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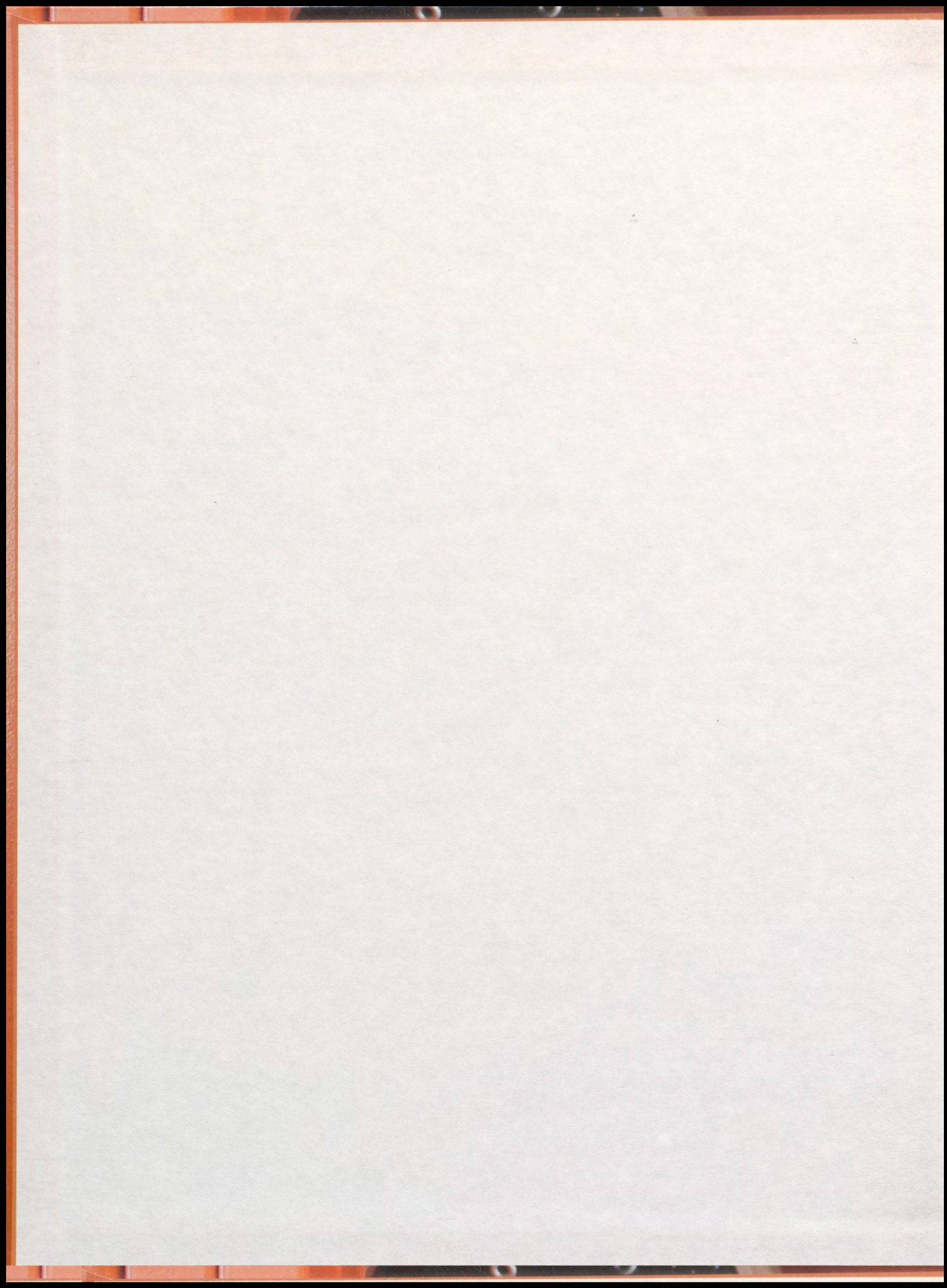
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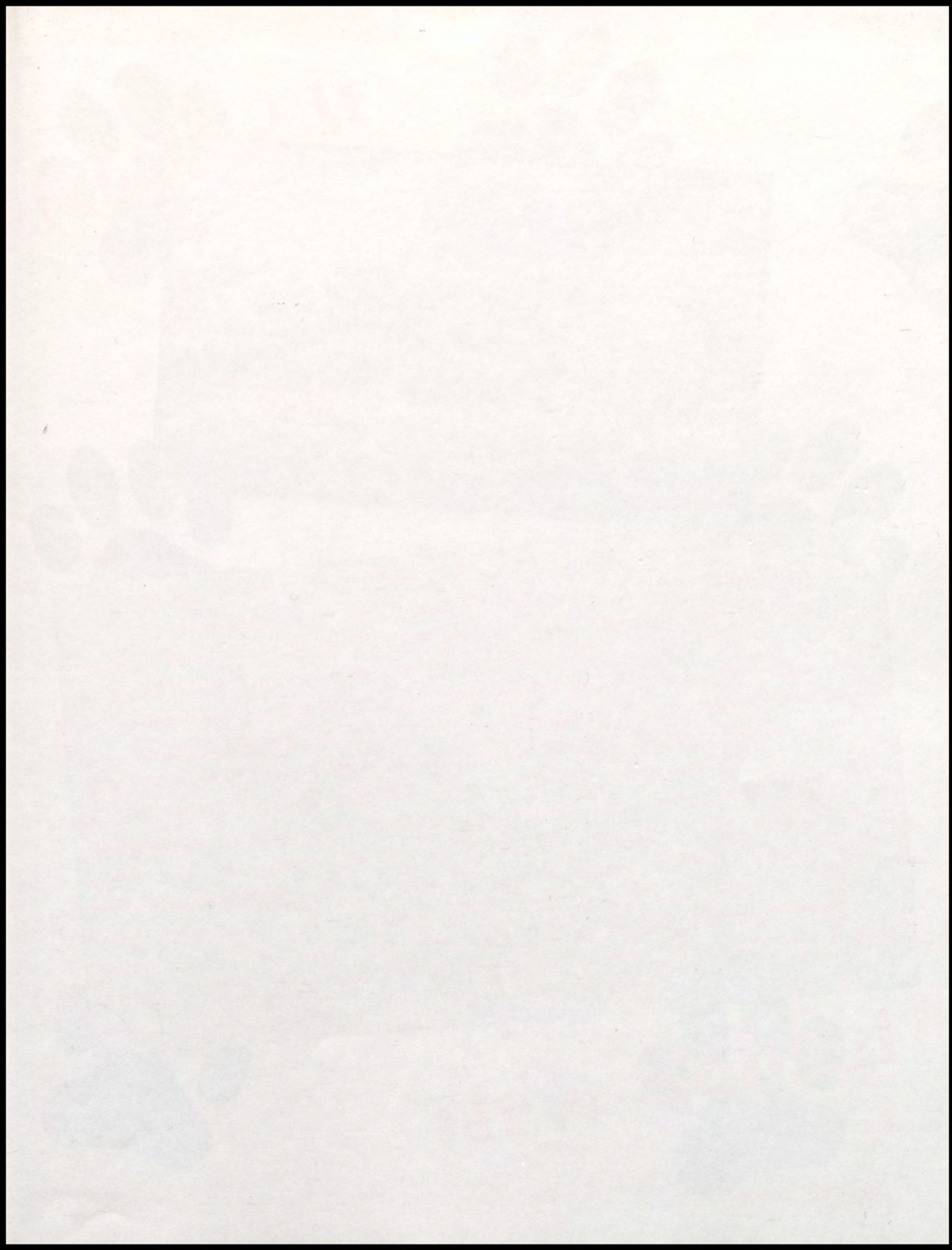
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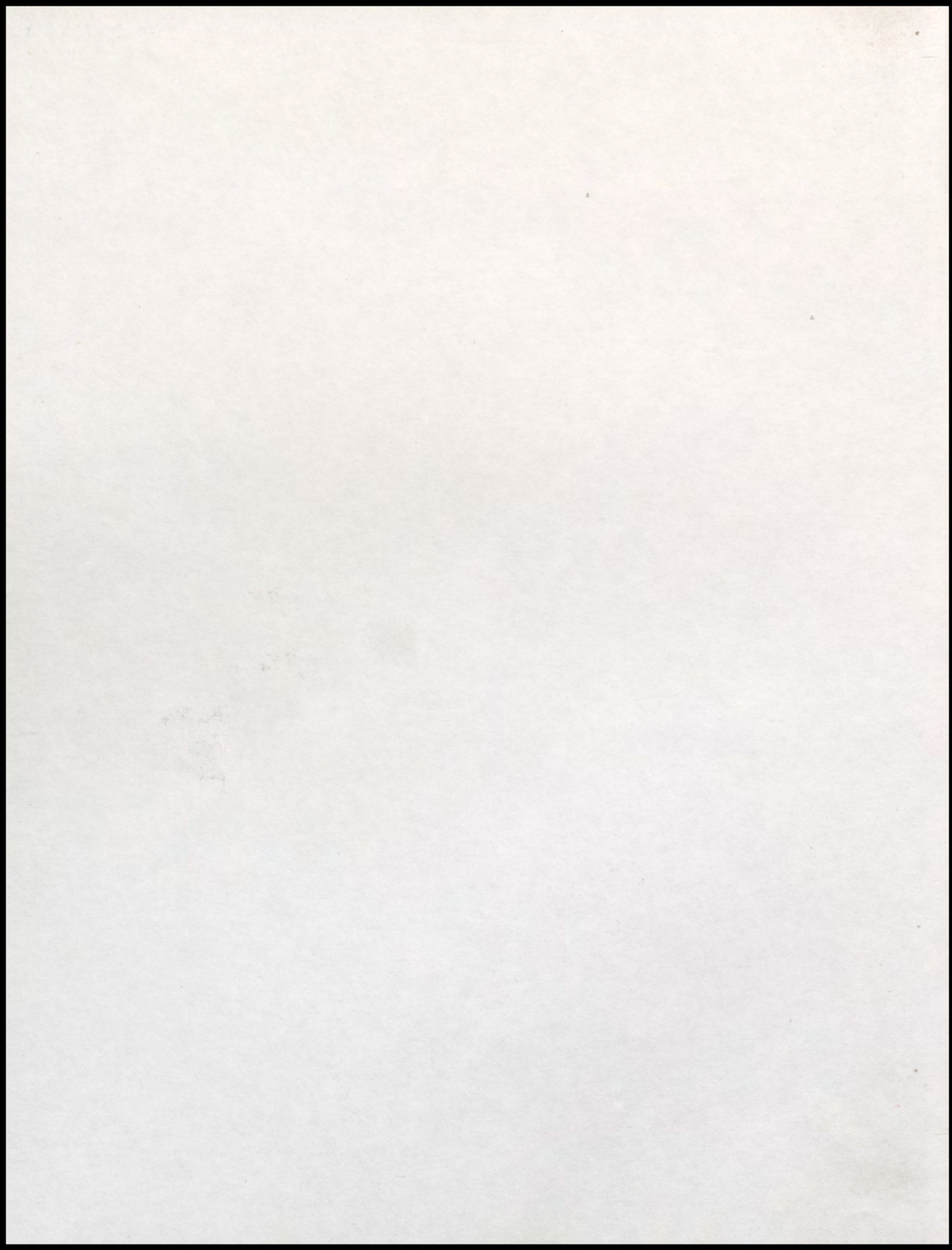














