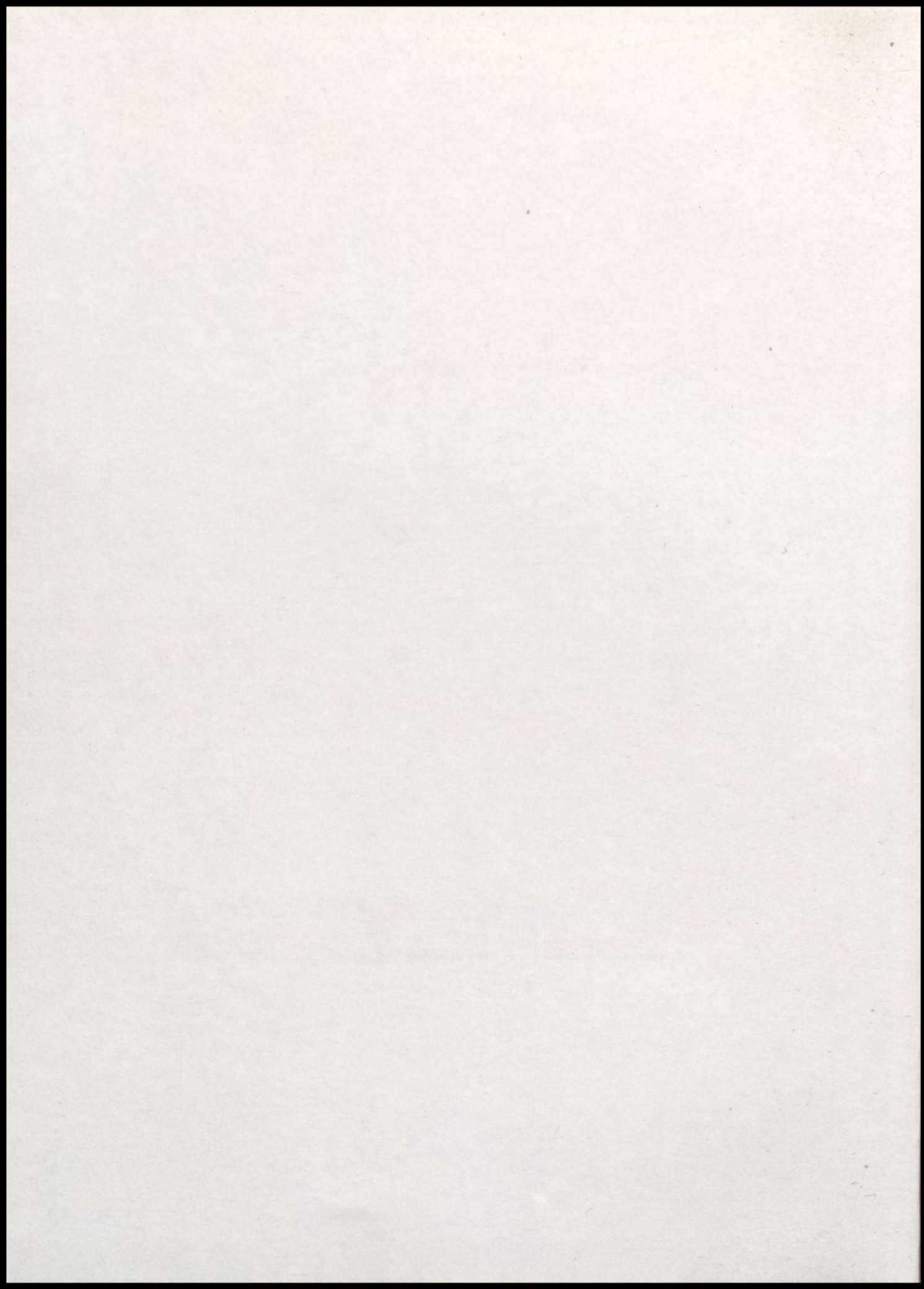














As you grow older, each year seems to go by a little faster and new, exciting things fill up your memory only to be replaced with newer things. You won't ever get to re-live your past.

Thirty years from now will you remember what all you were involved with during your years at Independence High School? Most likely not. With the renovation the school will be a completely different place when the class of 2010 comes back to visit in a few years. 2010 marks the beginning of a new start for IHS. This year's theme, Take a Picture, It Will Last Longer, will help refresh your memory of 2009-2010 and the exciting moments you had here.

*Independence High School 2009-2010*





# LIFE AFTER

What do you want to be when you grow up? When we're in grade school the answers might be a cowboy or a mommy. However in high school, the question takes on greater importance and the answers much more serious.

While some of us may have been told "the world is our oyster," the reality of today's world is that college is downright expensive and unemployment rates are skyrocketing. Kansas unemployment stands at 6.5% and nationwide it's pushing 10%; consequently, there just aren't that many jobs open to high school graduates with no post-secondary training or education.



So what's a senior to do? One option is to enter the military. Upon graduation, Nick O'Daniel is joining the Navy to become a medic. "I joined the Navy because I like to travel and want to protect and serve my country," said Nick. Also signing on the military's "dotted line" are Kris High and Andy Tucker (Army) and Micah Knight (Marines).

Several 2010 IHS graduates are going on to college, either a community college or university. Lauren Whitson signed to play volleyball at ICC next fall. The athletic scholarship will cover her books and tuition, so that will really help toward cutting her overall college expenses as her plans include a transfer to a four-year university and major in occupational therapy.

"I really wanted to continue to play volleyball in college, and it's great that I'm going to get paid to play," said Lauren.

Since ICC is still offering free tuition for Montgomery county taxpayers, many graduating seniors are taking advantage of that savings. Still others are making the drive down Tenth Street to Coffeyville Community College.



Those going on to universities include Aubrey Near, Emporia State University; Brittany Meyer and Baylee Connor, University of Kansas; and Isaac Hilger, Pittsburg State University.

Gage Sukola plans to take a position as an apprentice at the refinery in Coffeyville.



"It's not easy work, but I think I'll like it and be able to make a good living," said Gage.

Dennis Scoggins has plans to take the next five years to travel abroad to learn other languages and study other cultures.

# GRADUATION



# My Favorite High School Memory

"My favorite high school memory is having classes with my best friend Anthony Davis."

- Kelsie Jones

" I loved my advisory. There was never a dull moment with them!"

- Hanna Ostrander

"Beating Coffeyville!"

- Cody Johnson

"My favorite moment would have to be getting the Lumina stuck in Kenzie and Candices's grandparents' pasture!"

-Shelby Therrien

" Spring Break 2010 and ruining Andy Tucker's hoodie."

- Johny Ainesworth

"I'm definitely going to miss hanging out with my girls: Kenzie, Candice, Shelby, and Michelle."

- David Wilson

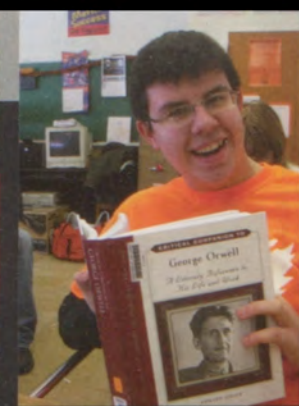
"My favorite memory of IHS was my Spanish III class, sitting next to Anthony and Nicole. We had a great time learning about the Spanish language, about each other, and about ourselves. Those are the times that I will not forget. Oh, and square dancing with Jesus."

- Cody MacRae

"I'll always remember cheering for football, especially when we beat Coffeyville and Prom 2010 with Austin!"

-Lakan Ysusi













Johnny Ray Ainesworth



Shanice Allen



Nicole Ilene Amos



Andrew Russell Baker



Samantha Kay Baumgartner



Morgan Brooke Baxter



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Lauren Elizabeth Boulanger



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Jessica Elaine Bruington



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Jessie I. Burns



Jared W. Carpenter



Christy M. Carter



Michael Arron Castillo



Michelle Elaine Chamblee

# Seniors





Anthonée E. Coleman



Bayley Kay Conner



James Connors



Mollie Marie Connors



Cole David Cranor



Savannah Cromwell



Connor Sean Cushing



Kendra J. Darrow



Anthony Kyle Davis



Laken N. Davis



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Cassandra Nicole Goodman



Taylor Joyce Goodman



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Joel Goodwater



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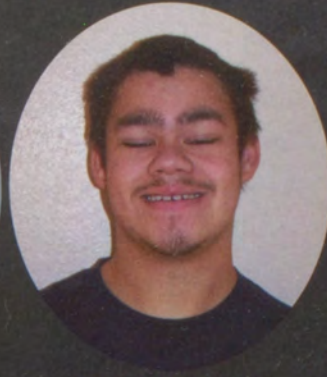




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Danielle Heape



Devin Henderson



Robert Dean Henderson



Kristopher Jaymes High



Isaac Nicholas Hilger



Ariana Marie Hills



Jonathon Ivan Hogge



Tracey Michelle Howard



Brandon Wayne Howland



Emma Jayne Jackson



Cody D. Johnson



Sonnie Rayann Johnson



Kelsie Jones



Tequila Richelle Jones



Hannah Beth Kays





Meagan A. Kebert



Dylan Thomas Kemp



Kyler David King



John Micah Knight



Katherine Louise Knoles



Grace Sharon Kyle



Bailey Elizabeth Lewman



Katherine Marie Loveless



Vanessa Paige Lowdon



Sara Lynn Lyon



William D. MacRae



Lashay D. Malone



Gabriel Rayne Marceleno



Haley Jo Marchant



Zachary Paul May



Danielle Paige Medlock





Ethan Michael Messner



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Chris Myers



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Katie Elaine Porter



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Lakan Jo Ysusi



2010 Senior Class Officers

*President: Lauren Peyton*

*Vice President: Morgan Baxter*

*Secretary: Anthony Davis*

*Treasurer: Bayley Conner*



# Are you ready for some football ?

Breaking records...winning games! The 2009 football season was amazing. Fans had a great time watching the Bulldogs play their game. Peyton Botts had the longest touchdown pass of 99 yards to Demonta Clark (in the annual pre-season scrimmage).

"It was a very successful season. The success comes from the league picking us to be eighth, and we finished third. A lot of our success was do to our leadership and support." said Scott Webb, assistant coach.

Matt Bromely rushed 326 yards to break a single-game school record during the Fort Scott victory 29-7. He became the first player in IHS history to pass the 2,000 yard rushing mark in a single season. He had 2,010 yards and 26 touchdowns in just ten games. 2009 was the first season since 1985 that Independence hosted a district championship. This was the first district win for IHS since 1995.

"This football season was intense," says TJ Reed. "I had a bunch of fun playing on Friday nights. The best part was getting to start against Coffeyville and winning that game."

Head coach Carl Boldra said, "Our players did so many great things for this program this year. This season will go down in IHS history."

Players named to All-SEK teams include the following: Johny Ainesworth, Peyton Botts, Cameron Christian, Easton Julian, Matt Bromley, Demonta Clark, Damone Hatch, Kyler King, Brandon Stein and Andre Ysusi.



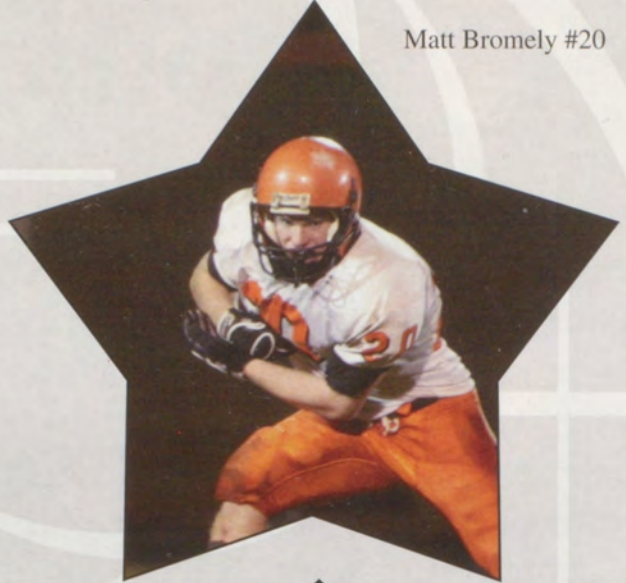


# Indy Dogs Score Big!

Demonta Clark #22



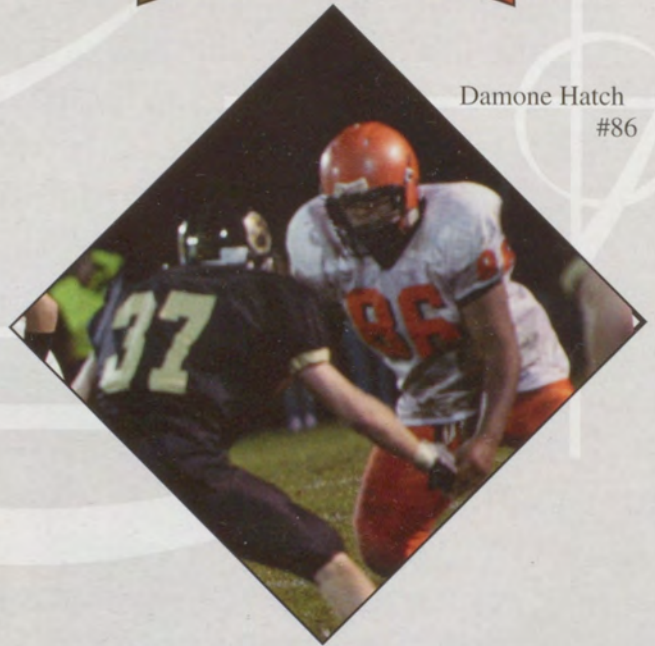
Matt Bromely #20



Peyton Botts #2



Damone Hatch  
#86







**Front Row:** Zach May, Kenyon Leopard, DeMarko Johnson, Alec Medlock, Nick Turner, Dustin Oliver, Marking Daniels.

**Middle Row:** Jesse Raney, Levi Leiker, Alec Richmond, Shane Moore, Delon Knight, Dade Spradling, Andre Ysusi, Rhett Flood, Dalton Thorpe, Cody Adkins, Charles Anderson, Dominique Taylor, Nick O'Daniel, Craig Marshall, Johny Ainesworth, Marcus Goodspeed, Matt Bromley.

**Back Row:** Dallas King, Dominique DuBouse, T.J. Reed, Zach Snodgrass, Luke Freeman, Easton Julian, Cody Johnson, Kyler King, Michael Goodmunson, Peyton Botts, Damone Hatch, Cameron Christian, Willie Rayl, Brandon Stein and Gage Osborn.

**Coaches:** Head Coach Carl Boldra, Assistant Coaches Scott Webb, Bo Watters, Alan Speicher, John Mangan, and Dave Harlin.

Brandon Stein #11



Independence Versus

## SCOREBOARD

OPPONENT	VARSITY
LCHS	34-29
Fort Scott	29-7
Parsons	27-14
Iola	28-0
Chanute	14-33
Columbus	34-40
FKHS	26-21
Fredonia	42-20
Neodesha	52-28
Bi-District/ LCHS	26-14
Regional/ Paola	22-31





# Cross



Front Row (Left to Right): Coach Bradbury, Natasha Sack, Julia Stafford, Haley Marchant, Grace Kyle, Maddie Hawn, Rachel Rakes, Montana Shaffer, Raquel Dungey, Kennedy Reynolds. Middle Row: John Stafford, Caleb Hogge, Russell White, Jon Hogge, Chance Froebe, Bryce Smith, Carl Stinson, Tucker Kyle, Coach Agosto. Back Row: Joel Goodwater, Vanessa Lowdon, Aaron Hayes, Isaac Hilger, Logan Papen, and Anthony Davis. Not Pictured: Wes Goodrich, TJ Honan, Dade Spradling.







# IHS XC SHINES FOR 5,503 MILES!

After running a 4K or 5K the last thing one wants is their picture taken. However, the moment a runner crosses the finish line, the look in their eyes tells their whole race. This year the 2009 Independence High School Cross Country team had sparkles in their eyes. Both the boys' varsity and girls' varsity had shining moments. To start off the season the boys came home with first place medals from the Labette County Invitational. A few weeks later the girls' team brought home some shiny gold from the Parsons meet at Big Hill. For the first time both teams medaled, placing third at the lola meet. Cross Country isn't about what place you get though. It is about the good times and amazing memories you make. "The love and support everyone shared with the team was such an indescribable and beautiful sensation that I will never forget," senior, Wesley Goodrich said. Wes was one of the few athletes to participate in two sports in one season. He ran cross country and was the goalie on the soccer team this year.

Coach Bradbury was very proud of his team this year. "They have grown and improved so much. It was very exciting to see so many out this year. We had 12 seniors, who showed a great amount of leadership and dedication. Cross Country isn't a walk in the park. All the team's miles together add up to 5,503, that's to Coffeyville and back 229 times. On average the seniors ran 302 miles each," Coach commented.



# Country





# JUST FOR KICKS

## INDY BULLDOG SOCCER



With a new head coach, Matt Ysusi, at the helm, the IHS soccer team finished with a solid season. The Bulldog soccer team had many tough opponents but their biggest game was against Rose Hill and had a devastating loss of 2-1 with only 56 seconds left in the game.

In post-season play, the Bulldogs beat Baldwin to advance on to the playoffs where they bested Paola to claim the Regional crown.

IHS soccer season ended at the state soccer quarterfinals where they played Berean Academy losing 2-1. The bulldogs closed out to 13-5 overall.

Austin Schroeder said, "It's hard to summarize our season because there are too many amazing things I could say about my teammates and coaches. Soccer was the best time of my life...period."





### SEK FIRST TEAM

Connor Cushing  
Cameron Schicke  
Austin Schroeder  
Tyler Sprague

### SECOND TEAM

Wes Goodrich  
Marcus Wright

### ALL-REGION FIRST TEAM

Cameron Schicke  
Austin Schroeder  
Tyler Sprague

### SECOND TEAM

Conner Cushing  
Wes Goodrich  
Marcus Wright



**Back Row (Left to Right):** Austin Schroeder, Garrett Webster, Wes Goodrich, Patrick Wuerdeman, Alex Steinle, AJ Capps, Tyler Sprague, Mason Posch, Marcus Wright. **Third Row:** Nick McBride, Logan Farmer, Gavin Webster, Connor Cushing, Cameron Schicke, Levi Sprague, Bry Thomas, Devin Mendoza, Tyler Posch, Coach Matt Ysusi. **Second Row:** Cole Keller, Matt Wilson, Zach Wallace, Eric Schlange, Joel Simwinga, Aiden Goodrich, Jace McCabe. **Front Row:** Parker Botts, Terry Bacon, Chase Cushing, Tim Erbe, Skye Conley, Easton Ballew, and Shawn Delano.



# Squad takes third at SEK

This year's Lady Bulldog Volleyball team enjoyed a winning season, finishing with a record of 18-14. "Our number one goal for the season was to achieve 20 wins. We didn't reach it, but we came very close to our goal," said Coach Speicher.

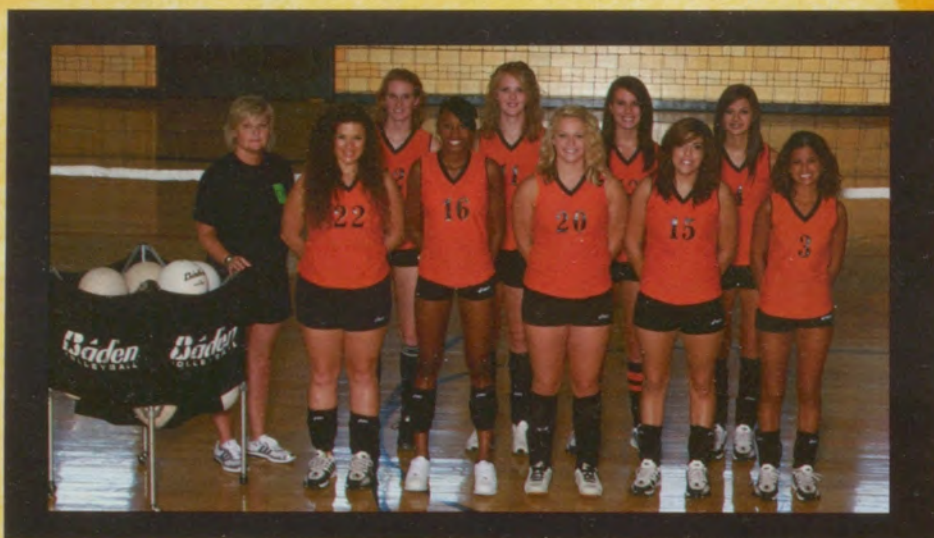
The team placed third in the SEK with a record of 5-3.

After 25 years of coaching volleyball at IHS, Coach Speicher considered retiring from her position. However, she believes that in coaching there are many more struggles to teach besides the skills of the game. "At the end of the season I felt I could no longer battle these challenges, but after much soul searching and visiting with individuals, I decided the battles are worth fighting," said Coach Speicher.

Because she believes she not only teaches the skill of the game, she also tries to teach life-long lessons regarding character and morals, she will continue to coach volleyball here at IHS.

"There are many good times in coaching, but also there are many battles that can't be won off the court. That is the frustrating part, but I like the sport and I enjoy watching the girls improve each year. I like to compete because I think that is a part of what life is all about. Achievement!" commented Coach Speicher.

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Front Row (Left to Right): Michelle Knopick, Keshia Hunter, Kayla Steinle, Kaitlin Quinton, Melanie Quinones. Back Row: Coach Speicher, Jessica Bruington, Chelsea Mundy, Lauren Whitson and Sandi Wilson.



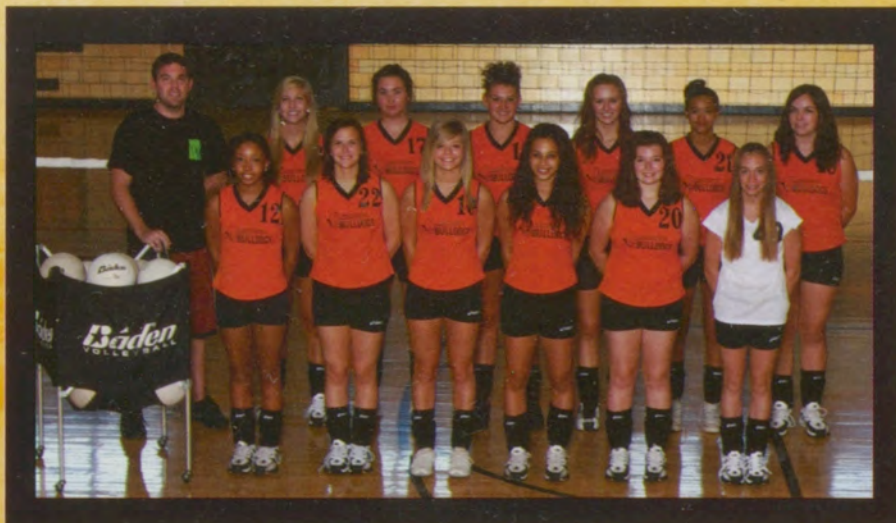


"This year our team bonded very well. It is an experience that I will miss."  
-Katlin Quinton

HONORS  
First Team All-SEK  
Jessica Bruington  
  
Third Team All-SEK  
Michelle Knopick  
Sandi Wilson

"This year was so much fun, I really enjoyed it and all the girls! I am going to miss playing next year!"  
-Lauren Whitson

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Katie Porter is the first Lady Bulldog to have 100 career wins.

Morgan Baxter/Kelby McGrath won more doubles matches than any previous doubles team.



The Lady Bulldogs competed in 19 tournaments and won 17, which is an impressive feat since each player can only play 8 days. The Lady Bulldogs had an overall winning average of 85.5% They have won Regional tournament for 4 consecutive years.



Expect the Best.

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First Row: Caltria Kahler, Katie Porter. Second Row: Ashlee Carr, Brianna Hilger, Kelby McGrath, Morgan Baxter, Sammi Mayes. Third Row: Emily Derrick, Taylor Murdock, Ashlyn Conner, Erin Wesselowski, Taylor Mason, Aubrey Near, Talor Smith, Asst. Coach Gina McLenon. Back Row: Lexy Mangan, Molly Mangan, Lexi Dent, Kelsey Porter, Bayley Conner, and Krista Amos.

What was the most enjoyable part of tennis season?

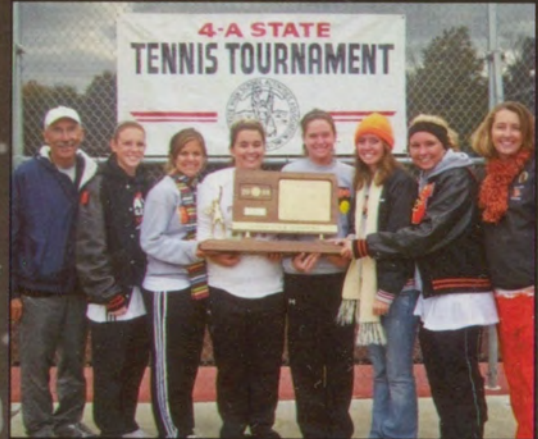
Brianna Hilger: Winning first at SEK

Taylor Mason: Being with the tennis team and becoming a family.

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When the Lady Bulldogs won State it was for the third time in 4 years. This year was the first time in Lady Bulldog tennis history that all six players qualified for State. Katie Porter placed third in singles, while Morgan Baxter/Kelby McGrath placed third in doubles and Bayley Conner/Ashlee Carr placed fourth. Brianna Hilger also competed at State and earned points for the team.

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Wes: I would go back to the prehistoric era. Stephanie: I would go back to the 50's.  
 McConaughey. Jon: My crew would be named Runners R Us. Vanessa: If I could

# Fall Homecoming

live anywhere, I would live in Italy. Tyler: I have no fear because of my guns (muscle) to protect me. Katie: My  
 Mason: Three things I would bring on an island would be a mansion, a puppy, and  
 biggest fear is losing to Tyler in an arm wrestling match.



**T-Birds:**  
 Mason Posch  
 Tyler Sprague  
 Jon Hogge  
 Kyler King  
 Wes Goodrich



**Pink Ladies:**  
 Grace Kyle  
 Vanessa Lowdon  
 Jessica Bruington  
 Stephanie Miller  
 Katie Porter



**Katie Porter and  
 Tyler Sprague**



live anywhere, I would live in Sweden. Jessica: If I could live anywhere, I would live in Australia.

Kyler: If I could live anywhere I would live in Sweden. Jessica: If I could live anywhere, I would live in Australia.



Cody Adkins  
 Beau Allison  
 Danielle Allison  
 Benjamin Babcock  
 Terry Bacon



Trevor Bayless  
 Gretchen Beaver  
 Kaitlyn Bennett  
 Michael Blumer  
 Aaron Bohr



Peyton Botts  
 Seth Boyer  
 James Brocaw  
 Matthew Bromley  
 Shayla Burnett



Christofer Burnside  
 Ashlee Carr  
 Luis Chona  
 Cameron Christian  
 Elainna Christlieb



Nathan Cushing  
 Ashleigh Daniels  
 Marking Daniels  
 Shanna Davidson  
 Tyler Dreger



# Juniors





Tamika Dunn  
Alexander Fern  
Endesha Flanigan  
Lucas Freeman  
Kenzie Froebe



Spencer Froide  
Gordon Gartner  
Melissa Goldenhuys  
James Gibbons  
Garrett Gilstrap



Tanner Goad  
Katelyn Golightley  
Shaunaci Grant  
Randy Guan  
Alex Guerrero



Shyanne Guyot  
Kelsey Hignight  
Brianna Hilger  
Theodore Honan  
Evan Hoover



Chance Housel  
LaKesha Hunter  
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Alicia Jones  
Mark Kebert

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Victoria Kebert  
 Nicole Key  
 Delon Knight  
 Michelle Knopick  
 Judith Kyle



Crystal LaForte  
 Samantha Lewis  
 BreAnna Linden  
 John Long  
 Stephanie Lyon



Lexis Mangan  
 Molly Mangan  
 Daniel McDill  
 Kelby McGrath  
 Shannon Mears



Alex Melo  
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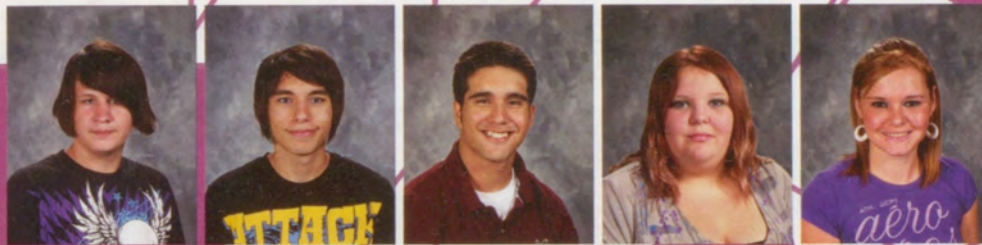
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Shirley Reister  
Katherine Rice  
Angela Riggle



Derek Rumfelt  
Shane Samora  
Roberto Sanchez  
Emily Seeley  
Brandy Simmons



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Rachel Smith  
Julia Stafford  
Kayla Steinle



Scott Strycker  
 Johnna Sutton  
 Dominique Taylor  
 Michael Teats  
 Michael Trombold



Audrey Tucker  
 Dakota Tucker  
 David Turpin  
 Sierra Watts  
 Garrett Webster



Angelina White  
 Matt Wilson  
 Sandi Wilson  
 Ashley Winkleman  
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Cory D Wright  
 Jeremy Wright  
 Patrick Wuerdeman  
 Bryanna Yarbrough  
 Devante Young



Andre Ysusi





# Junior Class Officers

Left to Right:  
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Audrey Tucker, secretary;  
Joel Simwinga, vice president; and  
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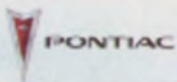
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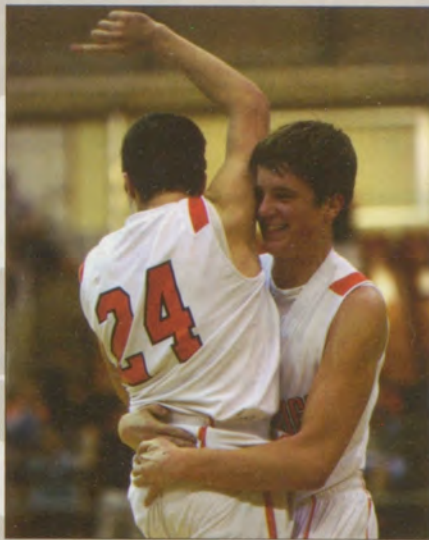


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**Front Row:** Sean Jones, Parker Botts, DeAnte Perkins, Roberto Flores, Norberto Carrillo. **Back Row:** Gavin Webster, Junior Geldenhuys, A.J. Capps, Dalton Coda, Rusty White and Jacob Brooks. **Coach:** Max Bradbury.



Jonny Dierks and Easton Julian celebrate Easton's game winning shot against Fort Scott.



Dalton Shaffer makes a cross court pass to Garrett Webster.



T.J. Reed takes it up strong against Labette.



Bulldog players anticipate the action at Labette County.

The boys basketball team was picked to finish fourth in SEK league in the pre-season polls, and after many buzzer beating game enders and overtime excitement, that's exactly what the Bulldogs did: finish fourth in SEK. They made a good run with a win against lola in the first Sub-State game, but then fell to Parsons in the second. The team finished the season with a record of 11 wins and 11 losses.

Head coach Matt Brumley, who resigned at the conclusion of the season, said, "This season was a very successful one. Our record was one of the best in recent memory. We were very young and inexperienced, which made what we accomplished, in a tough SEK, even more special. I appreciate all the boys' hard work and dedication. I am proud to have had the opportunity to coach this group of young men."

The team graduates seniors Jonny Dierks and Austin Schroeder. "Basketball taught me a lot, I've played all four years and it was a blast watching our team grow," said Austin. Jonny Dierks was a starter this season and a leading post player in the SEK. Jonny concluded, "Basketball was really exciting and fun, I will miss the team."



# Are you ready for the Bulldogs?



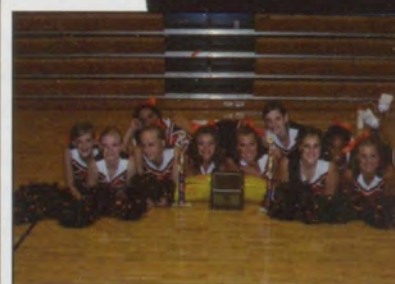
**Front Row:** Lauren Peyton, Danielle Medlock, Camile English, Lakan Ysusi, Heidi Tucker.  
**Middle Row:** Shelby Therrien, Tequila Jones, Hannah Kays, Emma Jackson, Meghan O'Shields, Christy Carter. **Back Row:** Shelby Enloe, Dani Reister, Audrey Tucker, Cali Nutt, Samantha Oliver, Krista Newton, Sierra Watts and Heather Wright.

The varsity cheer squad traveled to McPherson for summer cheer camp. The squad earned all blue ribbons, with the exception of one red ribbon, placed third with their dance routine, and won the leadership and banana awards.

"The banana award is for the most spirited squad, so that's an important recognition for use at camp," said Emma Jackson, senior.

The cheer squad not only cheers at varsity football and basketball games, but they also make spirit posters for the hallways, run-throughs for football games, conduct cheer camps for elementary and middle school students, and participate in community spirit rallies.

"A spot on the cheer squad means you work all year, through all three athletic seasons," said Lauren Peyton, senior. "We are committed to supporting all IHS athletes and promoting Bulldog spirit!"







Camille English, Danielle Medlock, Lakan Ysusi, and Hannah Kays with the pre-k girls during football season's Little Cheer Clinic.