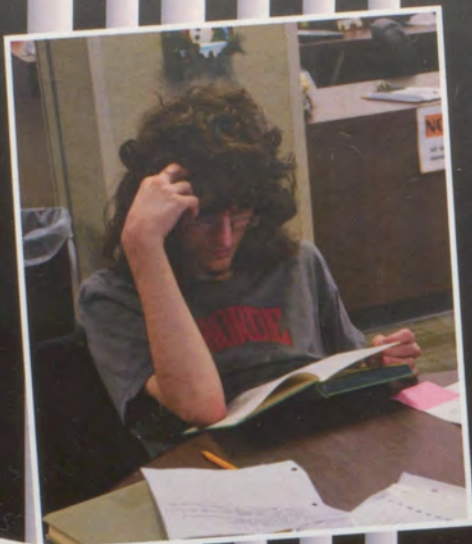
**Kickin' It**



The theme of this yearbook is Kickin' It New School. We chose it because we have finally finished all the construction here at IHS! Throughout the yearbook, you will find quirky plays off of this theme, so be looking! This year we experienced many changes, including the new gym. Yeah that's right, basketball games in our very own gymnasium! What an amazing experience for the team, Bulldog fans and the entire community! We now enjoy new and modern amenities such as our renovated library, an amazing concession stand, refurbished classrooms, locker pods and new technology. These are a tribute to our community's taxpayers who invested in our education. The "new and improved" IHS will be around for many more generations to enjoy as much as we have! Keep on Kickin' It students of IHS  
-2012 Orange & Black staff

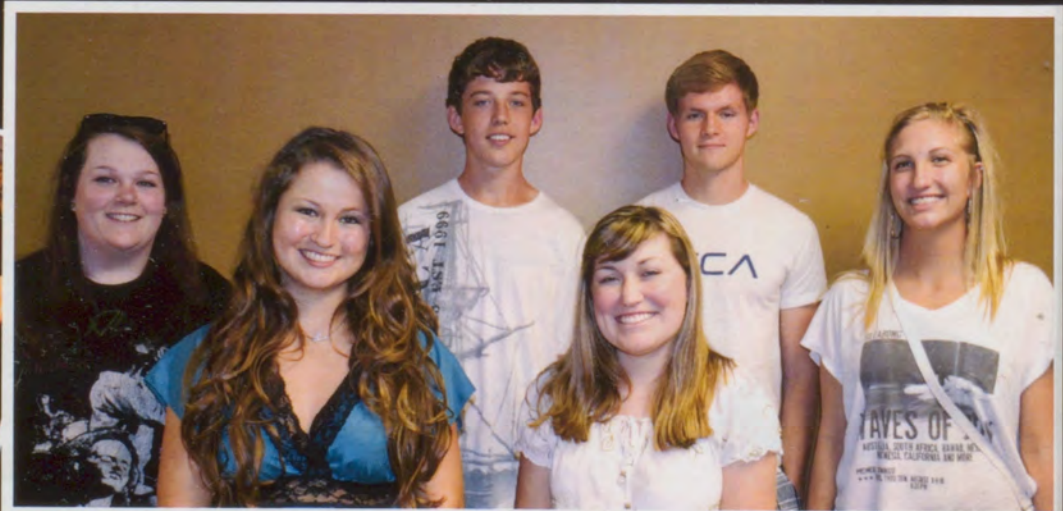
**New School**





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- Scarlett Simpler..... President
- Carl Stinson..... Vice President
- Sarah Doring..... Secretary
- Zoe Bryant..... Treasurer
- Skylar Stacy..... StuCo Rep.
- Nikki Yakshaw..... StuCo Rep.







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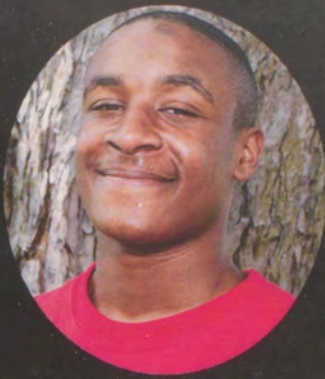


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*John Clifford Ellis*



*Shelby Desiree Enloe*



*Timothy Dale Erbe*



*Matthias Farnsworth*



*Emely Flores Hendrick*



*Dylan Alexander Flournoy*



*Keely Ann Foster*



*Sarah Nichole Fowler*



*Andrew Jordan Meier Gibson*



*Sarah Elizabeth Goldman*



*James Dean Gray*





*Earl Green*



*Amber Groth*



*Madeline Alyce Hamlin*



*Breanna Nykole Havener*



*Shelby Lee Hawk*



*Cameron Gene Heape*



*Ian Michael Heatley*



*Tia Marie Heffernan*



*Samantha Britney Hinkle*



*Craig (CJ) Wilson Hitt*



*Caleb Anthony Hoffe*



*Dawn Renee Hole*



*Pan E. Phyu*



*Riana LeShan Hutchinson*



*Emily Nicole Jabben*



*Jessica Jaimes Portillo*





*Easton Brett Julian*



*Sean Anthony Keath*



*Braycee Jannelle Keenan*



*Cole Barton Keller*



*Britney Lynn Kidd*



*Dallas Andrew King*



*Shawn Shelby King*



*Courtney LaRay Knight*



*Ashley Lancaster*



*Levi Lucas Leiker*



*Rebecca Gene Lewis*



*Bryan Michael Lewman*



*Nicholas Alexander Long*



*Julianna May Loveless*



*Michelle Gale Lovomaster*



*Scott Alan Lucas*





*Shawna Marie Lucas*



*Stephen Harris Main*



*Sergio Martinez*



*Danielle Renee May*



*Jacob Phillip McCabe*



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*Cheyenne Lacey Moro*



*Dayna Renee Miles*



*Brandon Lee Miller*



*Marissa Noel Mitchell*



*Shane Allen Moore*



*Jessica Bethany Morris*



*Kellie Allen Muller*



*Taylor Marie Murdock*



*Nicholas Landry Newton*





*Chelsea Jane Niver*



*Dustin James Oliver*



*Gage Kevin Long Osburn*



*Benjamin Seth Parker*



*Brandon Rae Perreira*



*Cayla Marie Peyton*



*Taryn Marie Prather*



*Garrett Pruett*



*Rachel Russene Hope Rakes*



*Conner Adrian Rawls*



*Larkin Randolph Rawls*



*Taylor Jay Reed*



*Kevin Michael Reister*



*Julian Camilo Rodriguez*



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*Darah Dawn Sherwood*



*Scarlett Simpler*



*Crystal BreAnn Smith*



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*Zachary T. Snodgrass*



*Dade Spradling*



*Levi Douglas Sprague*



*Skylar Paul Stacey*



*John Paul Richard Stafford*



*Carl Stinson*



*Angel Renee Stroble*



*Ashley Danielle Sumner*



*Zachary Thorenson*



*Dalton Wayne Thorpe*





*Matthew Austin Threkeld*



*Remington H. Tull*



*Keady Breann Turner*



*Caden Bryce Westerfield*



*Alexis Nicole White*



*Tyler Lynn Whitson*



*Caleb Allan Wilkens*



*Jessica Wilson*



*Jessie Lynn Wilson*



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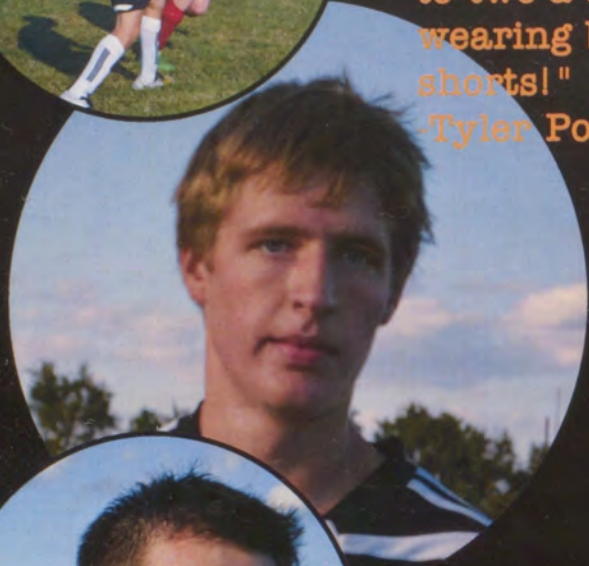


# Soccer



"I'll never forget the time Jace showed up to two-a-days wearing booty shorts!"

-Tyler Posch



"I will always remember when we played the final game against Baldwin."

- Levi Sprague, senior

Our IHS soccer teams had successful seasons. The varsity team went 13-4 and the JV finished its season at 6-6-1. The varsity went on to play in the state quarter finals against Baldwin. It was a close game; in fact, the game went into triple overtime and finished with a shoot off. Which ended the game at a 1 to 3 loss!