Winter Varsity Squad

Danielle Medlock-"My favorite part was beating Coffeyville during football season. I'll miss being on the sidelines and just cheering the guys on."



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# Lady Bulldogs Continue to Build Program



Lauren Whitson, senior, inbounds the ball in a home game against Iola.



Chelsea Mundy, junior, puts up a free-throw shot.



"My favorite part of the season was going 6-0 before break. It was a good feeling to be undefeated in the first half of the season."  
- Talor Smith, senior

In the pre-season polls, the Lady Bulldogs were picked to finish fourth in the SEK and out of the gate, looked to have a strong season.

At the break, the team held a 6-0 record they kicked off with a home win against Chanute. However, when the team returned from break, it suffered its first loss against Labette County.

The Lady Bulldogs played in the Wilson County Classic later in the season and lost a heartbreaker to Girard, finishing second place in the tournament.

The season ended with another loss to Girard at the Sub-State tournament.

"We had a good season. Our team showed improvement from the previous season as we finished with a better overall and league record this season.

However, we didn't reach our goals and hopefully the girls will work in the off season so we can continue to build our program, be successful and reach our goals," said Coach Reynolds.

## SEK Player of the Year Kelby McGrath







## Varsity/JV

**Front Row:** Talor Smith, Lauren Whitson. **Second Row:** Riana Hutchison, Rachel Rakes, Julia Stafford, Kaitlyn Lawrence. **Third Row:** Kelby McGrath, Nikki Yakshaw, Brittany Daniels, Kayla Steinle, Kelsey Hignight. **Back Row:** Coach Dale Reynolds, Sandi Wilson, Allie Stewart, Chelsea Mundy, Endesha Flanigan, Molly Mangan and Michelle Knopick.

Varsity Lady Bulldog Scoreboard

Date	Opponent	Score
12/4	Chanute	54-46
12/8	Parsons	60-30
12/11	Iola	46-41
12/15	Ft. Scott	33-24
12/18	Coffeyville	48-29
01/5	Pittsburg	39-31
01/8	LCHS	23-40
01/12	Girard	37-59
01/15	Columbus	35-36
01/18	Wilson County	41-38
01/19	Wilson County	55-51
01/22	Wilson County	31-62
01/29	Parsons	51-43
02/02	Iola	40-33
02/05	Fort Scott	33-53
02/09	Coffeyville	48-35
02/12	Pittsburg	48-49
02/16	Labette County	45-43
02/23	Columbus	51-47
02/25	Chanute	44-38
03/01	Iola (Sub-State)	33-39



## Freshmen

**Front Row:** Kennedy Reynolds, Tana Shaffer, Ashlyn Conner. **Middle Row:** Breanna Durnil, Lakin Palmer, Jami Sanborn. **Back Row:** Coach Kelsie Lambert, Monique Shaw, Kylie Ewing, Kelsey Porter and Indaisia Duke.

## Freshman Team Finishes Season at 7-11

The freshman girls basketball team finished its season with a 7-11 record and a second place finish at the Columbus tournament. Coach Kelsie Lambert said, "In my opinion, a highlight of the season was out 46-43 overtime win against Labette County." Lambert continued, "This group of players was fun to work with and made a great deal of progress through the season."



# JHS Dance



**Front Row:** Cassie Goodman, Bailey Lewman, Brittany Meyer. **Middle Row:** Courtney Medsker, Becca Lewis, Shima Hadipour, Cortney Knight, Lizzy Brennan. **Back Row:** Emely Flores, Jessica Morris, Nikki Yakshaw, Elizabeth Allen, Kesha Hunter, Macy Blankenship and Jenny High.

"My favorite thing was doing something I loved and I'm really going to miss how close we all became."

- Becca Lewis



Officers: Becca Lewis (lieutenant), Cassie Goodman (captain), Brittany Meyer (captain), and Cortney Knight (lieutenant).







**Senior Captain,  
Cassie Goodman:**  
"My favorite thing  
about this year was  
how close the team  
was. I'll miss being  
in charge and I'll  
miss Lori & Stacey."

"You know  
you're dancing  
when tears of pain  
and happiness blend  
in with your  
sweat."

After earning second place honors and many blue ribbons at summer dance camp held in El Dorado, the IHS dance team was ready to entertain the Bulldog faithful during the halftime shows.

Captains Cassie Goodman and Brittany Meyer, along with lieutenants Cortney Knight and Becca Lewis, choreographed most of the dances the team performed.

"We learn a lot of combinations at camp that we end up working into routines," said Brittany. "That said, most of our home performances are mixes we put together and choreograph."

Seniors Cassie Goodman and Bailey Lewman earned All-American dancer honors at camp.

"It was a real honor," said Bailey. "As a senior, it's nice to earn that recognition after being on the dance team through high school."

Lori Wilson and Stacey Wilson coached this year's dance team.



"When the  
music changes,  
so does the  
dance."





# Indy Wrestlers Keep on Fighting

The Indy wrestlers finished the season with a 5-3 record in the SEK. They also had two wrestlers qualify for state this year: senior Damone Hatch and sophomore **Tim Erbe**. Tim Erbe fought hard at the tournament but came up short when he lost his first two matches at State. Damone fought just as hard but struggled in his first match. In his second match Damone rebounded back and won. The next day in his third match, which he came very close to winning, Damone couldn't pull off his second victory to go deeper into the State bracket.

"Over all it was a good season. It was definitely a roller coaster ride with its ups and its downs," said Coach Watters. "Wrestlers qualifying for State and the state tournaments were the best part of the season by far."

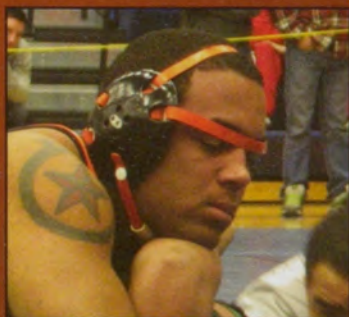
Watters went on to say, "Lots of surprising things happened this season. One of the most surprising things was how we handled Ft. Scott and Labette County this year in the duals. Usually they are the powerhouses of the league, but this year we took care of them."

The Regional tourney was unusually tough this year. "We had a lot of good wrestlers not make it this year because of the higher competition at this year's tournament," continued Coach Watters.

Watters also said that one of the funniest moments of the season was when Damone Hatch got tossed into the air by the heavyweight from Anderson County. "It was funny seeing Damone getting thrown into the air, not once but twice, in the same match by a kid who his half his height. That kid really put him into orbit. At least Damone came back from it and won the match," chuckled Coach Watters.

## State Qualifiers

**Damone Hatch**  
Senior  
285 pounds  
22-11 record



**Tim Erbe**  
Sophomore  
135 pounds  
21-6 record







**Front Row:** Cole Keller, Errion Dungey, Sean Keath, Alec Medlock, Delon Knight, Craig Marshall, Matt Threlkeld, Dustin Oliver. **Middle Row:** Coach Bo Watters, Caden Westerfield, Sam Collins, Joe VanDyne, Toby Therrien, Aaron Schwenker, Jacob Davis, Brandon Dick, Marking Daniels, Easton Ballew, Coach Brian Melchiori. **Back Row:** Nick Long, Garrett Gilstrap, C.J. Hitt, Zach Snodgrass, Damone Hatch, Micah Knight, Ethan Smith, Cody Adkins, Nathan Gardner, Johny Ainesworth and Coach Michael McCambridge.

Delon Knight  
Junior

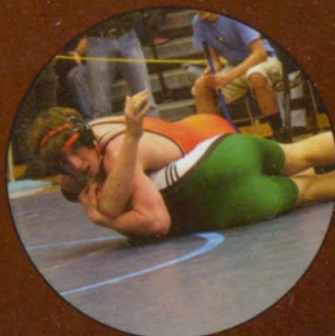


"It was a blast while it lasted!"

Micah Knight  
Senior



"This wrestling season was pretty fun! The practices were hard but it was all worth it. One of my favorite parts about wrestling was getting to cut all the guy's hair into mohawks. "



Cole Keller  
Sophomore

"Wrestling is the toughest sport there is in terms of preparation, but it has biggest payoff."



# Swim



**Front Row (left to right):** Jon Hogge, Marcus Goodspeed, Lane Near, Josh Belt, Chase Cushing.  
**Back Row:** Caleb Hogge, Brian Lewman, Logan Papen, Kyler King, Dallas King and Carl Stinson.



## On Their Way To State

The Independence swim team had a splashtacular season this year. With five returning swimmers and seven new swimmers the team had many opportunities for success. Working with Coffeyville for the second year in a row, IHS placed very well at the meets. At the home meet at FKHS, the Indy swimmers came out victorious. During the season the 200 and 400 free relays qualified for State. This team consisted of Dallas King, Carl Stinson, Jon Hogge and Caleb Hogge. Also qualifying as individuals were Jon and Dallas both in 50 Free. Making consideration time were Caleb and Carl in events other than the relays also.

At the state meet in Topeka, the team placed 15th out of 32 teams. The 200 relay paced fifth, and the 400 relay came in tenth. In the 50 free Jon received 18th followed by Dallas who came in 19th. Dallas also swam in the 100 free and got 11th. Carl got 14th in the 100 Back. Caleb placed 25th in the 200 IM and 100 Breast.

Going to State with the team was Josh Belt's favorite part of the season. Looking back on the season Coach Clapp said, "The IHS boys had an amazing season and a wonderful experience at the State meet in Topeka! Each and everyone of the swimmers improved greatly. We will miss our seniors, Jon, Kyler, Logan and Connor, but look forward to an EVEN better 2011!"



# Team



# Tool Time



Mason Posch- Al Tyler Sprage- Tim  
Talor Smith- Heidi



Homecoming King and Queen:  
Austin Schroeder and Natasha Sack



Jonny Dierks and  
Christina Evans



Conner Cushing and  
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John Lloyd Stafford III  
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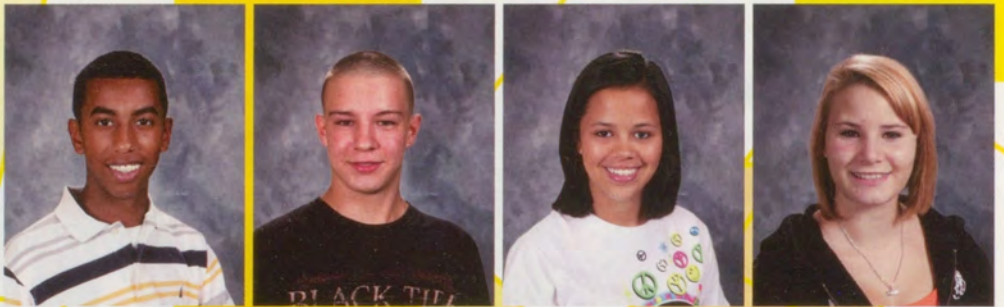
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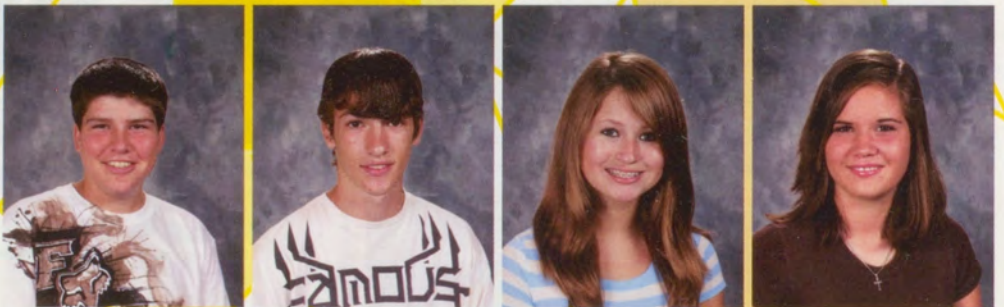
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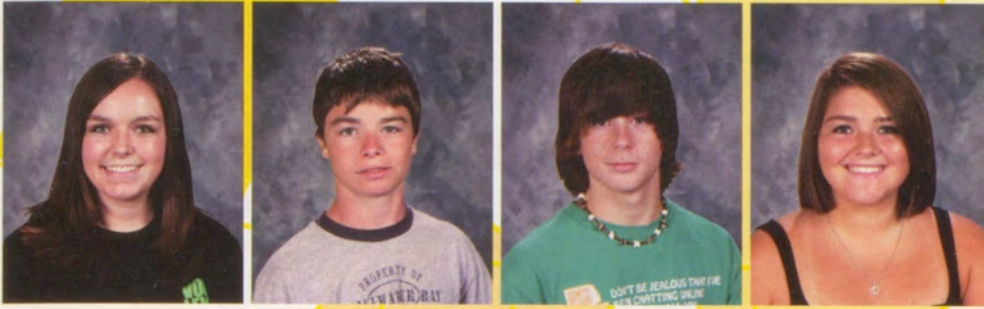


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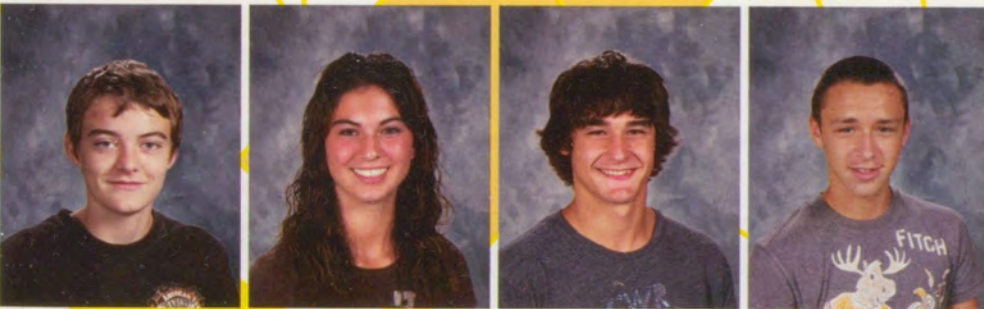
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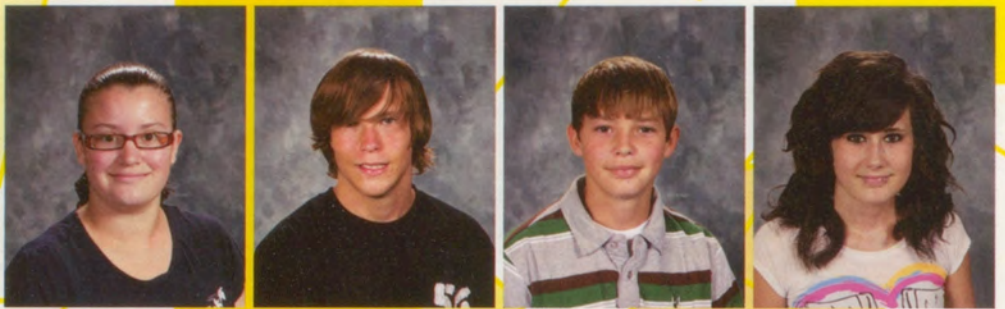
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Caleb Hogge  
Dawn Hole  
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Emily Jabben  
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Nicole Jolicoeur  
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Sean Keath  
Cole Keller