Player Alex Steinle said, "This game was super intense. I was disappointed that I wouldn't play another game with the class of seniors, but there was no question on the effort given. Everybody spilled their hearts on the field and it was a physical battle, I don't think I'll ever play a more intense game of soccer that will match that one ever."

Assistant Coach Mr. Diveley summed up the season, "The 2011 soccer season was extremely successful. We had a great group of athletes come out, and the seniors will be missed. The final game was an epic battle, we fought valiantly, and unfortunately, came up just short of reaching the state semi-finals."

**All-SEK Honorable Mention:** Jace McCabe, Cole Keller, Levi Sprague, Collin Cushing, Caleb Hogge, and Alex Steinle.



# Kickin' Out the Competition!!



**Back Row:** Tyler Posch, AJ Capps, Bryan Lewman, Alex Steinle, Caleb Hogge, Levi Sprague, Collin Cushing.

**Third Row:** Coach Ysusi, Cole Keller, Jace McCabe, Devin Mendoza, Adan Sanchez, Zakery Wallace, Cooper Augustine, Coach Diveley.

**Second Row:** Kyler Brown, Lane Schicke, Logan Johnson, Mason Ballew, Josh Hilger, Caden Westerfield, Josh Smith.

**Front Row:** Tristan Duyvejonck, Caleb Bromley, Jacob Cochran, Shania Vannoster, Shawn Delano, Brison Turner, Patrick Neyland, and Drake King.



**Coach Ysusi**



**Coach Diveley**



**Coach Comacho**



# Lady Bulldog Volleyball



## Varsity

**Front Row:** Beth Yakshaw, Kaedy Turner, Emily Jabben.

**Middle Row:** Breanna Durnil, Monique Shaw, Madison Freeman, Indaisia Duke.

**Back Row:** Coach Kristi Speicher, Brittany Daniels, Marissa Mitchell, Kylie Ewing, and Tayler Reichenberger.





"The 2011 season was very enjoyable. It went by so fast!! The team consisted of a great group of girls. They were very coachable."

-Coach Speicher



"This year's volleyball season was a fantastic experience because we had a great time, got better and won many more games than we thought we would."

-Kaedy Turner, senior



"We all came together as a team. We were more of a family and I had a blast. My favorite moment was when we won second place at the Cherryvale Tournament. I was so proud of everyone."

- Emily Jabben, senior

"My favorite thing about this season was singing Riana's song ("The Final Countdown") at the end of our winning matches."

-Brittany Daniels, senior



## Junior Varsity

**Back Row:** Coach Michael McCambridge, Cheyenne Delano, Daniella Ribiero, Tiffany Henderson, Emily Newton, Jami Sanborn.

**Middle Row:** Riley Sanders, Kayli Randels, Isabella Lewis.

**Front Row:** Bailey James and Sammi Sprague.

# Can you dig it?



# Cross Country Team Finishes Fifth at Regionals, Stinson Qualifies for State

IHS cross country team enjoyed a successful season, finishing in fifth place at Regionals. "Of course, we'd like to have taken more runners to State, but I can't say enough about the leadership and commitment of these runners, especially the seniors," said Coach Bradbury.

There were six seniors who ran cross country and the number of years they ran include Carl Stinson (4), Raquel Dungey (4), Rachel Rakes (3), Nikki Yakshaw (2), Layne Wilson (1) and Elizabeth Allen (1).

Those runners placing at the league meet were Stinson, 7th; Anna Hignight, 7th; Raquel Dungey, 17th; Kennedy Reynolds, 18th; and Gavin Webster, 20th.

"I hate to lose this group of seniors," said Coach Bradbury. "But I'm confident the juniors will be ready to step up next year."



Carl Stinson, senior, finishes the race in Altamont. Carl finished his four-year career with 21 varsity medals. His best time was at Girard with a time of 17:13.



Members and coaches of the cross country team traditionally celebrate the end of their season with a "friendly" game of paintball.



Raquel Dungey, senior, finished her cross country career at IHS with 19 varsity medals. She plans to run for the Highland Community College team next year.



Rachel Rakes, senior, ran her career best at the Girard meet with a time of 18:10.



Anna Hignight, sophomore, had a breakout season. She missed qualifying for State by just one position.





**Front Row:** Kennedy Reynolds, Rachel Rakes, Madilyn Schrag.  
**Second Row:** Lexie Wright, Raquel Dungey, Tana Shaffer, Logan Taylor, Layne Wilson, Dalice Coda. **Third Row:** Coach Bradbury, Larin Tucker, Hunter Boorigie, Nikki Yakshaw, Chance Froebe, Brendon Hogge, Anna Hignight, Skye Conley, Dade Spradling, Asst. Coach VanRoyen. **Back Row:** Elizabeth Allen, Carl Stinson, Jacob Mitchell, Rusty White, Gavin Webster, Aidan Goodrich and Calvin Hugo.



Members of the team warm up prior to the race at Rim Rock.



- Carl Stinson- All SEK and All SEK Elite
- Raquel Dungey- All SEK Honorable Mention
- Gavin Webster- All SEK Honorable Mention
- Kennedy Reynolds- All SEK Honorable Mention
- Anna Hignight- All SEK



Kennedy Reynolds, junior, reaches for a cup of water during the race at Rim Rock.

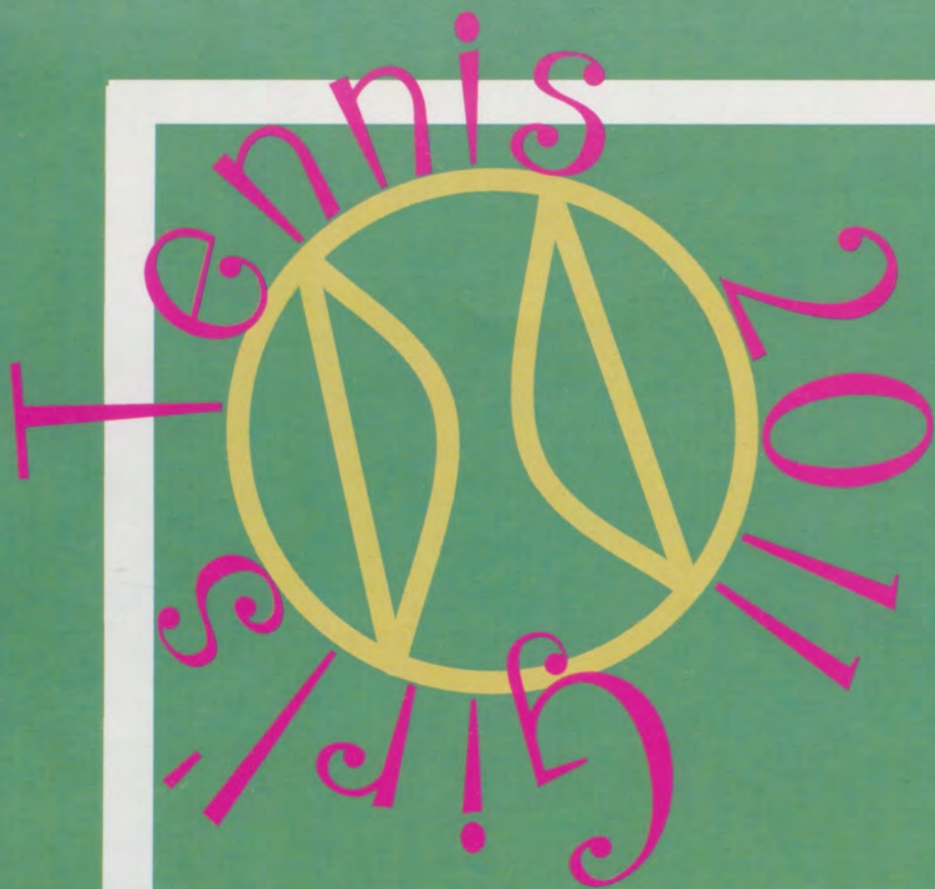


Aidan Goodrich, junior, runs the course at LCHS.



Layne Wilson, senior, ran cross country for the first time this season. Her best race was at Independence with a time of 20:37.





## Lady Bulldog Tennis 4A State

Six IHS players competed at the State tournament in Topeka. The Lady Bulldogs finished with 14 points in a tie for sixth place! IHS was led by Diona Mendoza & Erin Wesselowski on #2 doubles (eighth place) and Abbi Groff at #1 singles (ninth place). Kelsey Porter & Tyra Welch at #1 doubles, as well as Ashlyn Conner at #2 singles, also participated in this tournament.

## Lady Bulldog Tennis SEK Championship

Although the Lady Bulldogs played great matches before this tournament, they came up short of winning the league by just one point. The Parsons team won the championship with 32 points and Independence came in with a close 31 points! Coach Ken Brown said, "Several matches could have gone either way, so it was a roller coaster most of the day. In the end, we missed SEK by a single point." Independence won two of the four divisions on Saturday, including Abbi Groff at No. 1 singles and Ashlyn Conner & Diona Mendoza at No. 2 doubles. Also, Kelsey Porter & Tyra Welch earned second place at No. 1 doubles, while Erin Wesselowski was third at No. 2 singles.

## Lady Bulldog Tennis Regionals at Chanute

The Lady Bulldogs qualified for Regionals. The IHS ladies battled tough wins the whole two days they were there. Abbi Groff played very well and won all her matches. Ashlyn Conner went against tough players (girls who were #2 and #3 champions). She lost her first tie-breaker match but came back the next day and won a huge match that set her in qualification for the state tournament. In her last match, Ashlyn took fifth in the singles division. Kelsey Porter and Tyra Welch lost a few sets, but they played very well. Erin Wesselowski and Diona Mendoza had to play against Chanute and won another victory for the team and placed third in the bracket.



# LOVE means nothing to a tennis player.



"I'll always remember the van ride up to the State tournament!"  
- Erin Wesselowski, junior



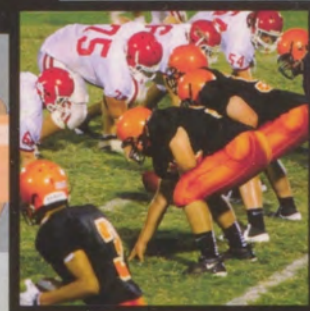
**Front Row:** Tyra Welch, Kalei Matthews, Zoe McCollam, Halei Matthews, Calisse Papan.