Dallas King  
Shawn King  
Cortney Knight  
Levi Leiker



Kenyon Leopard  
Rebecca Lewis  
Bryan Lewman  
Nicholas Long



Julianna Loveless  
Michelle Lowmaster  
Scott Lucas  
Shawna Lucas



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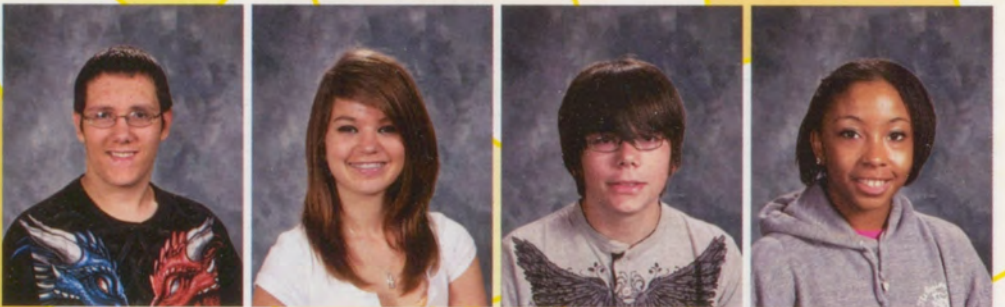
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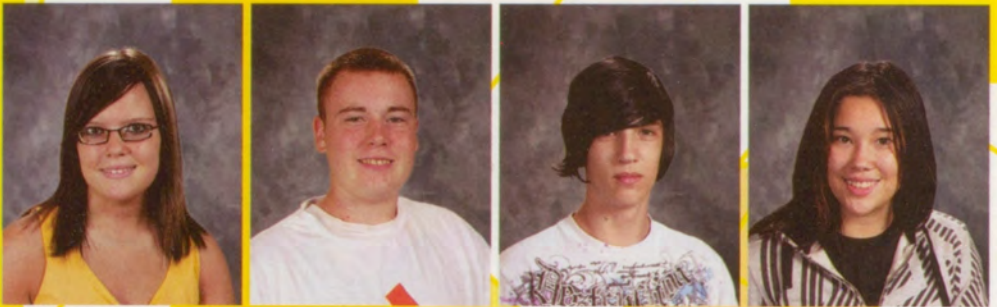
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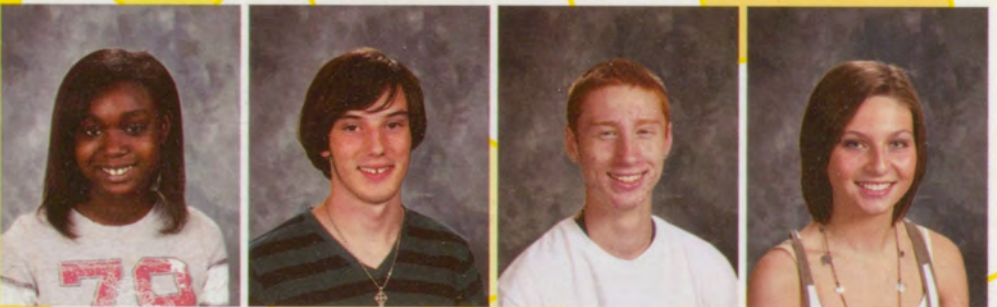
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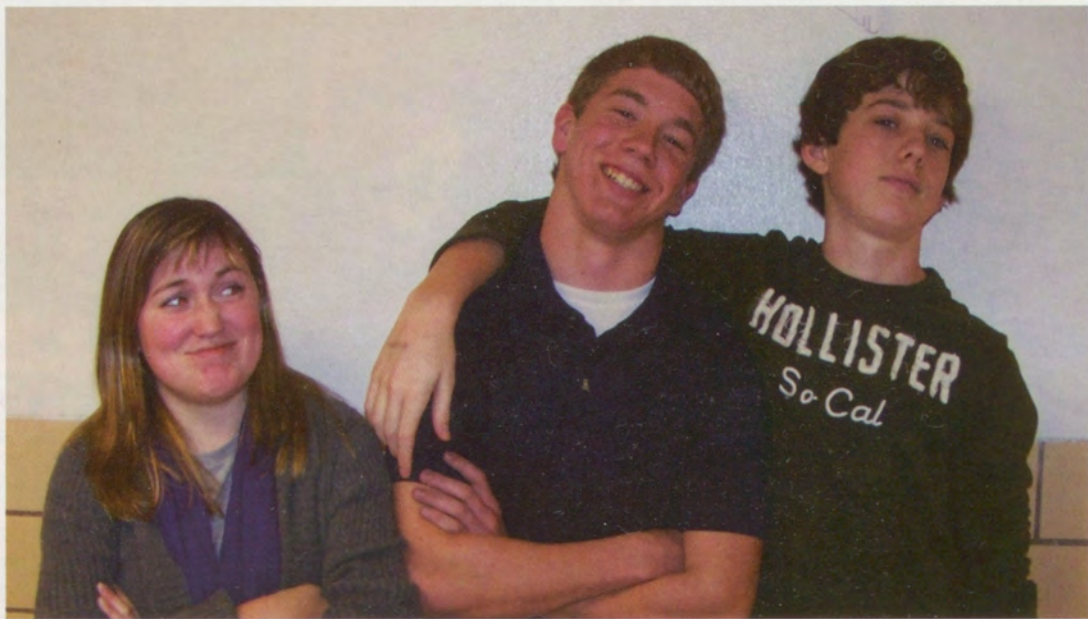




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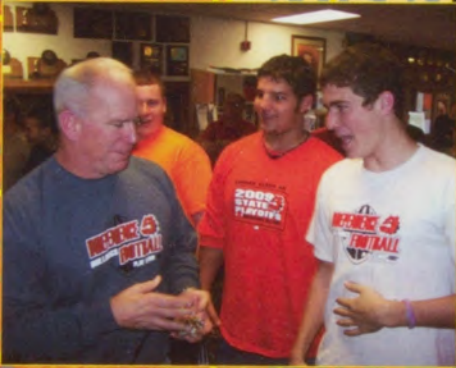
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# IHS Students and Staff Display Talent at Annual Show



Shanna Davidson sings a song by Evanescence.



Daniel McDill, Aaron Hayse, Seth Boyer and Alec Ramos performing a humorous song, which earns first prize.



Mr. Mosley running sound, making sure everything runs smoothly.

## Winners

1. Daniel McDill, Aaron Hayse, Seth Boyer, and Alec Ramos. (Humorous Song)
2. Mr. Mosley (piano and vocal)
3. Courtney Medsker (vocal)
4. Aaron Hayse (piano and vocal)



Courtney Medsker: "I was nervous to get up and perform in front of the whole school."











Dominique DeBouse has an impressive jump at Parsons. Dominique qualified for State in triple jump.



# It's a Photo Finish

Starting off a new season is exciting, with anticipation, what the season will bring is unknown. At the home meet the boys were victorious, placing first, while the girls got second. Just at the home meet Julia Stafford, Haley Marchant, Kelby McGrath, Dominique DeBouse, Tyler Sprague, and Carl Stinson medaled. Then most of those came home with medals from SEK.

Medaling at Regionals and qualifying for State were Haley, with a second place jump of 10', which broke her previous school record; Tyler, who had third place finishes in the 200 and the 400; and Sandi Wilson, who placed third in the 400. Placing fourth and qualifying for State was the 4x400 relay team (Tyler, Cory Wright, Dominique Taylor, and Dominique DeBouse); Carl Stinson, 1600; and Dominique DeBouse, triple jump; and Dominique Taylor, 800. Looking back on the year the team had a great season. Tyler Sprague said, "I will miss the meets and hanging with all my peeps and the 4x400 squad." Medaling at State was Dominique Taylor, who got fifth in the 800 and while Tyler finished sixth in the 400.

"Overall it went quick," said Coach Harlin. "They were a hard working group of kids this year. They did what they were suppose to when they were suppose to. That's what it takes to have a successful season."

Dominique Taylor qualified for State in the 800 where he had a time of 1:59.10 and received a fifth place medal.



Haley Marchant makes her first attempt at 10' at Regionals to break her own record in pole vaulting.



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# We do more than run...



**Jump**  
Sandi Wilson medaled in the long jump at several meets.



**THROW**  
Maddie Hawn throws javelin and runs the mile.



**HURDLE**  
Benji Babcock and DeVante Young both compete in the 300 hurdles; they also run the 110 hurdles.





# Indy Softball



**Front Row:** Kaedy Turner, Kennedy Reynolds.

**Second Row:** Kaitlyn Lawrence, Hannah Kays, Jami Sanborn, Taylor Mason, Emily Jabben.

**Third Row:** Bailey Burnett, Breanna Durnil, Lakin Palmer, Johnna Sutton, Hallie Hernandez, Tori Kebert.

**Back Row:** Morgan Dodson, BreAnna Linden, Brittany Daniels, Kylie Ewing, Haley Blurton, Amber Schafer and Monique Shaw.

## Softball

IHS		Opp
8	FKHS	7
18	FKHS	8
1	Iola	2
2	Iola	12
4	Columbus	6
6	Columbus	18
7	Ft. Scott	8
8	Ft. Scott	9
12	Chanute	7
3	Chanute	11
2	LCHS	4
0	LCHS	15
2	Ark City	16
0	Ark City	15
2	Pittsburg	16
3	Pittsburg	9
1	Winfield	10
5	Winfield	9
0	Girard	15

Junior Johnna Sutton and senior Amber Schafer were recognized with All-SEK honors.

Sutton, who was named to the first team, was a strong offensive leader for the Bulldogs. She was 28-for-64 at the plate and had a team-best .438 batting average. She led the team in hits (28), runs scored (16) and RBIs (18). This was the third year for Johnna to be named All-SEK.

"Our team has a strong work ethic this season," said Johnna. "We really worked hard to come together as a team."

Schafer earned a spot on the second team. She finished 14-for-52 at the plate and tied for fourth in the number of hits and was third in batting average.

The team struggled, finishing with an overall record of 3-17 and 3-11 in SEK league action.

"Even though our record may not show it, our players continued to improve throughout the season," said Dale Reynolds, head coach. "I'm proud that the players never gave up and battled together through the rough spots in the season."





# Indy Baseball



Front Row: Coach Eddie Mason, Parker Botts, Caleb Mitchell, Cole Keller, Dustin Oliver, Norberto Carrillo, Bryce Smith, Zach May, Kevin Matthews, Easton Ballew.

Second Row: Dalton Coda, Nick Long, Shane Moore, Bobby Sanchez, Manager Nathan Gardner, Anthonée Coleman, Andre Ysusi, Cody Atkins, AJ Capps, Assistant Coach Brian Smith.

Back Row: Assistant Coach Troy Smith, Dalton Shaffer, Dylan Kemp, Zach Snodgrass, Easton Julian, Alex Steinle, Jonny Dierks, TJ Reed, Dalton Thorpe and Brandon Stein.

According to Coach Eddie Mason, the Bulldog baseball team had a "roller-coaster season without much offensive consistency." Finishing with an overall 11-10 record, the Dogs came up one win shy of a trip to State after a 7-3 loss to Ft. Scott in the Regional title game.

"The type of season is tough on everybody," said Coach Mason. "But mentality-wise, the team battled through it and never gave up."

In SEK action, IHS finished 9-5.

All-SEK first-team honors went to seniors Brandon Stein, Bryce Smith and Dylan Kemp. Named to the second team were senior Jonny Dierks and sophomore Dalton Shaffer.

"Dylan and Jonny, even though their records didn't reflect it, were the best pitchers in Southeast Kansas this year," Coach Mason stated. "And Bryce and Dalton made up the best left side of the infield in the league."

Shaffer had one of the top batting averages on the team at .419, going 26-for-26 at the plate. He had eight doubles and scored 21 times.





# Boys Tennis Finishes Another Picture Perfect Season

IHS, a perennial powerhouse in the SEK league, claimed the league championship for the tenth consecutive year. "I couldn't be prouder of this team. This was actually the twentieth league championship for IHS in the last 21 years," said Ken Brown, head coach.

In their first four tournaments the Indy boys tennis team placed first overall as a team. In the rest of their tournaments they placed anywhere from second to sixth.

They also had another good run right before state finishing first in both the SEK tournament and in the Regional tournament.

"We had another tremendous year for Bulldog tennis. A lot of players improved this year, especially as the year went along. We are losing eight seniors this year, who I will truly miss. They are leaving big shoes to fill," said Coach Brown. "That said, there are some very talented players who are waiting to take the reins. They all live by our motto: 'Expect the best, work the hardest, and enjoy the moment.'"

The top six players made it to State and finished the season the season with the following records: Nick Romans 19-8, Mason Posch 32-13, Anthony Davis and Wes Goodrich 28-12, and Austin Schroeder and Isaac Hilger finished with a 22-13 record.



**Front Row:** Zackery Wallace, Aidan Goodrich, Joel Simwinga, Skye Conley.

**Middle Row:** Coach Gina McLenon, Mason Posch, Sid Rutland, Austin Schroeder, Scott Augustine, Tyler Posch, Coach Ken Brown.

**Back Row:** Nick Romans, Wes Goodrich, Isaac Hilger, Bryan Lewman, Anthony Davis, and Cameron Schicke.





"I had a great time this year and I had fun going and playing in all the meets!"  
-Aidan Goodrich

"My favorite part of this year was winning first at the SEK tournament and clinching the SEK title."  
-Gavin Webster

"Winning is important and can mean the difference between second and third, but you can't forget to have fun and love playing sports."  
-Wes Goodrich

"Tennis is like life: Those who serve well seldom lose!"  
- Anthony Davis

## Event

## Place

Indy Invitational	1st Place
Iola Invitational	1st Place
Indy Invitational	1st Place
Indy Invitational	1st Place
Neodesha Invitational	3rd Place
Ark City Invitational	4th Place
Parsons Invitational	2nd Place
LCHS Invitational	2nd Place
Winfield	3rd Place
Baldwin	2nd Place
McPherson	6th Place
Circle Invitational	3rd Place
Collegiate	5th Place
SEK Tournament	1st Place
Gardner-Edgerton	1st Place
Neodesha	2nd Place
Regional	1st Place
State	3rd Place



# IHS Boys Tennis Captures



## Third at State

"We put our blood, sweat, and tears into getting to State, plus more. It was great! Satisfaction to the max!

- Mason Posch

"I am so impressed with this group of boys. They are leaving behind an amazing legacy. This was the twenty-first consecutive year IHS has qualified players for State, and our tenth consecutive year of finishing in the top four teams at State."

-Ken Brown, head coach

"I made memories and friends that will last a lifetime. I loved every second of it!"

- Austin Schroeder

"This tournament was great and I had a lot of fun. We did really well this year and was glad to be a part of it."

- Isaac Hilger



# Girls Make a Splash



**Front Row:** Coach Kathy Clapp, Aubrey Near, Madison Vining, Nikki Yackshaw, Cali Nutt, Jessie Wilson, Layne Wilson. **Back Row:** Vanessa Lowdon, Haley Marchant, Elizabeth Allen and Coach Kurt King.

Diving into another season with Coffeyville's girls swim team, Elizabeth Allen and Nikki Yakshaw were joined by seven other girls from Independence this year. Swimming their way to victory, the girls brought home several medals from almost all the meets. The relay teams had an especially good year.

The girls made consideration time in several events including the 200 Medley Relay, 200 Free Relay and the 400 Free Relay. Swimming in the Medley were Nikki, back; Madison Vining, breast; Haley Marchant, fly; and Layne Wilson, free. Leading off the 200 Free Relay was Nikki followed by Layne and Madison, while Haley was the anchor leg. The 400 Free Relay had Jessie Wilson, Cali Nutt, Elizabeth, and Madison representing Independence. As an individual Haley competed in the 200 Free and 100 Free at the State meet in Topeka.

"The IHS girls had a terrific season which resulted in going to State! Everyone swam their personal best times at State and the 200 Relay team of Nikki, Layne, Madison and Haley were able to finish 16th swimming in the finals! I could not be more proud of these nine girls and their accomplishments!" said Coach Clapp.

Vanessa Lowdon, a senior, commented that working with the Coffeyville girls was a lot of fun and that they were really supportive. She enjoyed eating with the team especially after meets and was glad a friend convinced her to join the team.





# IHS Golf Team Qualifies for State Tourney



**Front Row:** Mark Coder, Eric Schlange, Dalton Mott, Talor Smith, Ashlyn Conner, Avery Barker, Scott Strycker, Taylor Gibson.

**Back Row:** Garrett Webster, Peyton Botts, Kyler King, Nick Newton, Tanner Goad, Levi Leiker, Tyler Dreger, T.J. Honan and Rusty White.

**IHS** golf entered the season expected to finish in the top three of the **SEK** league. However, the **Bulldogs** got off to a slow start with low finishes in the first three tournaments. Levi Leiker remembered, "I was pretty nervous in the beginning, but I got more comfortable as the season went on."

**IHS** battled with **Chanute** and **Coffeyville** all season and lost to both teams in league play. Tanner Goad commented, "Losing to **Chanute** and **Coffeyville** left a bitter taste in all of our mouths."

The **Regional** tournament was held in **Augusta**. The **Bulldogs** picked the right time to peak and shot a season best **322**. This score put the **Dogs** at the top of the **Regional** leader board and granted them a ticket **Hesston** to participate in the **State** tournament.

The **Bulldogs** got ninth place at **State**, shooting a **360**. Coach **Coder** summed up the season, "The team improved from last year's **State** performance. The team was a little disappointed, but I was very pleased with their performance efforts at the tournament."





Peyton Botts holds his follow through.

**"The team had their best round of the year at Regionals. As a coach, you cannot ask anymore from a team than to improve each week and then play their best round of the year at Regionals."**

**~Mark Coder, Coach**



Talor Smith watches her ball soar down the fairway.



Kyler King's short chip shot finds the green successfully.