**Middle Row:** Shalei Matthews, Diona Mendoza, Ashlyn Conner, Jenna Gilstrap, Erin Wesselowski, Taylor Mason.

**Back Row:** Coach Ken Brown, Caringtyn Julian, Sarah Derrick, KasiDee Cox, Kelsey Porter, Abbi Groff and Coach Gina McLennon.



# BUSTIN' OURS, SO WE CAN KICK YOURS!



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Front Row: Tim Erbe, Alex Amos, Andrew Dill, Nick Reddy, AJ Capps, Jeremy Golightly, Marquise Johnson.  
 Second Row: Parker Botts, Tommie Johnson, Chase Null, Nick Long, Devin Thompson, Clay Sears, Shane Moore.  
 Third Row: Travis Fehlman, Evan Speicher, Alex Wright, Chase Berry, Junior Geldenhuys, Dalton Coda, Keenan Nutt, Dalton Shaffer.  
 Fourth Row: Dallas King, Gage Osburn, Zach Snodgrass, Dalton Thorpe, Easton Julian, Luke McHenry, TJ Reed, Cody Sears, Damonta Clark.  
 Back Row: Aaron Schwenker, Courtlan Hayse, Toby Therrien, Levi Leiker, Chris Jones, Brennan Gordon, Athaniel Collins, and Sean Jones.



2011 ALL SEK FIRST TEAM  
 EASTON JULIAN, WR/DB  
 ZACH SNODGRASS, OL/DL

2011 ALL SEK LEAGUE HONORABLE  
 MENTION  
 SHANE MOORE, OL/LB

2011 ALL SEK SECOND TEAM  
 T.J. REED, WR/DB  
 DALTON THORPE, OL/DL

The team this year was phenomenal. The boys played a great season. That's all thanks to the great teamwork and

dedication to their sport that the boys put forth.

Coach Boldra said, "This season was one of my favorites. It's really going to be hard to say goodbye to these senior boys. They will never understand the impact they had on the team, the school, the community."

The Bulldogs went 5-4 this season. In the four games they lost, they only lost them by about 18 points! Coach Boldra said, "During that last play-off game, the boys realized they wouldn't be able to catch up, but that didn't stop them from battling until the end of the game. The team never gave up. Hopefully the boys learned a lesson and moved on from that game." Coach Boldra is very proud of this year's team. He said, "They gave it their all at every single practice and game. These boys are fun to be around."

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FAVORITE MOMENTS:  
Shane Moore

"Running the ball back when I was on kick back when we played Columbus."

Levi Leiker  
 "Beating Girard in overtime."

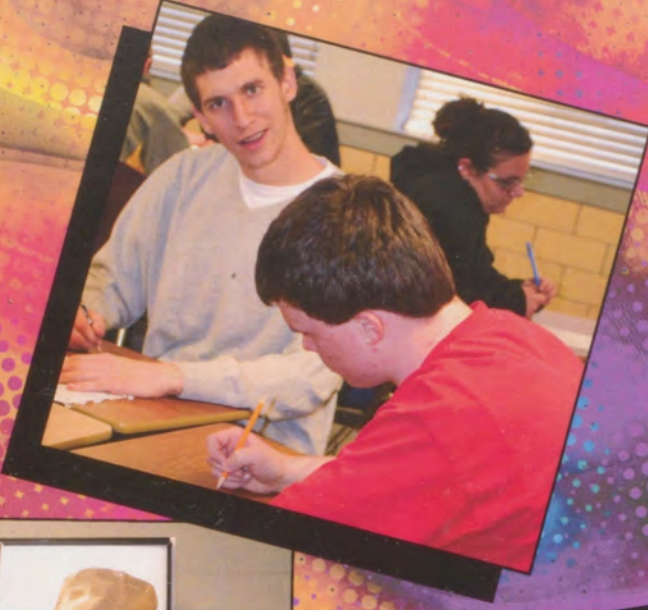
Easton Julian  
 "When Dalton Shaffer put the feather in Shane's helmet during overtime in the Girard game."

T.J. Reed  
 "Seeing Demonta & Courtlan collide on a kick-off return right in front of me."





# Classes of 2013







Alexander Amos



Krista Amos



Nickole Atkinson



Gabriell Augustine



Meagan Bailey



Easton Ballew



Haley Blurton



Cody Bogart



Cherub Bohr



Parker Botts



Jessica Boyle



Michelle Boyle



Jacob Brooks



Autumn Bryant



Chelsea Buehholz



Kaitlin Campbell



Aaron Capps



Norberto Carrillo



Heidi Christman



Dalton Coda



Samuel Collins



Skye Conley



Ashlyn Conner



Kevin Connors



Ellen Davis





Kathryn Davis



Paizlee Davis



Austin Davison



Emily Derrick



Brandon Dick



Indaisia Duke



Breanna Durnijl



Autum Early



Kylie Ewing



Brian Eytcheson



Travis Fehlman



Roberto Flores



Kaylan Fowler



Madison Freeman



Chance Froebe



Rodolfo Gallo



Nathan Gardner



Gerhardus Geldenhuis



Taylor Gibson



Brianna Gilfillan



Jeremy Golightley



Aidan Goodrich



Scott Gray



Stephani Groff



Whitley Groth





Shima Hadipour



Brooklynn Hamlin



Timothy Hare



Katelynn Harrison



Christian Henderson



Phillipp Herrmann



Jenny High



Heath Hoffmeister



Taylor Houck



Gehrige Huff



Mary Jenkins



Evan Johnson



Mariah Johnson



Marisa Johnson



Mika Johnson



Taylor Johnson



Sean Jones



Tiffany Jones



Caitria Kahler



Dessica Keafer



Heather Keafer



Courtney King



Andrew Knight



Nathan LaBatt



Jeremy Lamb





Isabella Lewis



Jacob Loveless



Michal Macias



Taylor Mason



Kevin Matthews



Lucas McHenry



Courtney Mędszker



Robert Miller



Caleb Mitchell



Lane Near



Whitney Nelson



Blake Neyland



Lakin Palmer



DeAntae Perkins



Kelsey Porter



Tyler Posch



Nicholas Reddy



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Daniella Ribeiro



Emily Roark



Kaitlyn Rogers



Jami Sanborn



Eric Schlange



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Clayton Selman



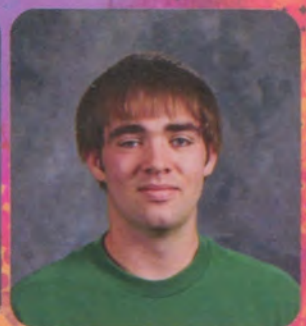
Montana Shaffer



Monique Shaw



Joe Slaton



Jacob A. Smith



Weston Smith



Samantha Sprague



Toby Therrien



Ever Villalobos



Madison Vining



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Erin Wesselowski



Russell White



Austin Williams



Bradley Wilson



Ashton Wood



Hunter Yates

## JUNIOR

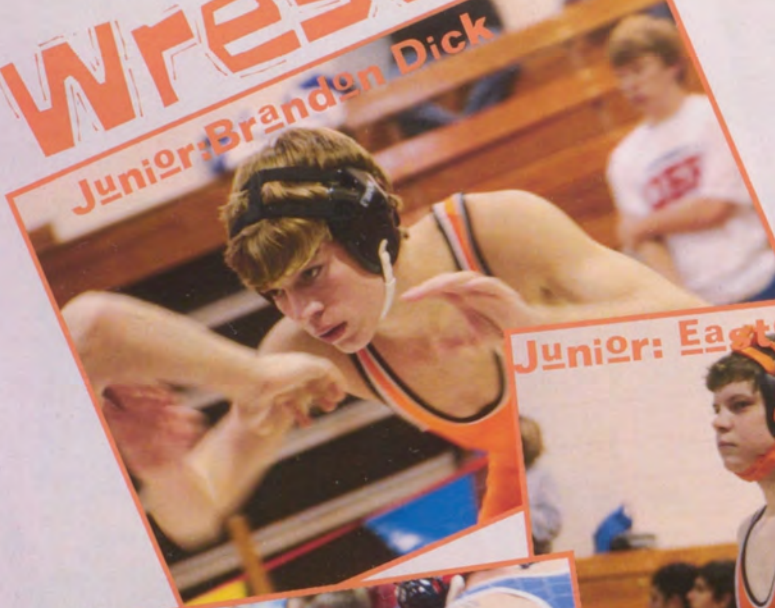


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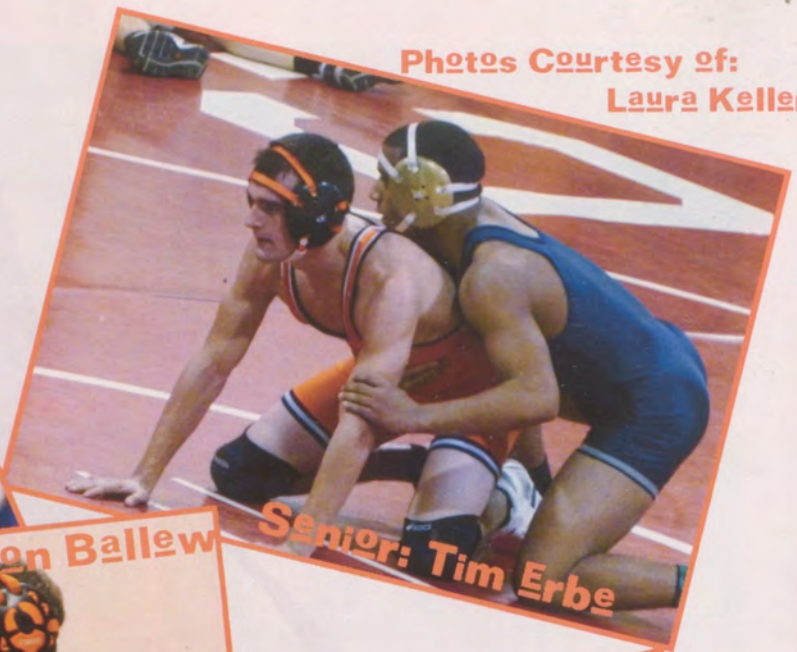