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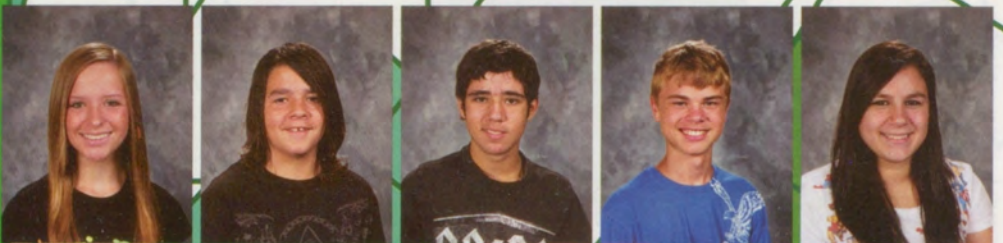
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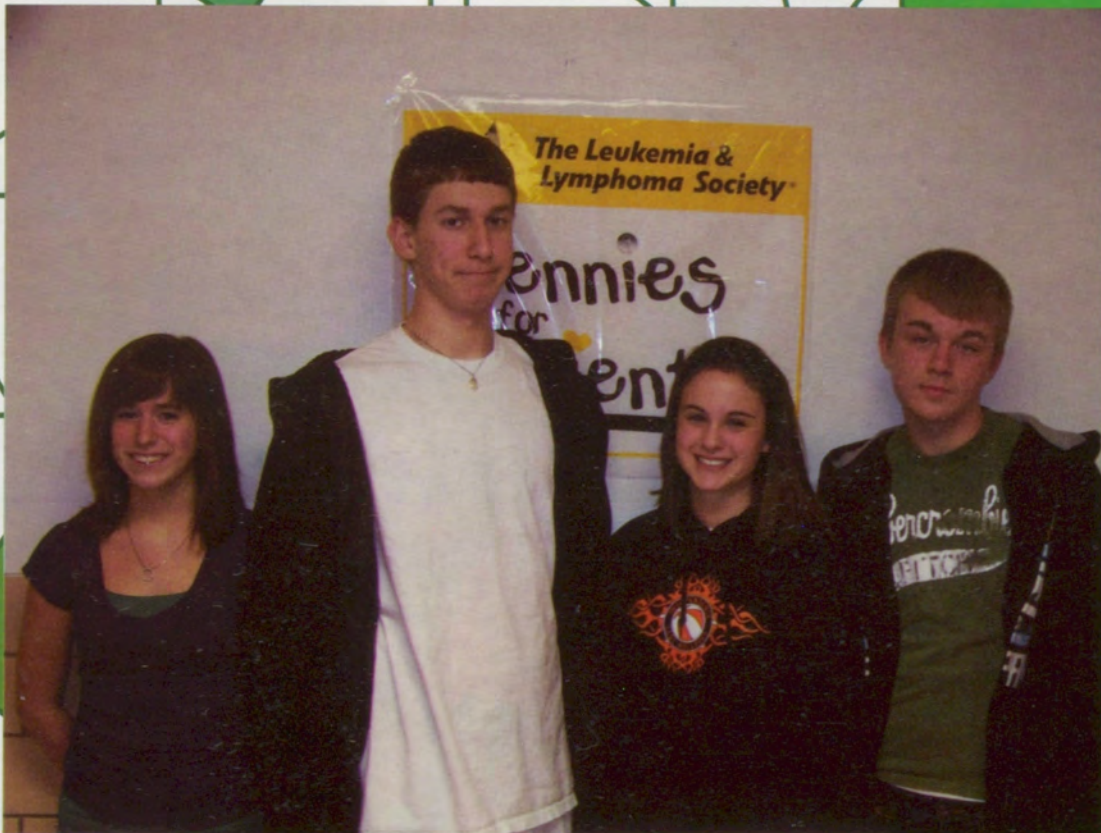




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# Freshman Class Officers

Left to Right: Sammi Sprague, vice-president; Alex Steinle, president, Ashlyn Conner, secretary, and AJ Capps, treasurer and StuCo representative.





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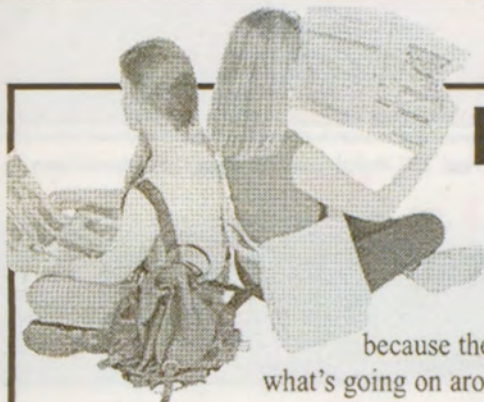
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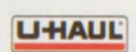
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Johnna Sutton

Shayla Burnett  
DeVante Young  
Ashley Sumner  
Sandi Wilson  
Outside the Box



# Achievement

Entrepreneurship is a Junior Achievement program and an excellent way to learn about the business world and earn money at the same time. In fact, it's the only course offered at IHS where students can earn money at the conclusion of the semester.

The class allows students to choose peers who serve as the "corporate" leaders of their company, as well as make a product and sell it for profit. Students gain start up money for their companies by selling stock for \$ 5 per share. Then the process of choosing what product to market begins. "It isn't an easy process," said Jessie Wilson (Outside the Box). "We talked about it a lot before we surveyed students and teachers to find out what they are most interested in buying."

"We spent time at most of the home football games selling our hot chocolate to IHS fans," said Levi Sprague. "It was worth it in the end though, because our company made a great profit."

At the end of the semester the JA board, made up of local business leaders, honors participants at a ceremony with scholarship money and savings bonds.

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"Taking this class was a very good learning experience. I would suggest it to any IHS student."

-Shayla Burnett  
Fuego, president



Outside the  
Box



Fuego

"We had four companies again this year. For the first time in several years two companies decided to make their own products. This experience gave them a greater understanding of how important being in class and being able to work together is to accomplish their goal."

-Ms. McClure





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## Picture your favorite part of yearbook.

The Christmas party with all the food. - Dominique Edwards

**Police cars making donuts - Gretchen Beaver**

Designing the cover during a virtual cover session with the graphic design artist. - Peyton Botts

**I like doing the pages on the computer. It is really fun and there are a lot of choices to choose from. - BreAnna Linden**

It's hard to breathe with no air. - Dylan Kemp

**Trying to convince the rest of the staff that dolphins should be on the cover. - Sammie Baumgartner**

"I like being in yearbook class because it's teaching me skills that I can later apply to my art career. As a graphic artist, I'll need to use computer design programs, be organized, and meet deadlines."

- Katie Rice

**Figuring out how long it will take Mrs. Cox to return to the classroom. - Niki Amos**

I like incorporating writing with photography and design and coming up with the "final product." The class is a nice change of pace from typical classroom setting, and I get to know the staff members in a different way than the rest of my students.

- Mrs. Cox

**Deciding how the book will be organized and what pages we're going to include is fun. I want the 2010 Orange & Black to be unique. - Haley Marchant**

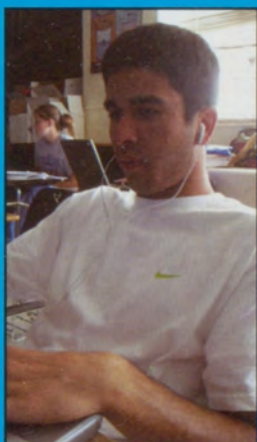
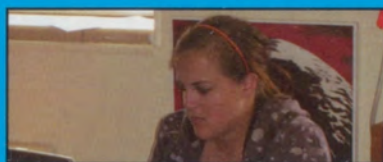
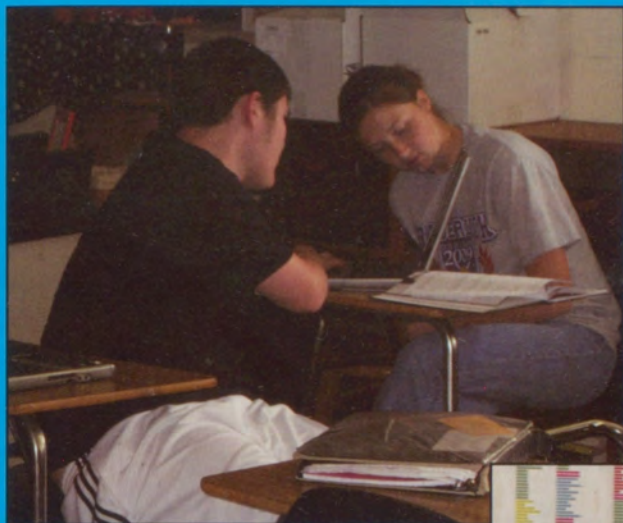


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# Debate Goes Gold

**"If you can't convince them, confuse them."**

The IHS debate squad hit the ground running in August thanks to some valuable time spent with coach Roni Burris in her annual debate camp prior to the start of school and the debate season.

The squad had two teams qualify for State this year: Dalton Mott and his partner Logan Papen and Thaddeus Tuck and partner John Stafford.

"The best part about this season was how all the seniors who went out for debate this year made it to State," said Ms. Burris. Ms. Burris went on to say she believes the squad's greatest accomplishment this season was Thaddeus and John's 5-0 record at Anderson County. "Thaddeus and John have worked hard all season and they really deserved that 5-0 record at Anderson County," said Ms. Burris.

"Debate is fun because we get to know students from other schools around the state, and even though we compete against them, we end up becoming friends," said Thaddeus. "My senior season was especially fun because it was a productive one."

Debater	Season Record
Danielle Allison	9-16
Sarah Doring	15-13
Kaylan Fowler	12-13
Jenny High	9-19
Levi Leiker	10-15
Hannah Morrow	7-13
Dalton Mott	26-16
Logan Papen	26-16
Scarlett Simpler	8-12
Skylar Stacy	7-15
John Stafford	17-8
Carl Stinson	7-15
Ashley Sumner	5-10
Thaddeus Tuck	16-9

**"The benefit of debate? I win more arguments with my parents now with my debating skills!"**

**-Logan Papen**





# Forensics Flies High

This year's forensics squad was successful by anyone's standards. Six students qualified for State this year including John L. Stafford III, who qualified duet acting, serious solo acting, and humorous solo acting; Logan Papen, who qualified in duet acting; Dalton Mott, who broke through in extemporaneous speaking, original oration, and informative speaking. Dalton also was a national qualifier this year in international extemporaneous speaking and congressional debate, but the National Forensics League only allows a student to enter on event at nationals. There were also three sophomores who qualified for State: Scarlett Simpler, informative speaking; Sarah Doring, duet acting and extemporaneous speaking; and Skylar Stacy, duet acting.

Although the team will graduate some excellent team members, it appears there are many talented underclassmen who are ready to step up and achieve the same level of success.

"We leave behind some big shoes to fill, but I'm confident the juniors and sophomores are up to that challenge," said Logan Papen, senior.



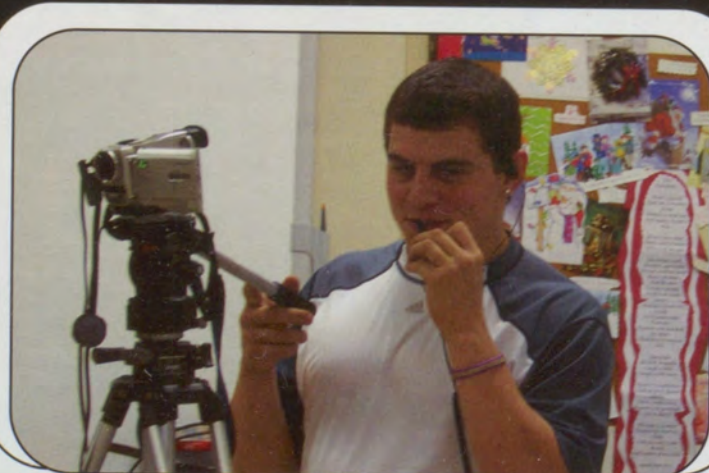
## Member

## Degree

Danielle Allison	Distinction
Sarah Doring	Distinction
Emely Marie Flores Hendrick	Merit
Kaylan Fowler	Honor
Shyanne Guyot	Merit
Jenny High	Excellence
Paige Johnson	Merit
Levi Leiker	Excellence
Bailey Lewman	Honor
Danielle Medlock	Excellence
Marissa Mitchell	Honor
Hannah Morrow	Distinction
Dalton Mott	Outstanding Distinction
Logan Papen	Outstanding Distinction
Kaitlin Quinton	Excellence
Scarlett Simpler	Distinction
Skylar Stacy	Distinction
John Stafford III	Outstanding Distinction
Carl Stinson	Distinction
Ashley Sumner	Merit
Thaddeus Tuck	Outstanding Distinction



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The media classes teamed up with the local Cable ONE company and filmed many school events for IHS. The media classes run Channel 14, the district's local-access channel with bulletins and announcements. Students learned how to film, direct, run sound, and write productions.



Mrs. Shepard, media instructor, said, "We very much appreciate Mike Flood and Cable ONE for their help and support."

Andre Ysusi enrolled in Media I because he thought it would be a fun "hands on" class, and he was right. "I had a good time running the show," said Andre.



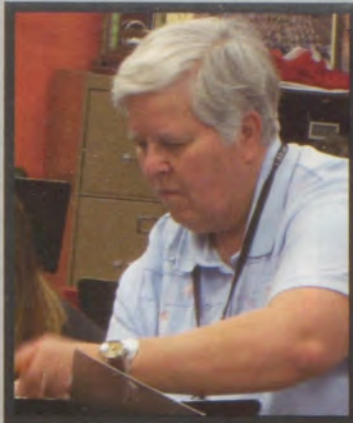
The orchestra consists of 13 members. Of those who tried out for the 2009 district orchestra 4 made it: Andy Tucker, Nicole Thompson, Sammy Williams, and Shawn Delano. Of those four, Shawn Delano and Sammy Williams went to State.

The orchestra is going strong this year with many performances at the high school concerts, nursing homes, Neewollah and INEA Banquet, to name a few.

Mrs. Millen, director, defines an orchestra as "young adults working together to make beautiful music."

Among the many fun and challenging pieces of music the orchestra played this year, they played pieces from *Avatar*, the Beatles, *Phantom of the Opera* and many Disney pieces. This year the orchestra received a II rating and the quartet received a I and a II at State. The quartet consisted of Andy Tucker, Nicole Thompson, Weston Smith and Crystal Smith.

"We are so amazing. Everyone is jealous of us. Seriously," said Crystal Smith.



# Picture a Day in the Life of *The Orchestra*





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The Indy Bulldog Marching Band received many top honors this year at the three marching festivals they attended, with Bailey Lewman, Niki Amos, and Gretchen Beaver leading the way as their drum majors. First on the schedule was the Burlington Marching Festival. IHS earned a I rating in field marching and a II rating in the drumline competition. Next on the schedule was the Andover Marching Festival, where IHS received a I rating on the field. The band had the home advantage in October, IHS received a I rating in the parade and field show in the Neewollah Marching Festival for the second year in a row.

The concert band started the year with a bang. The students learned three songs for their contest pieces. 'I really enjoyed our song choices. They were the best picks in my opinion and obviously to the judge's too,' said Mrs. Shelton. She was right; the judges did appreciate the song choices by giving IHS 'I' ratings across the board.

All the advice given from the guest conductor in San Antonio and the students' hard work really paid off in the end. Even the pep band did an outstanding job cheering on the basketball teams.



# Indy Concert Band

## Picture a band...



# San Antonio

Band Trip 2010

P I C T U R E T H I S







The remains of the vehicle. The car-bash was part of Spirit Week. Kids paid a fee to hit an old clunker with baseball bats.

## STUCO Takes The Lead!

IHS Student Council is all about ordinary students becoming leaders among their peers within the school. They completed about a dozen initiative projects and raised \$8,000 for IHS. This group of students, sponsored by Mr. Moseley and Ms. Capps, put on the Can-Opener canned food drive and dance, both Spirit Weeks, Pennies for Patients, the blood drive, and they regularly change the Student and Teacher of the Month.



STUCO members learned essential teamwork skills at the TPS ropes course.





# MY HEART'S IN THE HIGHLANDS

## Vocal Music Department

for T.T.B./T.B.B. voices and piano

Words by  
ROBERT BURNS

Music by  
SHERRI PORTERFIELD (ASCAP)

### Earns Superior Ratings

Windy yearling ♪ = ca. 92/16

While others were preparing for prom and the ACT, various choir students, as well as the Indy Ensemble, competed at Regional music. Those who received "I" ratings went on to State. Soloists who qualified included Aaron Hayse, Grace Kyle, Katie Knoles, and John Lloyd Stafford III. Two ensembles went to State: The men's quartet of Alec Ramos, Daniel McDill, Aaron Hayse, and Seth Boyer and the mixed ensemble of Sammi Sprague, Ashlee Carr, Monique Shaw, Lane Near, Skye Conley, Gavin Webster, Ashlyn Conner, Emily Derrick, Stephani Groff, Whitley Groth and Courtney Medsker. At the final concert we said farewell to the seniors as they wore their stoles backwards to indicate their last performance.



"Choir is fun! Everyone should do it."  
-Cabby Marceleno

Pedal carefully  
*poco rit.*

*poco rit.*



The vocal music department had strong senior leadership this year. Our 28 seniors proved their value in competition by earning 1 ratings. Without them, we couldn't have gotten to that level. We owe them a debt of gratitude.

-Mr. Annable, director



"I'm on fire for choir!"

-Joel Simwinga



"I loved singing 'Carol of the Bells' for Indy Ensemble; it's such a great song."