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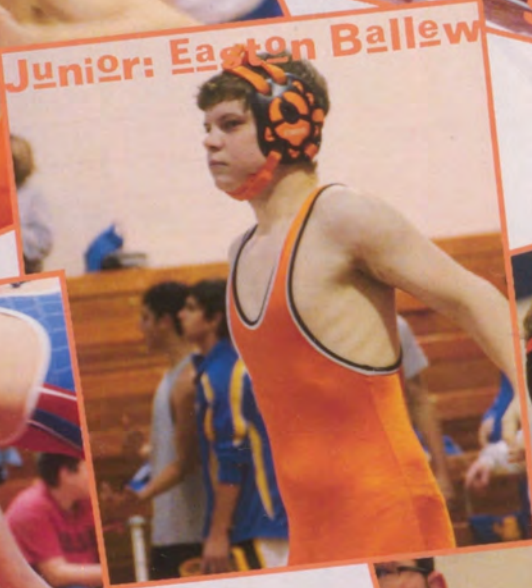
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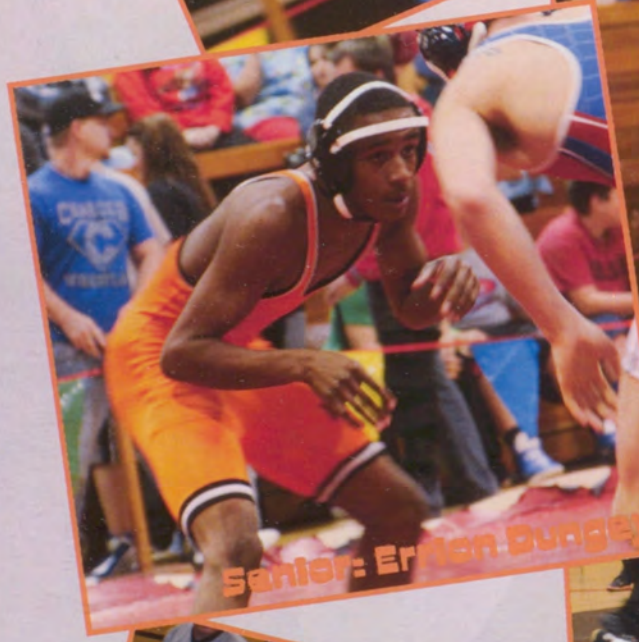
Junior: Brandon Dick



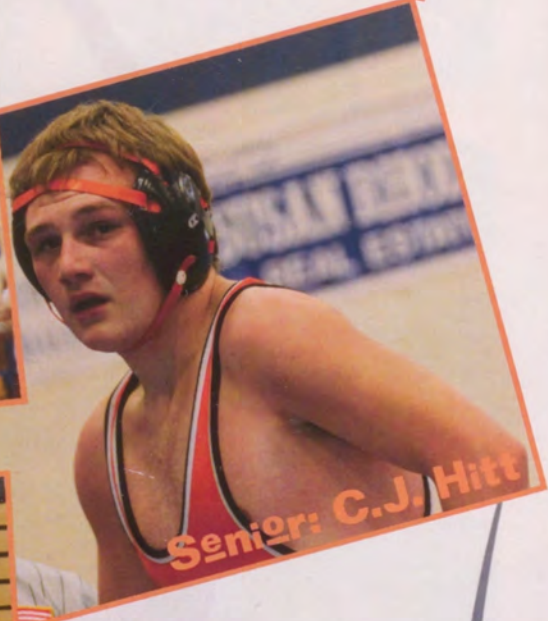
Senior: Tim Erbe



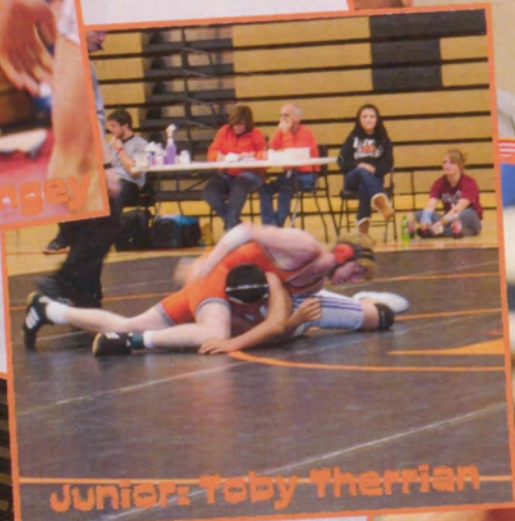
Junior: Easton Ballew



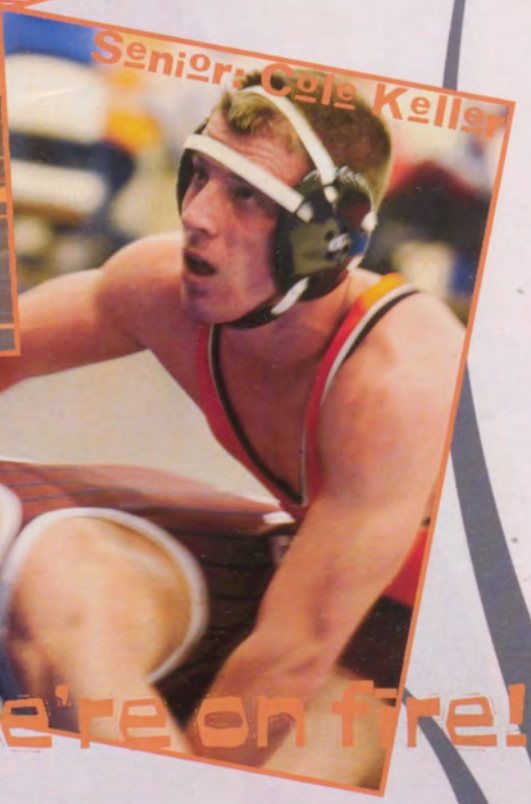
Senior: Ernie Dungey



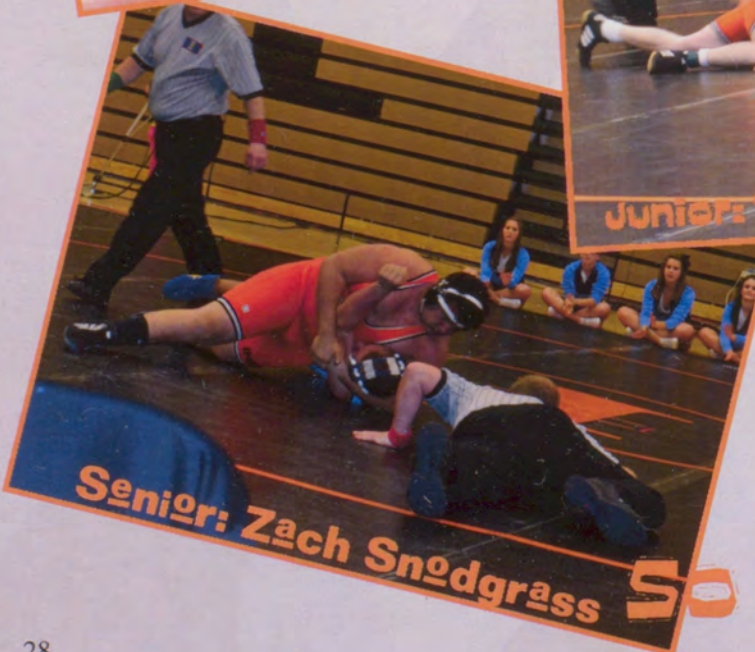
Senior: C.J. Hitt



Junior: Toby Therrian



Senior: Cole Keller



Senior: Zach Snodgrass

So hot, we're on fire!





Front Row: Carl Jesse, Curtis Burnett, Aurther Jesse, Mason Ballew, Brandon Dick, Manager Heidi Christman.  
 Second Row: Easton Ballew, Jordan Mead, Tim Erbe, Larin Tucker, Cole Keller, Alena Stroble, Manager Lainee Dunn.  
 Third Row: Coach Watters, Sam Chaput, Devin Mendoza, Devin Thompson, Tommie Johnson, Errion Dungey, Tyler Wilson, Coach Comacho.  
 Back Row: Toby Therrian, Nathan Gardner, Chase Null, Jon Firm, Craig Hitt, Coach McCambrige, Zach McDaniel, and Mylik George.

"Losing should not make you quit. It should make you work harder. Pushing yourself to reach your goals comes from within. Competition doesn't build character; it simply eliminates those with out character!"

- Coach Bo Watters

State Qualifiers- Cole Keller, Arthur Jesse, and Carl Jesse.

"I felt that our coach pushed us harder this year than any other year of wrestling, I felt like i did a lot better this year than any other year!"

- CJ Hitt, senior

"Watters is the best coach ever; he's my best friend!"

- Zach Snodgrass, senior

"When it's all said and done, wrestling was fun!" - Tim Erbe, senior

"This year I felt that everyone worked very hard. We had a good group of younger kids who really stepped up and pulled through when it mattered. P.S.- Going to state was an awesome experience!"

- Cole Keller, senior





**Back Row:** Emely Flores, Lizzy Brennan, Layne Wilson, Elizabeth Allen, Jessica Morris, Nikki Yakshaw.

**Third Row:** Jenny High, Courtney Medsker, Taylor Houck.

**Second Row:** Riley Sanders, Shelby Corn, Madeline Cox, Brooke Mundy.

**Front Row:** Chelsea Hosier, Caringtyn Julian, and Madison Bloomfield.

# IHS Dance Team



# Officers



**Captain**  
Layne  
Wilson



**Captain**  
Elizabeth  
Allen

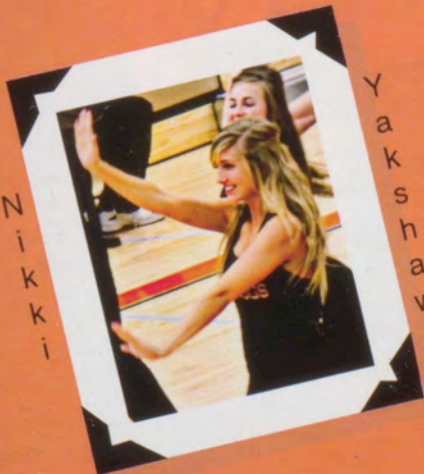


**Lieutenant**  
Lizzy  
Brennan



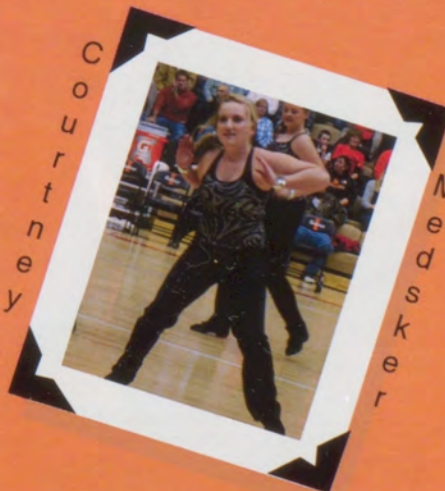
**Lieutenant**  
Jessica  
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# Kickin' It To The Limit!