-Shandra Imhoff



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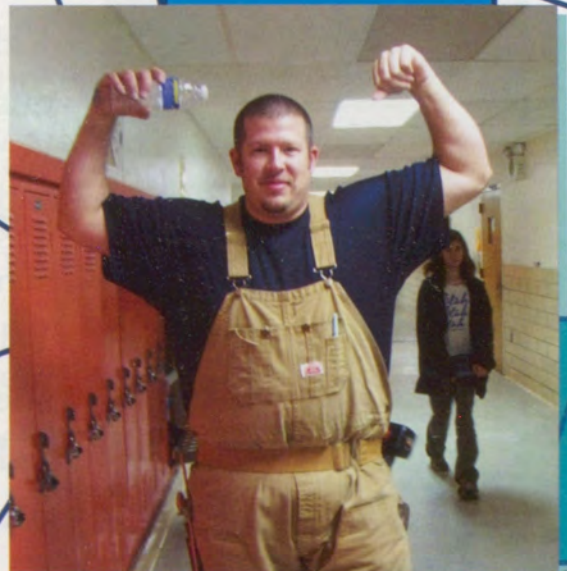
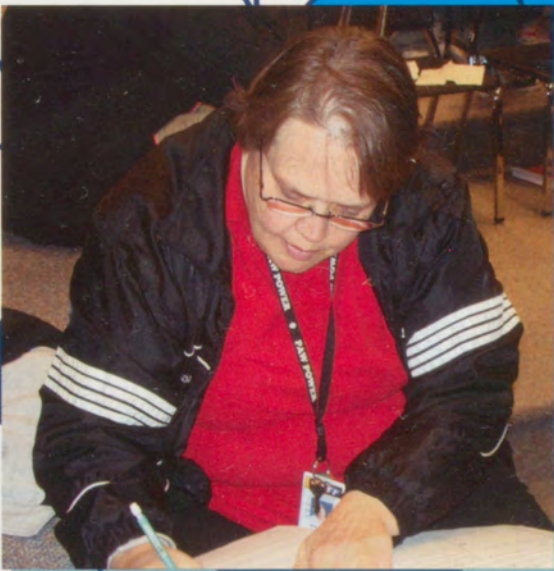
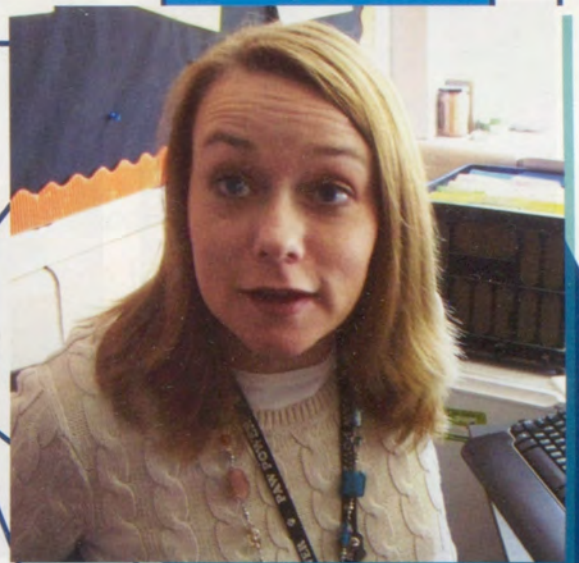
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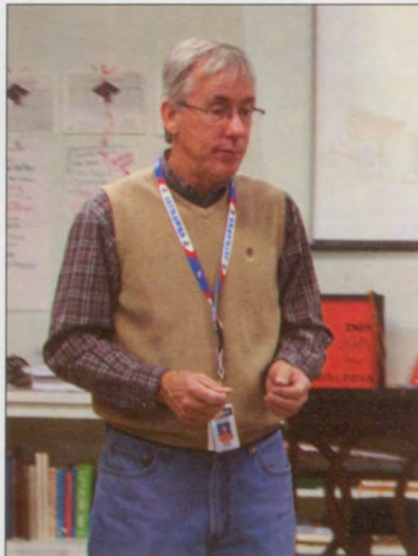
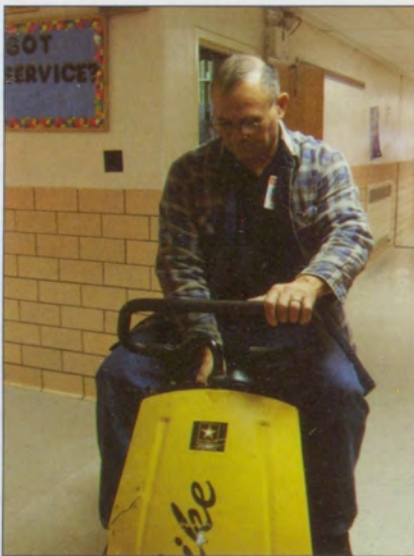






# Faculty and Staff Retirements

With a combined total of 74 years among them, Mr. Woods, Mr. Coder and Mrs. Reichenberger announced their retirements at the conclusion of the 2010 school year. Their contributions to IHS and its students cannot be forgotten.



## Eldon Woods



Eldon Woods has been working at IHS as a custodian since 1989. A friendly face in the halls, Eldon always knows what organizations each student is in and has something good to say about each one. Whether it was outside in the cold shoveling snow, or inside cleaning the halls, Eldon helped to make the school safe and clean for all the students.



# IHS Bids Farewell to 3 Staff Members

## Mark Coder



Mr. Coder has taught at IHS for 33 years. Over the years he's taught Junior Achievement, American history, American government, psychology, and civics. In addition to his teaching duties, he has coached track 4 years, volleyball 5 years, soccer 5 years, girls basketball 11 years, and golf 25 years. He has also been the student council sponsor. He has made lots of good friends with the faculty, and had lots of fun students in the classroom. Outside of school he enjoys playing golf, attending athletic events, and reading.

## Collette Reichenberger

Mrs. Reichenberger has taught in Independence for 21 years. While here she has taught American history, AP American history, and English. She has helped write state reading assessments, and write Kansas standards for reading. She was born and raised in Independence. Mrs. Reichenberger belongs to a couple of federated clubs, enjoys playing bridge, and loves to cook.





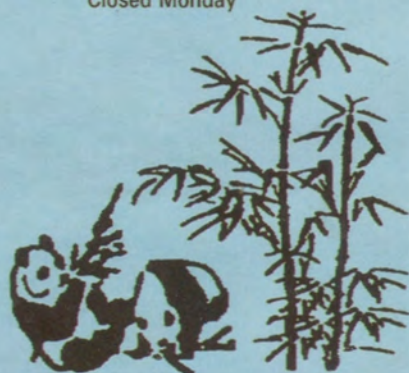
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# *First Leadership Learns Valuable Skills*



Twelve sophomores competed the First leadership program, which is sponsored by the Independence Chamber of Commerce. Class members included Alec Richmond, Easton Julian, Hannah Morrow, Jessie Wilson, Kaedy Turner, Layne Wilson, Maddie Hamlin, Sarah Doring, Logan Farmer, Shane Moore, Zach Snodgrass and Jessica Morris.

Among other activities, the group participated in four modules on topics such as career exploration, physical, emotional and financial fitness, Independence history and team building.

"The ropes course was the best, I'm afraid of heights, so it was a real challenge for me," said Easton Julian. "I thought the team building exercises were good for us. We learned some skills to help us work together."

The group served at the local museum's annual fundraiser, a high tea and also made a presentation to the board of education regarding the implementation of a drug policy for all IHS students who participate in extra-curricular activities.

"I was pretty nervous about getting in front of the board to make our presentation, but it wasn't as bad as I anticipated," said Alec Richmond, who was ultimately elected as their class representative to the First Leadership board of directors.

Additionally, First Leadership started a paper recycling program at IHS. With help from CLASS, Ltd., who picks up paper for sorting and shredding, the group got the high school thinking about the importance of recycling.

"Everybody wants to 'go green' these days," said Hannah Morrow. "We thought this is a good way to start taking steps toward getting a full-time recycling program going at IHS. Because so many teachers were purging files, we knew we'd get a lot of paper there. We really had a lot when we emptied the barrels after locker clean out!"





# Service Day

Once again IHS students "paid it forward" and participated in Community Service Day and made a real impact upon downtown Independence, the park, individual homes and, this year, even our own school.

Since many teachers needed extra hands to help with packing their classrooms during the renovation, Mr. Shaw allowed advisories to stay on campus and do just that. Both Mrs. Kelly Cox and Mrs. Mani benefitted from the help. "I know it would have taken me many hours to pack the English textbooks. I really appreciate my junior advisory's help," said Mrs. Cox.

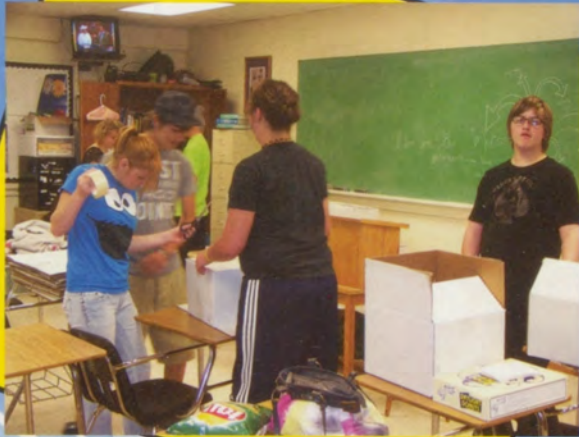
Other advisories walked to the park and cemetery and picked up trash, while another group traveled to AWOL to clean out cages. Mrs. Roth's senior advisory washed windows for the downtown businesses.

IHS students also donated over one ton of dog and cat food and kitty litter to AWOL as part of a school-wide extra credit program for second semester.





"I think community service was a fun day. It was a break from the regular school day and a way to help the community."  
-Eric Schlange, freshman





# Dodgeball



**Dodge**

Returning for a second year Randy Guan played on NWA which stands for Nerds with Attitude. "My favorite part of the tournament was hitting people; however, I lightened up on the girls. I plan on playing again next year but probably with a different team," said, Randy.

The girls' basketball team held the third annual dodgeball tournament this year. With over 20 teams, the competition was intense. Tournament coordinators reported the event raised over \$2000.



**Dip**

**Duck**



**Dive**

The overall winners in the high school division were the Average Joes. This team was an all sophomore team including Shane Moore, Dallas King, Zach Snodgrass, Easton Julian, Dustin Oliver and Dalton Shaffer. These players played in the final game of the night against the winners of the adult division and came out victorious to claim the 2009 dodgeball champion title.



# Giving the Gift of Life: IHS Blood Drive



Once again, IHS StuCo hosted a blood drive for the American Red Cross. According to Mr. Moseley, StuCo sponsor, IHS students and faculty donated a total of 64 pints of blood. Mr. Moseley said, "It was a good day to be alive."

There were 66 students who gave blood to make a difference. Scott Strycker was one of the students who gave blood for first time. He said, "I feel good about giving blood and helping people. It was worth passing out for."

Although it doesn't end up with everyone being able to donate, the event takes a lot of organization and preparation. "Those involved have to make sure everyone receives a reminder, to have snacks available to donors, and to help the Red Cross employees with the drive, itself."

The students who helped worked the blood drive included the following: Dallas King, Kyler King, Kenzie Froebe, Aubrey Near, Zach Snodgrass, Kaitlyn Porter and Marcus Wright.

Kyler said, "It was very fun working the blood drive. I would do it all again because it feels good to know I'm helping to save a life."

The blood drive is an annual service project of the IHS Student Council.





IHS seemed to teem with pure excitement as another musical's characters were being selected. Students stirred anxiously as they impatiently waited for the official cast list to be posted on Mrs. Shepard's classroom door. An epidemic of stage fever had broken out in our school, to the delight of Mrs. Shepard and Mr. Annable.

This year's musical was *Seussical*, a family-friendly story loosely based on the characters created by beloved children's author, Dr. Seuss.

The musical starred Aaron Hayse as the Cat in the Hat, Daniel McDill as Horton the Elephant, Skye Conley as Jojo, Grace Kyle as Gertrude McFuzz, Aubrey Near as Mayzie LaBird, Sarah Doring as the Sour Kangaroo, Dylan Smith as the Mayor of Whoville, Tucker Kyle as Mrs. Mayor, Alec Ramos as General Ghengis Kahn Schmitz, John Lloyd Stafford III as the Grinch, Andy Tucker as Judge Yertle the Turtle, Johny Ainesworth as Vlad Vladikoff, and Joel Simwinga, Chase Cushing, and Jon Hogge as the Wickersham Brothers.

# Seussical the Musical

Oh, the thinks you can think!







"There's a fine line between playing a character and pretending to be someone you're not."

—Aaron Hayse





# Queen Neelah

**Queen Neelah  
LXVIII  
Brittany Meyer**



1st Runner Up: Katie Porter  
2nd Runner Up: Lauren Whitson  
Miss Originality: Vanessa Lowdon  
Miss Interview: Lauren Peyton  
Miss Congeniality: Vanessa Lowdon  
Miss Photogenic: Talor Smith  
Miss Fashion: Stephanie Miller  
Miss Beauty: Bayley Conner  
Miss Personality: Tequila Jones  
Miss Poise: Taylor Giger  
Miss Talent: Kelsi Hestand

Nancy Guan  
walks the  
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# *It's "Thoroughly Fun"*

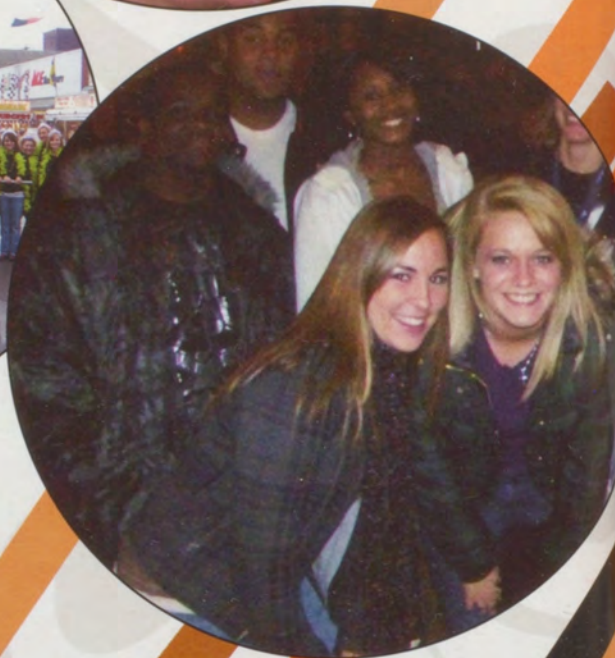


Stage Escorts: Aaron Hayse, Mason Posch, John Lloyd Stafford, Matt Wallis, Austin Schroeder, Anthony Davis, Kyler King. Not pictured: Jonny Dierks

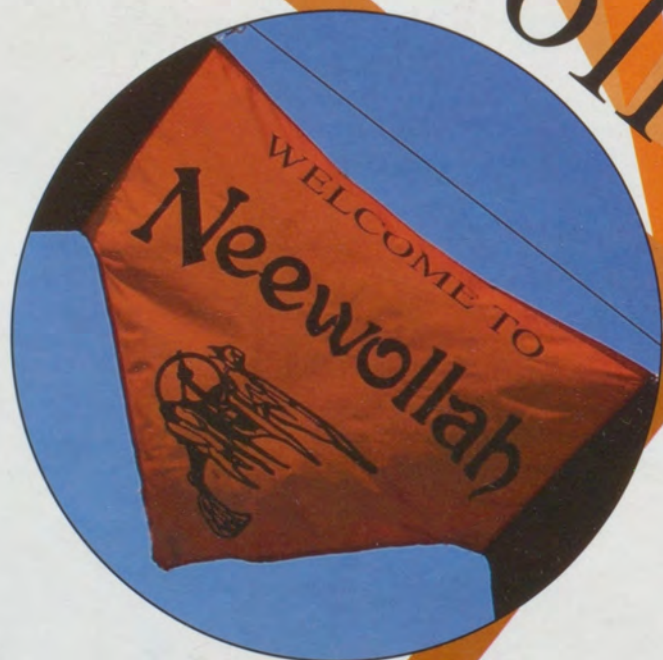


Neelah Debs: Emily Jabben, Taryn Prather, Lexi Dent, Sarah Doring, Kaedy Turner, Elizabeth Allen, Nikki Yakshaw, and Macy Blankenship.





# Neewollah 2009







2008 - IHS Boys  
 2009 - IHS Girls

**7 INDIVIDUAL  
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- 1928 - Jesse Dalton
- 1930 - Jesse Dalton
- 1941 - Edison Shi
- 1942 - Edison Shi
- Jenny Beurskens
- 6 - Andrew Posch &
- 7 - Andrew Posch &








Tregor Wizarde and Emily Derrick construct papier-mâché sculptures in Ms. Milligan's class.

## *Art Students Find a Passion for Paint!*

*Art Class* isn't always just pretty pictures. At IHS, art classes are all about trying new things, coming up with creative ideas, and getting messy! Painting students leave class with paint under their fingernails and a smile on their faces. IHS students are lucky to have two great art teachers, Mrs. Stewart, who specializes in two-dimensional flatwork, and Ms. Milligan, whose expertise is in three-dimensional art, such as ceramics, sculpture, and jewelry.



Tucker Kyle sketches it out!

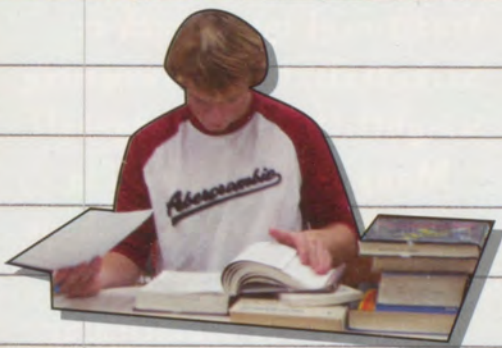
Cherub Bohr, Kiersten Britain, and Whitney Nelson work together to build a tape person.





# English Department

The English students have been busy this year reading books like the profound *Canterbury Tales*, dramatic *Macbeth*, symbolic *To Kill a Mockingbird*, strong-willed *Julius Caesar*, the crafty *The Crucible*, romantic *Romeo and Juliet*, and the adventurous *Odyssey*. Whitley Groth's favorite memory was of English class is when, "We were watching *Romeo and Juliet* and there was a scene with a bare butt in it and Mrs. Mani turned the TV around to fast forward it. Someone in the class yelled out, 'Why do you get to watch it and we don't?' The look Mrs. Mani gave him was priceless." Hannah Mills said that her favorite part of English this year was the vocab tests. However, Andrew Hare's was getting Mrs. Mani off topic in the middle of class.







Sandi Wilson participates in an intense ab workout for Coach Speicher.

Garrett Webster bench presses 315 lbs. in conditioning class.



A gym class stretches before a fierce game of dodgeball.

The aerobics class stresses flexibility.



## Let's Get Physical!

The physical classes were involved in some different activities this year due to the demolition and remodeling going on at IHS.

Coach Boldra's conditioning classes got their workouts when they helped move the seats from the IMS auditorium. In addition, three PE classes pitched in to make sure a not single book was left behind when the IHS library moved into its temporary quarters in the mobile unit.

Most of the time, however, the gym classes were busy with traditional sports such as basketball, tennis, swimming, weightlifting and dodgeball.

Many athletes enroll in conditioning to stay in shape during their off-season.

"Lifting and conditioning greatly increased my strength and stamina this year," said Garrett Webster. "I saw the payoff during basketball season."

Sophomore Layne Wilson enjoyed aerobics class. "Going on walks was fun and relaxing," said Layne. "It was a good way to de-stress."



Speaking a foreign language leaves you....

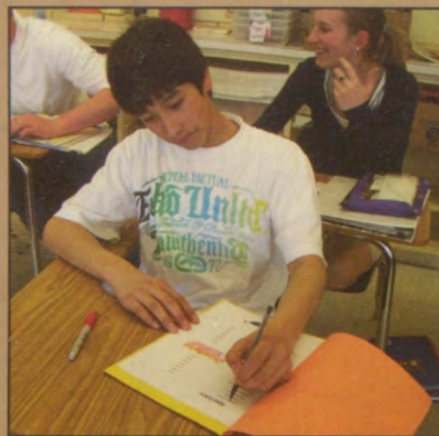
# TONGUE TIED

If you like tongue twisting words, then Spanish and French are the classes for you. In the classes they work on presentations, celebrate holidays of that region of which the language originated, and make menus in a different language, and much more. Christina Evans said, "Learning a new language is a fun, but challenging experience."

Foreign language is not a graduation requirement, but it is required for Kansas Board of Regents, and a student must have 2 consecutive years of the same foreign language.

This year Chinese I and II were offered. The Arabic class was dropped due to a lack of interest.

"More students are enrolling in Spanish than French. It is more relevant to students, and parents seem to push it over French. I believe it is mostly due to our growing Hispanic culture in this part of the U.S. and the number of Hispanics in our community," said Ms. Capps, Spanish teacher.







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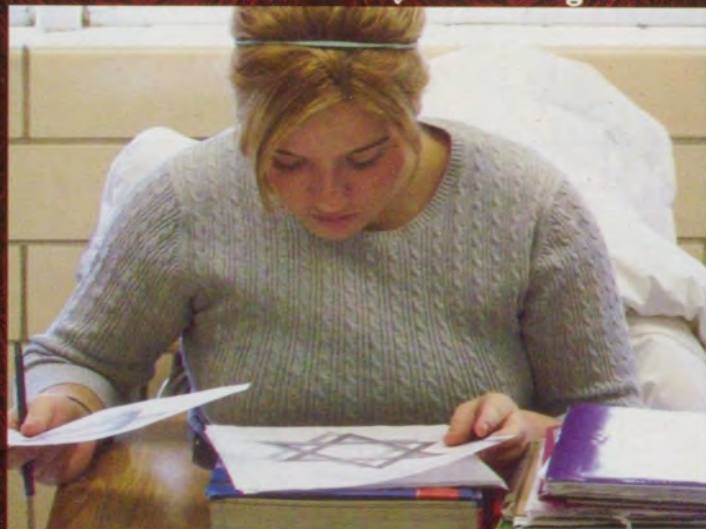
"I never thought learning about the history of Independence would be such a fun adventure. I really enjoyed Mr. Coder's scavenger hunt," said Sammi Sprague, freshman Civics student.

The scavenger hunt is just one activity the IHS history department uses to bring history to life.

"While AP American history was a very challenging class, we had a lot of fun playing the stock market game," said Sierra Watts, junior. "We followed the stock market like it was in the Depression. Some of us made money, and others of us lost everything."

The sophomores in World History watched events from the Civil War come to life in a play at the William Inge Festival.

"That was cool," said Dallas King, sophomore. "I didn't think I'd like it, but it was really interesting."





# IT'S SCIENCE!



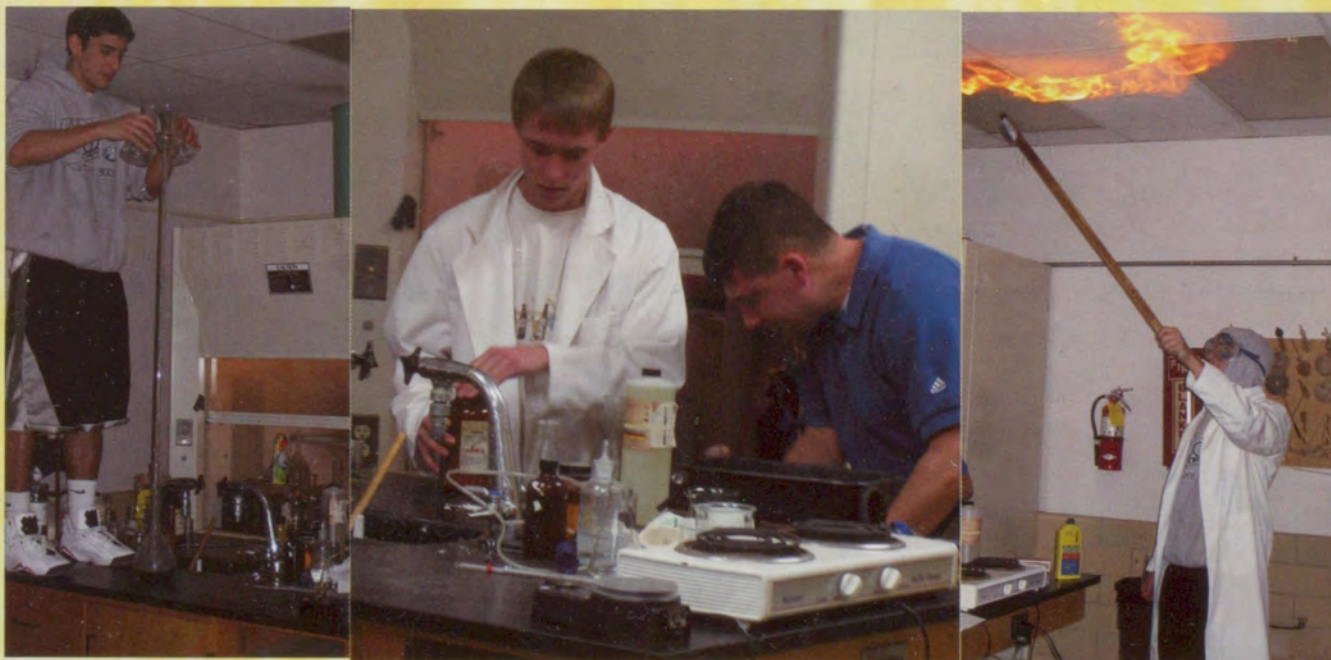
Students in IHS science classes enjoyed a busy year. Most days found science students conducting experiments or creating items that aid in their study of the earth, weather or the human body.

The freshman level Earth & Science classes made energy boxes, tug boats and water rockets, while other science classes tested soil and water.

Following tradition, the sophomore level biology students dissected crawfish and frogs. "It's pretty stinky, but it's interesting," commented Brandon Miller.

"The lab that I liked the most in chemistry was Mr. Bradbury's CSI lab. I got a feel of what detectives do when trying to solve a crime," said Tamika Dunn.

As warm weather arrived, the physics students went outside with their remote-control cars and trucks to conduct experiments. "The seniors always enjoy this activity. They're ready for graduation, and this allows them some 'fun' in the classroom," said Mr. Bradbury.





# Math makes it all add up!

Face it: You need math skills to function in today's world. Want to buy a car? You'll need to be able to figure the interest on the purchase price in order to determine your monthly payment. Want to cook an amazing meal for that someone special? You'll need an understanding of measurements and fractions in order to impress him or her.

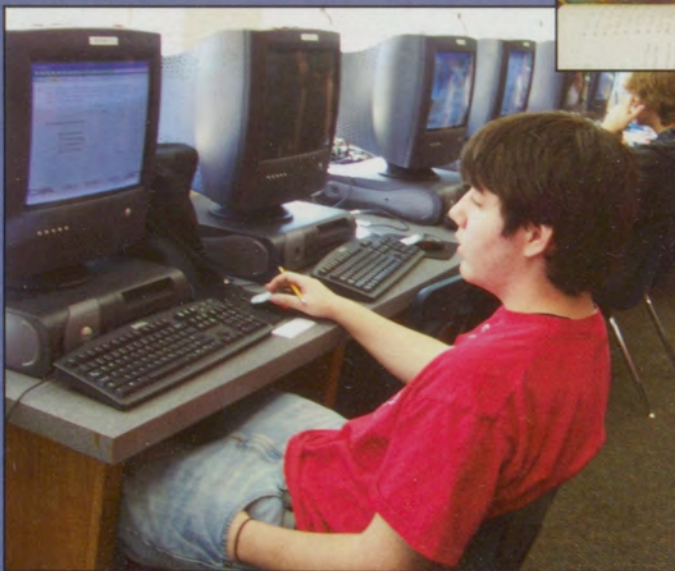
Math is required in the workplace as we move away from labor intensive jobs to jobs that are more technical.

The four years of required math at IHS are intended to prepare us for the next step in our lives, whether it's employment or post-secondary education.



Like other high school sophomores in the state of Kansas, IHS tenth graders take the Kansas Math Assessment.

"We made AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) this year," said Mrs. Joyce Aiello, math department chair. "A few of the junior OTL (Opportunity to Learn) students passed, so that helped us."



"IHS sophomores also take the MAP (Measurement of Academic Progress) test, which helps the math department know which students need to be placed in skills class," said Mrs. Aiello. "For the students who don't score for the skills class, the MAP gives us an idea of how the students are individually progressing. Also, the students who are in skills class can 'test out' by scoring high enough on the MAP."



# COMPUTER DEPARTMENT



IHS students enjoy a wide variety of computer course offerings. Computer Applications I & II are required for graduation, but beyond that, IHS students have several other choices. Web Design is a popular choice, as is Computer Graphics.

"Our students realize the value of these specialized computer skills in the workplace," said Ms. Laura McClure, business department chair. "When our students apply for jobs, they know when a course like Web Design is on their resume, it will get a potential employer's attention."

Another popular course, and one only open to seniors, is IHT (In-House Training). In order to enroll in the course a student must have completed two years of business and computer classes.

"In-House Training gives students valuable real-world work experience. The students deal with customer service and deadlines," said Ms. McClure.

When the IHT class gets a job, the customer gives them the necessary materials, The students then create the layout, design the graphics and prepare the document for printing.

"IHT is a fun class," said Lakan Ysusi, senior. "I've learned a lot about the business world. It's easy to think we (students) will get deadline extensions kind of like we do in school. That's not the case. If the customer wants a product, then we have to meet the deadline, and it can be stressful."





# FACS





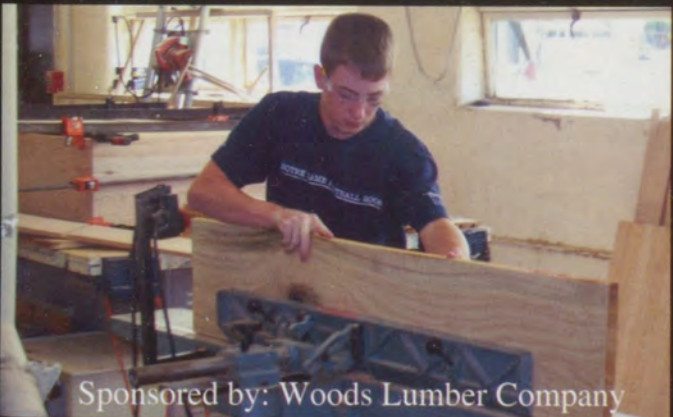
# CHOP SHOP

## IHS Wood Shop Moves Into New Building

In May, the IHS wood shop class moved across the street into its new building. The move is part of IHS' renovation, and the vacated space at the end of the 400 hall will be remodeled into new science classrooms.

Woods teacher Alan Speicher said, "I hope to be able to do more projects with all the new space provided. I have big plans for our new shop."

These courses not only teach students patience and responsibility, they also hone skills and enable students to create their own works. Scott Fienen said, "I have learned a lot about craftsmanship and carpentry, and I have been able to make some really advanced projects."



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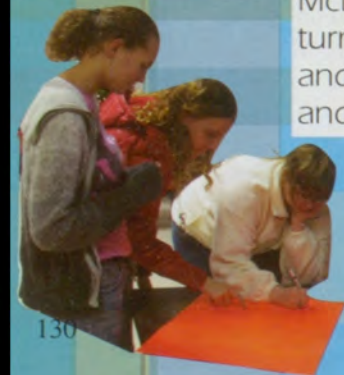
# Under Construction KAYS



**Boerd Members:** Niki Amos, Sammie Baumgartner, Anthony Davis, Sarah Doring, Christina Evans, Taylor Goodman, Katie Knoles, Bailey Lewman, Katie Loveless, Coty MacRae, Jessica Morris, Lane Near, Nick Newton, Katie Porter, and Kaedy Turner. **President:** Vanessa Lowdon. **Vice-President:** Haley Marchant. **Secretary:** Stephanie Miller.



The KAYS club was very busy this year with activities such as Neewollah ushering, drive-thru shooting, Cancer Awareness Night, INEA babysitting, Ronald McDonald House in Wichita, Renaissance baskets, recycling project, KMOM dental clinic breakfast and concessions at track and basketball. When asked what their favorite memory was from this year was, Mrs. McBride and Maddie Hawn answered, "Playing Apples to Apples at game nights." "When I think of KAYS, I think of a painting of Dunham and McBride surrounded by luscious candy!" Christina Evans said when asked what she saw when she pictures KAYS. Ashley Clift's favorite memory from this year is "Going to the Ronald McDonald House and McBride making U-turns on the highway on the way there and back!". KAYS had a very eventful year and will only keep growing.





# Keeping the Community Strong

To be in NHS a student must have a 3.75 minimum GPA and obtain 2.5 hours of group community service and 5 hours of individual community service. NHS is all about helping out the community and being strong leaders.

Mrs. Ronda Taraboletti and Mr. Tim Knoles, NHS sponsors, agree that their favorite part of NHS is seeing the members dressed up at the banquet.

As a group, NHS helped with the Angle Food Ministries, moved the OWLS center at Washington Schools, worked at AWOL, hung Christmas lights uptown and cleaned trophy cases.

"To quote a Beatles' song, NHS is 'getting better all the time,'" said Mrs. Taraboletti. "As an NHS sponsor for the past two years, I continue to be amazed at what this group can accomplish. The true worth of the organization is their dedication and selflessness to lead by example, both in their academic pursuits, as well as community activities."

Mr. Knoles said, "I truly enjoy working with the members and helping them to realize their full potential as tomorrow's leaders,"



## Officers

- President: Jon Hogge
- Vice-President: Tyler Sprague
- Secretary: Brittany Meyer
- Historian: Anthony Davis
- Treasurer: Austin Schroeder

## Seniors

Sammie Baumgartner, Morgan Baxter, Jessica Bruington, Bayley Conner, Connor Cushing, Anthony Davis, Cassie Goodman, Wes Goodrich, Aaron Hayse, Jonathon Hogge, Katie Knoles, Vanessa Lowdon, Haley Marchant, Brittany Meyer, Aubrey Near, Lauren Peyton, Katie Porter, Austin Schroeder, Tyler Sprague, John Lloyd Stafford, Brandon Stein, Thaddeus Tuck and Marcus Wright.