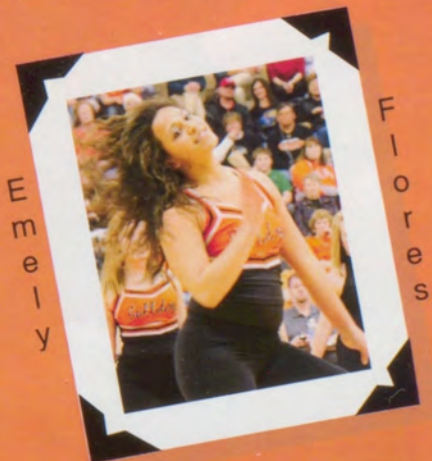
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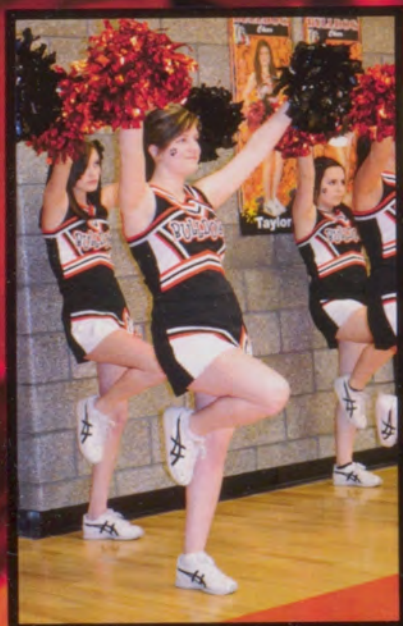


# High Kicks & Quick Flips

## Cheer Squad Lends School Spirit



The varsity cheer squad led cheers and chants that entertained Bulldog fans at home and away football games. The squad gathered together prior to the fall Homecoming game to sing the alma mater "Old Indy." Above: Whitney Nelson, Mandi Schwenker, Jordan Stafford, Autumn Bryant, Zoe Bryant, Heather Wright, Kaitlyn Murdock, Taylor Murdock, and Paige Stair.



Taylor Murdock, senior, cheers on the Bulldog basketball team at the new IHS gymnasium.



IHS cheer squad members lead the band at the start of the Neewollah Grand Parade.



Heather Wright, senior, bounces to the beat of the Bulldog band.



This was a year of change for the IHS cheer squad. In addition to acquiring a new uniform, they learned to adjust to being a smaller squad and said goodbye to their longtime coach.

"I was excited to have a new uniform," said Jordan Stafford, sophomore. "It was nice to have another option to put into the rotation."

In past years the cheer squad has been as large as 20; however, this year, there were only 8 during the winter sports season.

"We obviously were unable to build any big mounts," said Mandi Schwenker, sophomore. "We kept time-out chants pretty simple and used our poms to jazz it up."

After coaching the squad for nine years, Ms. McClure decided to step away. "I have very fond memories of those who I've coached through the years. I really appreciate the hard work the girls put in to this year's squad," said Ms. McClure.

"We were fortunate to have her expertise," said Jordan Stafford.

The squad attended UCA camp on the CCC campus and brought home two red ribbons, a blue ribbon and the Most Improved trophy.

Seniors Heather Wright and Taylor Murdock, both four-year cheerleaders, provided valuable leadership, and although she only cheered her senior year, Zoe Bryant was a great asset to the squad.



**Front Row:** Kaitlyn Murdock, Jordan Stafford. **Middle Row:** Zoe Bryant, Whitney Nelson, Taylor Murdock, Heather Wright. **Back Row:** Bailey Hennen, Mandi Schwenker, Paige Stair, Whitley Groth and Autumn Bryant.



# IHS Bulldogs share SEK League Championship

The season went really well for the boys basketball team. Head Coach Marcus Lanning said he got a lot of hard work and leadership from the seniors, which helped them share the League Champion title with Parsons for the first time since 1996. He also says that they were close in almost every game they played. Their best game was definitely the home game against our rival, Coffeyville. The game was close the whole time and the Bulldogs pulled through with the victory. Even though they fell short from going to the State tournament, the season went very well for them.



## Varsity

**Front Row:** Norberto Carrillo, Shane Moore, Jonny Melton, Chris Jones, Logan Taylor.

**Middle Row:** Gavin Webster, Dalton Shaffer, Dominique Taylor, AJ Capps, Rusty White, Dalton Coda.

**Back Row:** Chase Berry, TJ Reed, Heath Hoffmeister, Easton Julian, and Ty Schabel.



## Freshmen

**Front Row:** Caleb Bromley, Marquise Johnson, Josh Hilger.

**Second Row:** Logan Chambers, Calvin Hugo.

**Back Row:** Rex Linn, Tristan Duyvejonck, Evan Speicher, Tate Turner, and Patrick Hardy.



## SCOREBOARD

Date	Opponent	Score
12/2	FKHS	52-54L
12/13	Chanute	61-24W
12/16	Iola	43-41W
1/6	LCHS	54-45W
1/10	Wichita- Word of Life	43-66L
1/13	Parsons	47-55L
1/27	Fort Scott	54-37W
1/31	Columbus	56-34W
2/3	Pittsburg	47-39W
2/7	LCHS	61-55W
2/14	FKHS	56-53W
2/17	Chanute	58-52W
2/21	Parsons	45-49L
2/23	Iola	42-25W

# BOYS BASKETBALL



# Shooting for the stars



Kylie Ewing at the tip.



This year's team was made up of mostly sophomores and even with that challenge, their season went well. Coach Reynolds said, "The girls played a good season, and even though we were down most of the season, they still made our coaching staff very proud. They fought hard for every game and walked away knowing what to do better for the next game. Everyone learned a little something from all the games, and everyone walked away with valuable experiences." Coach Reynolds did admit to wishing he could change some things in regard to the season. "One thing I would change would be to work harder on aggressiveness towards the basket, aggressive defense, and for the girls to learn how to dictate the tempo of every game. If they did that, they would get better and better at every game," commented Reynolds.

Amanda Freeman







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Front Row: Calisse Papan, Kalei Matthews, Shalei Matthews, Sierra Marquez.  
 Second Row: Rachel White, Sarah Derrick, Shania Vannoster, Amanda Freeman, Abbi Groff.  
 Third Row: Kennedy Reynolds, Madilyn Schrag, Tyra Welch, Melina Amini.  
 Fourth Row: Jordan Sutton, Beth Yakshaw, Lakin Palmer, Anna Hignight, Dalice Coda, Rachel Rakes.  
 Back Row: Mikiah Anderson, Tyasha Carter, Kylie Ewing, KasiDee Cox,  
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# Girls Basketball



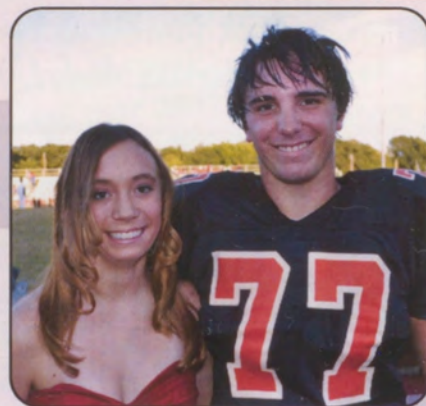
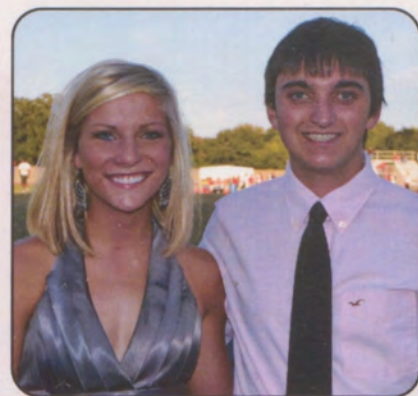
# Fall Homecoming



**Homecoming King and Queen:**  
Easton Julian and Riana Hutchinson.

**Court Top to Bottom:**

Layne Wilson and Sid Rutland,  
Kaedy Turner and Levi Leiker,  
Scarlett Simpler and Shane Moore,  
and Jessie Wilson and Dallas King.





# Winter Homecoming



## Homecoming King and Queen:

Carl Stinson and Margaret Htwe

## Court Top to Bottom:

Shawn Delano and Lizzy Brennan,  
Cole Keller and Zoe Bryant,  
Nikki Yakshaw and T.J. Reed,  
Skylar Stacy and Margaret Htwe, and  
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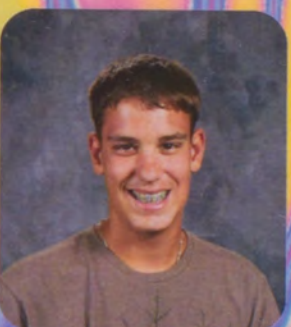
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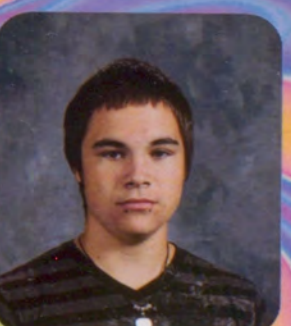
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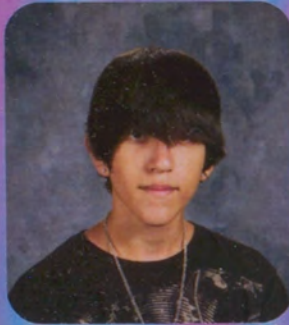
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Left to Right: Collin Cushing and Anna Hignight, StuCo Reps; Jenna Gilstrap, treasurer; Mandi Schwenker, secretary; KasiDee Cox, vice-president; and Emily Newton, president.





# Boys Swimming



## Boys make a big splash at state

In its fourth year cooperating with Coffeyville swim team, the boys were phenomenal! Joining the six remaining swimmers were five new swimmers.

Qualifying for State this year were the 200 Medley, 200 Free, and 400 Free relays. Dallas King, Carl Stinson, Josh Belt, and Lane

Near made up the 200 Medley relay team and placed sixth overall. Dallas, Josh, Caleb Hogge, and Lane swam the 200 Free relay and placed 14th. Lastly, Brendon Hogge, Lane, Josh, and Caleb swam the 400 Free relay. As an individual, Carl Stinson placed seventh in the 100 Freestyle and 16th in the 100 Backstroke. Dallas King got 11th in the 100 Freestyle and 13th in the 100 Breaststroke. Caleb Hogge placed 20th in the 100 Breaststroke and 23rd in the 200 Individual Medley. Placing 17th overall as a team.



**Front Row:** Patrick Neyland, Brendon Hogge, Dimitrios McCaffery, Collin Cushing (manager), Kyle Taylor, Kyler Brown. **Back Row:** Blake Neyland, Josh Belt, Carl Stinson, Dallas King, Caleb Mitchell, and Caleb Hogge.



"I've always wanted to make my mark at IHS with swimming. I believe I accomplished that."  
-Dallas King

"I am really proud to be a part of this swim team. It has really taken off from my freshman year. I hope it will continue to grow."  
-Caleb Hogge



# Girls Swimming

## Girls qualify five for state

Swimming with Coffeyville for the third year, the girls made a splashing impact. They placed third at the SEK regional meet. Relays qualifying for state were the 200 Medley relay and the 200 Freestyle relay. Those qualifying for individual events were KasiDee Cox in the 100 Breaststroke and Anna Hignight in the 100 Butterfly. Nikki Yakshaw, KasiDee, Anna, and Madison Vining swam the 200 Medley relay. The 200 Free relay consisted of Layne Wilson, Nikki, Anna, and Madison. The Medley relay placed 14th, and the Freestyle relay placed 14th. Anna placed 21st in Butterfly and KasiDee finished 13th in Breaststroke. The team placed 25th at the meet held in Topeka.



**Front Row (sitting):** Madison Vining, Cheyenne Delano, Whitney Nelson, Kaitlyn Price, Kaci Foster.

**Back Row (standing):** Kurtis King, Madison Bloomfield, KasiDee Cox, Layne Wilson, Jessie Wilson, Elizabeth Allen, Anna Hignight, Nikki Yakshaw, Katie Capps, Caringtyn Julian, and Kathy Clapp.





**Leiker, Taylor & Hugo**

# Golf Team Qualifies

When the IHS golf team opened its league schedule with a win at home at Independence Country Club, the team and its coach had high expectations of a league championship and qualifying as a team for State. Sadly, the league championship slipped through the team's fingers, but the bright spot was qualifying three players for the State tournament in Kansas City.

"Overall it was a pretty good season," said Coach Claar. "We started off well; we won two of the first three tournaments we participated in. While we were a little disappointed in the way it ended, we thought we could place a little bit better in league and Regionals."

Eric Schlange, junior, grabbed the gold at the Independence tournament with score of 76. The team finished in second place at the Columbus tournament, and Logan Taylor was the only IHS player to break the top 10 with a fifth place finish.

At the final SEK tournament in Fort Scott, the Bulldog golfers had a rough day. No one finished in the top 10, and IHS dropped to a fourth place finish in league.

Logan Taylor, sophomore, shot an 85 at Dub's Dread Golf Course to place 30th at State. Levi Leiker, senior, shot an 88 and Calvin Hugo, freshman, shot a 94.

"I would've liked to finish higher, but I know State is a good experience for college," said Logan. "There's always next year."

Calvin summed up his season saying, "I enjoyed the season. We were a connected team who could play with the best. State was a great experience, and I look forward to qualifying next year."



Calvin Hugo chips onto the green of the tenth hole at Independence Country Club.



Three IHS golfers qualified for the State tournament: Logan Taylor, Levi Leiker and Calvin Hugo.



*"Granted, I didn't have a great conclusion to my senior year, but my four seasons as a Bulldog golfer were an unbelievable experience, and I'm glad to have shared my final year with such a great team."*

*-Levi Leiker, four-time State qualifier*

Tournament Photos Courtesy of Rob Morgan



# Three for State Tourney



Front Row: Rachel White, Ashlyn Conner, Beth Yakshaw, Kaitlyn Murdock. Middle Row: Caleb Vowell, Logan Taylor, Calvin Hugo, Avery Barker, Justin Atkinson. Back Row: Coach Claar, Levi Leiker, Colton Friesen, Keenan Nutt, Chase Berry, Eric Schlange, Conner King, and Asst. Coach Tincher.



Six varsity golfers teamed up to win their home tournament at Independence Country Club: Levi Leiker, Logan Taylor, Eric Schlange, Calvin Hugo, Keenan Nutt and Chase Berry. (Photo Courtesy of Lisa Hugo)



Logan Taylor prepares to putt onto the green of the sixth hole during the home tournament.



## Lady Bulldog Softball

# A Season for the Record Books

"We had a great season," said Coach Dale Reynolds. "We improved a lot from last year and everyone worked hard."

The 2012 season for the Lady Bulldogs will go down in the record books. They started the season out with a 7-0 record, making it the best start in the program's history.

They also had the third most wins in the program's history with a 15-7 final record.

Photos Courtesy of  
Tammy Freeman



Senior Kaedy Turner catches a pop fly in center field.



Freshman Bayley Allison pitched during the game against Iola.



Sophomore Lexie Wright fields a grounder from third base.



Varsity players break it down before the inning begins.





Senior Bailey Burnett prepares to catch a pitch during the game against Iola.



Freshman Kelsey Wilhelm fields a grounder at second base.



Sophomore Jordan Sutton slides into home plate at Iola.

# Indy Softball



Front Row: Kaedy Turner, Sierra Marquez, Tyra Welch, Kelsey Wilhelm, Calisse Papen. Second Row: Bailey James, Shelby Corn, Madeline Cox, Bailey Burnett. Third Row: Jami Sanborn, Jordan Sutton, Morgan Dodson, Lakin Palmer, Lexie Wright. Back Row: Bayley Allison, Dalice Coda, Kimberly Bryant, Tayler Reichenberger, Amanda Freeman, and Monique Shaw.





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This season was a great one for the IHS baseball team, with an all-star varsity team including seniors Dustin Oliver, Shane Moore, Nick Long, Dalton Shaffer, Zach Snodgrass, T.J. Reed and Easton Julian, we were nearly unstoppable. Not only did we have an all-star team this year, we had an all-star coach!

Coach Brian Smith was named SEK coach of the year after leading the team to a three-way tie for the league championship this season. It was the third SEK title for IHS in the past six years. Coach Smith said, "As a whole this is one of the best groups of seniors I have had the privilege to coach."

Coach Smith went on to say he believed Easton had become one of the pitchers in SEK and that Shane was his most versatile and unselfish players.

The coach wasn't the only one who had something great to say about the season; player T.J. Reed said, "It was fun and for the most part pretty laid back. Even though I'm continuing my baseball career, I'm going to miss playing with this group of guys."

Zach Snodgrass added, "Baseball was a blast!! I couldn't have asked for a better group of guys to play ball with; I'm going to miss it a lot.."

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All-SEK League Honors- Easton Julian, T.J. Reed, Dalton Shaffer, Zach Snodgrass, Shane Moore, and Dustin Oliver



# The Team



Front Row: Zach Stacy, Dustin Oliver, Mason Ballew, Easton Ballew.  
Second Row: Curtis Burnett, Tommie Johnson, Clay Sears, Shane Moore, Noberto Carillo. Third Row: Manager Chase Carter, Courtlan Hayes, Aaron Schwenker, Devin Thompson, Parker Botts, Palmer Botts, Cooper Augustine, Nick Long.  
Back Row: Dalton Shaffer, Junior Geldenhuys, T.J. Reed, Zach Snodgrass, Easton Julian, Cody Sears and Dalton Coda.







# Tennis is a game Teamwork is forever

The IHS boys tennis team started off its season by taking first in its own Bulldog Invitational and finished the season with a state title in doubles.

Toward the end of the season the team was just one point shy of winning league. However, they again took home the Regional crown. Skylar Stacy said, "My favorite memory was watching Ty Schabel's long battle against Pittsburg at SEK. I will miss him and the rest of the team very dearly." Gavin Webster and Tyler Posch brought home the State doubles championship from Topeka. IHS placed fourth as a team.

Tyler Posch follows through a serve.



Patrick Hardy and Josh Hilger play doubles.



Skylar Stacy serves at the Parson's Invitational.



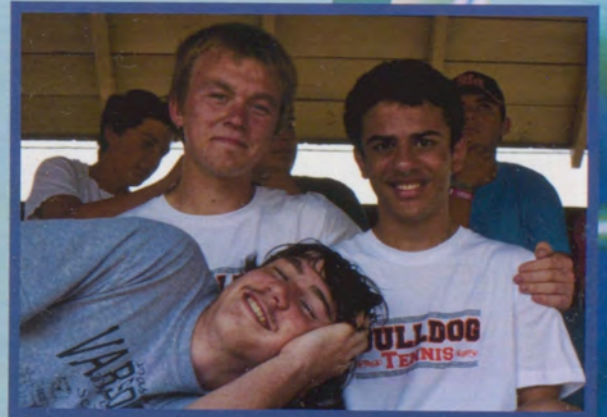
Brennan Gordan and Drake King play doubles.