## Juniors

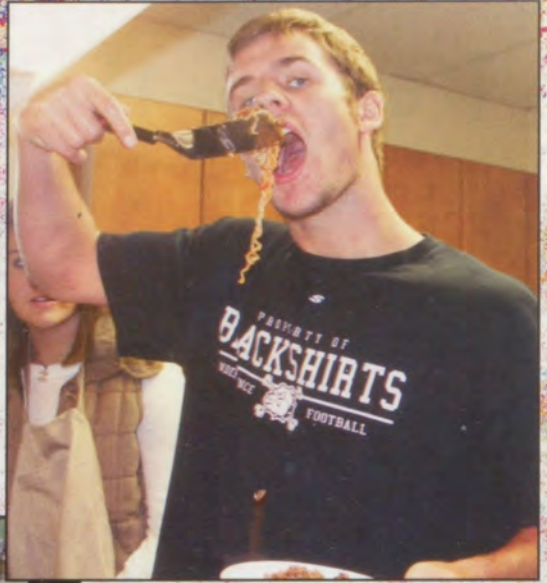
Beau Allison, Gretchen Beaver, Peyton Botts, Judith Kyle, Daniel McDill, Kelby McGrath, Hannah Mills, Dalton Mott, Lindsay Pratt, Joel Simwanga, Scott Strycker and Michael Trombold.

## Sophomores

Elizabeth Allen, Bailey Burnett, Sarah Doring, Margaret Htwe, Emily Jabben, Easton Julian, Cole Keller, Shane Moore, Jessica Morris, Alec Richmond, Skylar Stacy, Kaedy Turner, Jessie Wilson and Layne Wilson.









# IHS Students Have Fun & Make Memories!





# Circle of Friends

"Friends come and go but they leave their footprints remain in our hearts." The good times the members of Circle of Friends had were countless. This year they went to Big Hill and had a picnic, played at the Ash, baked and

devoured yummy cookies together, and went to the mall and many other fun group activities.

As a fundraiser the buddies made button jewelry that they sold. In April the group took a trip to Cherryvale to participate in the Victory Games. Every time the group got together they had fun.

"My favorite activity was when we went to the bowling alley and had pizza."  
-Kayla Steinle





# Indy Takes Third in the U.S.

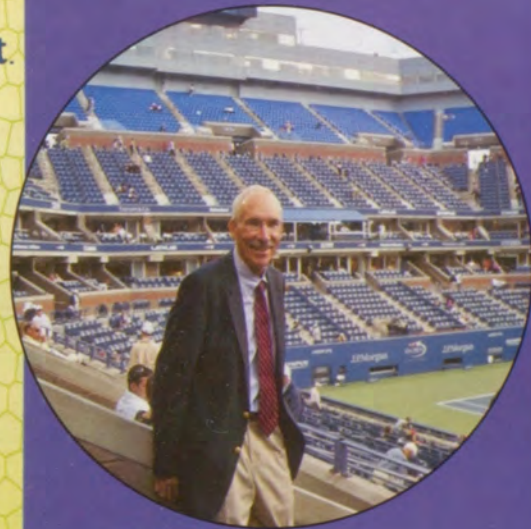
Independence earned third place honors in the United States Tennis Association's Best Tennis Town competition during the US Open tennis tournament. Steered by local tennis enthusiasts, videographers Hoite Caston and Larry McHugh produced a video which ultimately placed Independence in the top ten with large cities such as Ojai, CA and Las Vegas, NV. USTA conducted online voting for several weeks, and the top three vote getters were notified.

Several Independence citizens represented Independence as the winners were announced during the televised event. Among those attending were Tim White, member of the city commission, and Ken Brown, IHS tennis coach and long-time tennis instructor.

Coach Brown accepted the third place prize of \$ 25,000, which Independence must use for community wide programming or facility enhancements.

"We hope to use the prize money by pouring a tennis court in the east 4H building so tennis can be played on rainy days," said Coach Brown.

The event gave Independence some very valuable recognition and highlighted our community's passion, excitement and community spirit when it comes to playing tennis.





# What is your favorite LUNCH?

We all love to eat lunch. Students at IHS eat five meals a week in the school cafeteria. Despite the familiar rumors of "cardboard pizza," or "recycled" food, everyone has a *favorite* school lunch. These pictures (at right) show the three featured entrees.

Michael Trombold, junior, said his meal of choice is stromboli. "But really, my favorite school lunch is anything in Debbie's line because I love Debbie," said Michael.

Another junior, Alex Ferm, said that his favorite school lunch is chicken fajitas because, "They're good."

Coylene Speer, the district Food Service Director, says, "We see the favorites as being chicken patties, chicken nuggets, pizza, and quesadilas. It seems anything that has chicken in it is usually a good menu item... nuggets and strips are just the fast food favorite."

Truly, we should be more thankful to our cafeteria workers than we are. Six hundred faces must be difficult to feed each day.

a school sack lunch including: turkey sandwich, carrots and dip, cookies, apple, and chips



egg rolls, rice, chocolate milk, and cake with strawberry sauce

pork burrito, peaches, carrots, salsa, raspberry sherbet, and tri-tater







*picture perfect memories*





# Spring Break

## From East to West and North to South

The students at IHS were busy roaming around from East to West and North to South. Some of the places that we traveled to included Colorado, Bahamas, and Cancun. While a group including Bayley Connor, Jonny Dierks, Brittany Meyer, Austin Schroeder, Talor Smith, Brandon Stein and Lauren Whitson went to Cancun, Mexico, another group including Sammie Baumgartner, Anthony Davis, Erika Harris, Jon Hogge, Vanessa Lowdon and Haley Marchant, went to Aurora, Colorado. While in Cancun, the group "chilled on the beach, shopped, did zip lines and rode dune buggies." said Brittany. They also went to "Cogo

Congo" said Talor. The trip lasted six days and was described as "amazing" by Talor and "fabulous" by Brittany. One of the funniest things that happened on the trip was "On the first night Bayley cried for 12 hours straight and nobody knew what was wrong, not even Bayley," said Brittany and Talor. They both agreed they would take this trip again. While this group stayed warm, the Colorado group did not. "Fantastic, amazing, inspiring, and holla-rific," are all words the group used to describe the trip. "My favorite memory was just hanging out at the house and playing games and watching movies," said Anthony.

Out of the four days that the group was there, one day was devoted to skiing. Not all knew how to ski though, so they took lessons at a ski school where Haley and Sammie dropped out and Erika and Anthony passed with flying colors. Skiing wasn't all fun and games though; Erika almost fell off a cliff, which would have cut the trip short. "A warning to all future skiers: The rainbow trail is not your friend!" said Sammie.

"The happy animals and faces are very deceiving!" said Vanessa and Anthony. The Colorado group was definitely full of laughter, "I got my work out laughing so much," said Vanessa. There were two extra tagging along on their trip: Becky (a GPS) and Buggy (a toy car). Heading back to the south, Jessica Bruington took a Royal Caribbean Cruise to the Bahamas, Coco Cay, and Key West. Her trip was 5 days of "thrilling" fun with the family. Some of the activities she did while there were volleyball, karaoke, dancing, shopping, riding boats and eating dinner.

Even with all the activities, the trip wasn't without problems. On the way down to Key West Jessica became really sick. Suffering from a headache and stomach pain, she was taken to the hospital, although they never figured out what was wrong and only gave her Tylenol. As the saying goes, "It can't be all fun and games".





# RENOVATION

## INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL 2009

A new beginning

beginning for IHS



Walking through the 200 hall after Christmas break one could smell the reconstruction starting, literally.

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Tearing up some of the floors was one of the first noticeable step in the construction. Next Mr. Moseley's classes moved across the street. In February the Library relocated to a trailer house in the staff parking lot. The first of March big trucks started digging behind the school and big dirt piles started to form, the weight room was torn down and moved into the gym for the rest of the year.

Across the street, next to the 800 building, the new wood shop was built. During late April for Community Service Day some of the classes boxed up teacher's books.





# *Moonlight and*



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# Roses: Prom 2010

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 *Prom Court 2010*



*Prom King: Brandon Stein*  
*Prom Queen: Cassie Goodman*  
*Wes Goodrich, Christy Carter*  
*Aaron Hayse, Danielle Medlock*  
*Alec Ramos, Bailey Lewman*  
*Jobny Ainesworth, Morgan Baxter*



# Tonight's Gonna Be a Good Night



## After Prom '10

Once again, IHS parents and Independence businesses combined efforts to host another successful After Prom for IHS juniors and seniors and their dates.

The event is funded through the After Prom Bingo fundraiser and donations of money and food. In addition, many parents agree to work the event.

Students are treated to a wide variety of entertainment and food.







Time has flown by; it seems that only yesterday you were a little girl! Your future holds happiness and blessings. You just need to reach for the stars. I love you the most-est-est!  
--Mom



## Jessica Bruington



As you put away your many Indy uniforms and take on your future goals, may you go far! Hope you know how proud we all are of you! Congratulations! We love you!

Mom, Dad, and Casey  
Grandma and Grandpa

## Johnny

## Aingsworth



Kendra, I am so proud of you. I knew you could do it! Congratulations, you earned it!  
Love you always,  
Mom and Craig



## Kendra Darrow

Always look ahead.  
Never give up!  
I'm proud of you!  
Love, Dad







# Katie Knoles

**Katie,**  
You truly have been a blessing to us. We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. Congratulations!  
Love, Mom and Dad

# Cameron Schicke

Right from the start... your energy of life and many accomplishments will pave the way for your successful future... We are so proud and love you very much.  
Your family,  
Mom, Tamara, Jerrid, and Lane  
Grandma T and Grandma B



Where did all the time go? Not long ago, you were a sweet little girl with the prettiest blonde hair and blue eyes. You will always be my little girl, though you have now grown into a beautiful young lady with the heart of an angel.

What a joy you have been in my life! I love you more than words can say and am so very proud of you. Through the laughter and the tears, it has been an honor to be your mom. Stay true to yourself and follow your dreams. I wish you all the luck in the world, Meg!  
Love, Mom.

P.S.  
Stay focused on your goals in life and I know you'll do fine! I am very proud of you. Good luck.  
Love, Kasi



# Meghan O'Shields





# Shelby Therrien



Life is not what we make it; it's what lies behind us and what lies before us that makes us who we are in life.

What a great joy it has been to watch you grow into the wonderful young woman you've become!

Always remember that it's not your success in life that defines who you are. It's the love in your heart that defines your success. We are so proud of you! Congratulations.

Love,  
Mom, Toby, and Nanny





# AUSTIN SCHROEDER



You are our Super Star!  
Love,  
Your Family





## Haley Marcant

Haley,  
It seems like only yesterday you were  
swimming in the baby pool  
and now you've finished your years at  
Independence High School.  
I look at you and my eyes tear up  
as I think of all the joys you brought as you  
were growing up.

Congratulations and the best of luck to you!  
Love, Mom.



## GAGE

## SUKOLA

We are so **blessed** to have you in our  
lives; you have grown into such an  
**exceptional** young man. You have  
so many **dreams**. "Go get them,  
Rubbiedut!" Remember, nothing is  
unreachable! We all have faith in you.  
Love,  
Mom, Dennis, Stormy, Grandma, and  
family

We are so proud of how far you've come  
and have faith in how far you will go.

We love you!

Mom, Dad, and Elishya



## Erika Harris





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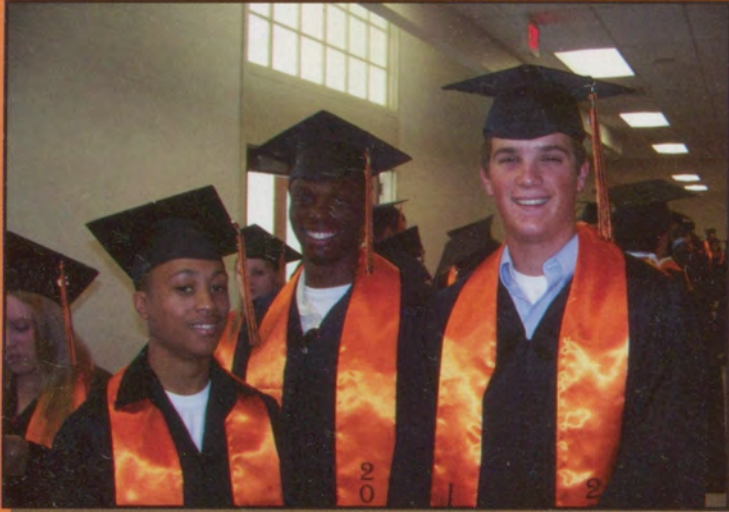


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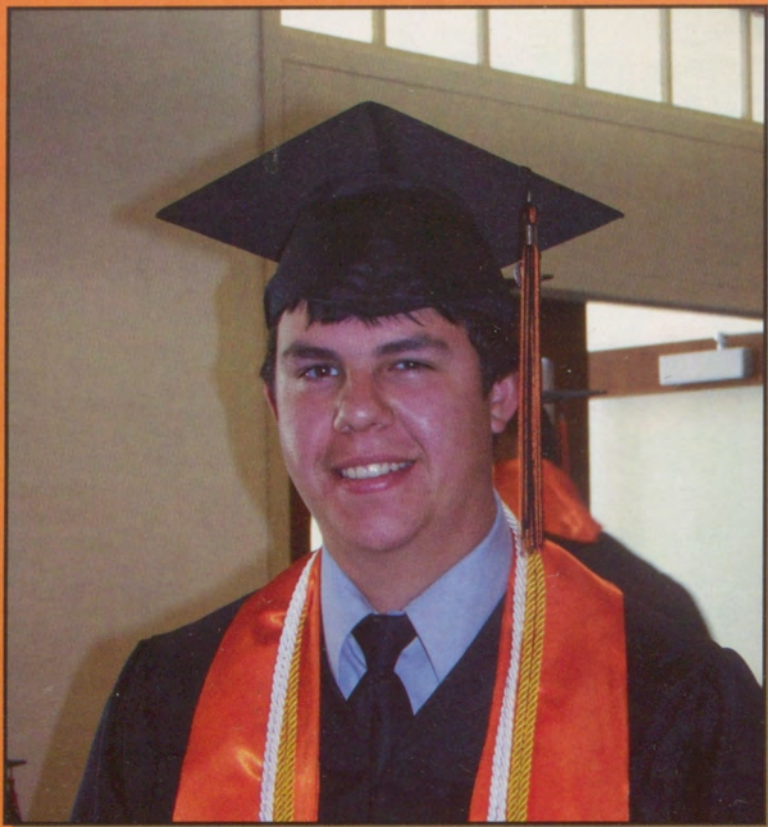




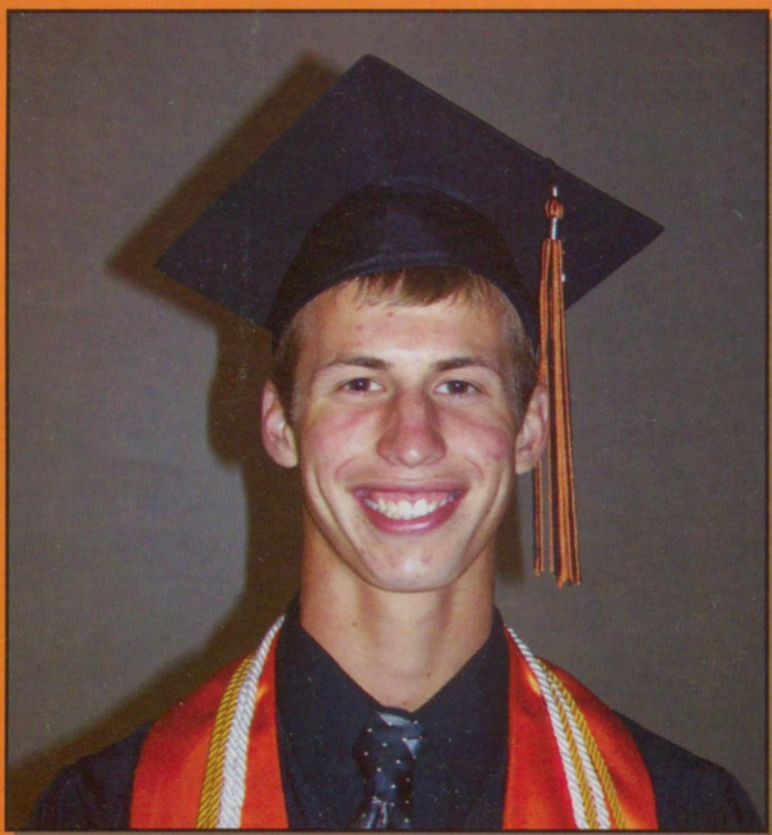
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We all take different paths in life, but no matter where we go,  
we take a little of each other with us.