**Front Row:** Brison Turner, Dakota Owen, Lane Schicke, Garrett Whitson, Drake King, Deke Davis. **Middle Row:** Kyler Brown, Josh Hilger, Aidan Goodrich, Patrick Hardy, Brennan Gordon, Skye Conley, Trevor Ferguson. **Back Row:** Coach Ken Brown, Gavin Webster, A.J. Capps, Austin Whitson, Ty Schabel, Tyler Posch, Skylar Stacy, Collin Cushing, and Coach Gina McLenon.

# Boys Tennis Team





# Track Team Qualifies Six for State Meet

"Overall, the numbers looked great and the kids worked really hard this year," said Mr. Harlin, head coach. "They were a joy to be around. They ran like a bunch of deer." The IHS track team qualified six members for State. They were Carl Stinson and Alexis White, seniors; and Shalei Matthews, Kalei Matthews, Abbi Groff, and Shania Vannoster, freshmen. Carl Stinson got fifth place in the 1600m run with a time of 4:36.17. Shalei Matthews took seventh place in the 400m dash with a time of 59 seconds. The girls 4X400 relay team of Shalei Matthews, Kalei Matthews, Shania Vannoster, and Alexis White, won ninth place with a time of 4:13.69.



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of Rob Morgan

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# TRACK & FIELD



## Track Members include:

**Seniors:** Brittany Daniels, Shawn Delano, Errion Dungey, Raquel Dungey, Caleb Hogge, Dallas King, Marissa Mitchell, Rachel Rakes, Carl Stinson, Dalton Thorpe, Alexis White.

**Juniors:** Kelsey Porter, Kennedy Reynolds, Dani Ribiero, Sammi Sprague.

**Sophomores:** Melina Amini, Chloe Comacho, Tyasha Carter, Jeysen Coleman, Leon Conger, Jonathan Ferm, Brendon Hogge, Sydney Knight, Zoe McCollam, Jonathan Melton, Chase Null, Toya Quinn, Dominique Thornton, Linda Tovar, David Tucker, Erica Velasquez.

**Freshman:** Hunter Boorigie, Rebecca Bradford, Shane Brawley, Kaylea Brock, Kinsey Carroll, Cheyenne Dixon, Kourtney Estep, Ashley Gage, Jenny Galario, Mylik George, Abbi Groff, Logan Johnson, Tiffany Johnson, Samantha Mattes, Halei Matthews, Kalei Matthews, Shalei Matthews, Wendy Mejia, Josh Smith, Evan Speicher, Betsy Stewart, Larin Tucker, and Shania Vannoster.

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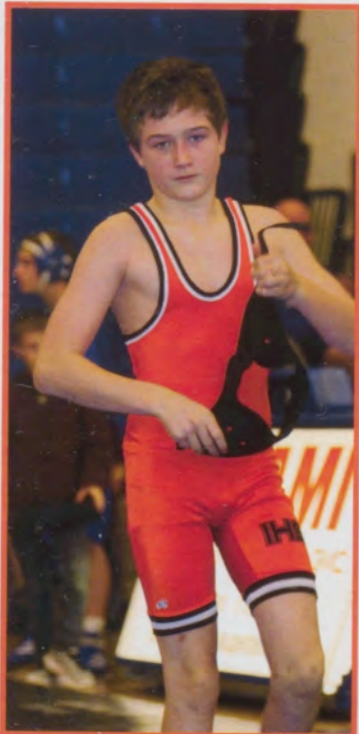
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Left to Right: Chase Carter and Caringtyn Julian, StuCo Reps; Palmer Botts, treasurer; Sarah Derrick, secretary; Shelby Corn, vice-president; and Betsy Stewart, president.



# Entrepreneurship

## IHS Students Learn About Business

Entrepreneurship is the IHS version of the Junior Achievement program. Since 1978, local students have not only earned credit for the course, but they've learned real-world lessons about business and earned scholarship money, too!

Class members formed four companies: New Directions, School Banditz, Top 12 and Style Shooters. After conducting market research, the companies chose to market stuffed dogs, snapback hats, t-shirts and insulated cups, respectively.

Upon conclusion of sales, company members go about preparing for judging by the board of directors. The board is made up of 11 business leaders from our community.

In addition to the board, Lisa Wilson and Lori Wesselowski acted as consultants for the businesses.

"This class is different than any other I've ever taken, but it was 110% worth the risk," said Erin Wesselowski. "I learned that creating a business takes time, hard work, and a great team."

In her tenth year teaching entrepreneurship, Ms. McClure knows each class is different.

"This year's companies were very competitive," said Ms. McClure.

"They learned to set and achieve goals, and they also figured out that working as team sometimes means making compromises."

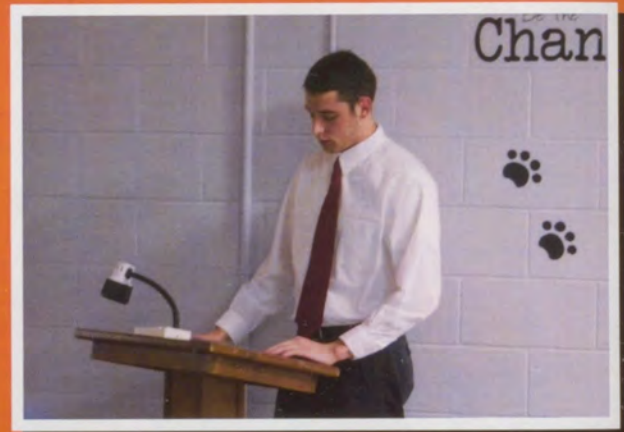
Erin Wesselowski, junior, won Best President (New Directions), and T.J. Reed and Jenna Gilstrap tied for Best Vice-President. Winners also included Lexie Wright (Marketing VP), Meagan Bailey (Finance VP), Brooke Mundy (Production VP) and Randalin Ward (Personal & Corporate Secretary VP), Shawna Lucas (Best Webmaster) and Parker Botts (Top Sales). Each of these winners earned a \$400 scholarship.

New Directions was named Best Company, and each member received a \$50 savings bond. The essay winners were Remington Tull, Rachel Rakes, Nelson Schicke and Brandon Babcock. Other top salespersons were Tayler Reichenberger (second) and Jordan Stafford (third).

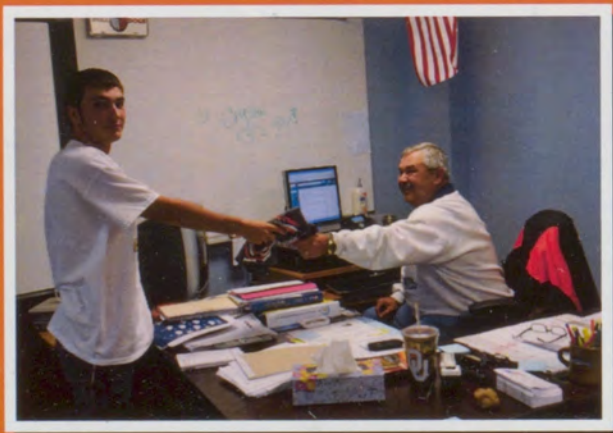
"Judging this year's companies was difficult," said Mrs. Charlotte Muse, board of directors member. "Even though it makes our job as judges harder, we really prefer to have all the companies to be successful. We have a lot of community support for this program, and those individuals like to know the students are benefiting from their participation."



Parker Botts with School Banditz prepares a snapback hat for delivery.



Nick Newton, president of Style Shooters, delivers his president's report to the board of directors.



Andrew Dill with Top 12 delivers a t-shirt to Mr. Watters.



Nelson Schicke of New Directions markets the stuffed puppy to Joanna Simwinga.



# 2012 Year Book Staff



Madison Vining

The Crew :)

Jami Sanborn



Ashton Wood



Mrs. Cox



Krista Amos



Lizzy Brennan

This year the yearbook class consisted of 5 girls, Krista Amos, Lizzy Brennan, Madison Vining, Jami Sanborn, Ashton Wood, and of course Mrs. Cox. There was never a dull moment during class. Whether we were having a party, taking goofy pictures, or even just working on our pages, it was always a blast!



# F L E A D E R S H I P



The First Leadership class of 2012 participants included KasiDee Cox, Jenna Gilstrap, Anna Hignight, Brendon Hogge, Bailey James, Drake King, Diona Mendoza, Brooke Mundy, Donna Newman, Chase Null, Keenan Nutt, Riley Sanders, Mandi Schwenker, Cody Sears, Jordan Stafford, Logan Taylor, and Tyra Welch.

The program, sponsored by Independence Chamber of Commerce and Leadership Independence, is meant to encourage and develop leadership skills in young adults. The group participated in a ropes course, Earth Day, Discover Independence, and job shadowing.

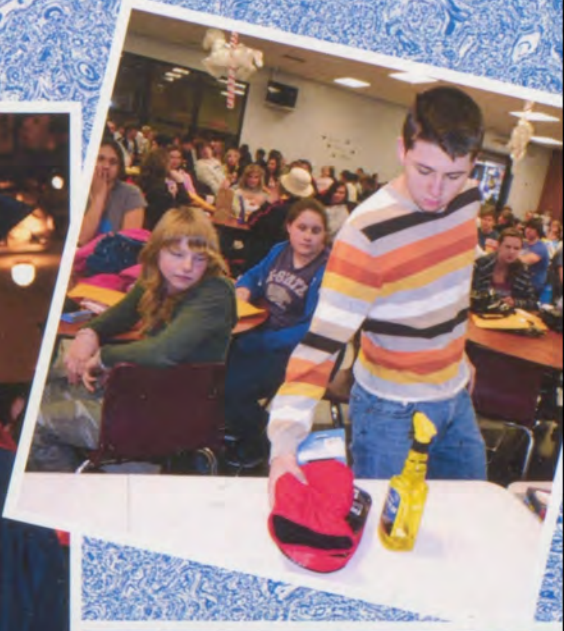
"I know it may not sound like more fun to have a regular day off from school," said Jenna Gilstrap, "but we really did have a good time learning more about our community and learning to use good leadership skills."

The program was designed for local sophomore students and is conducted on weekdays when school isn't in session. Applicants must compose an essay in regard to their ideas on how to improve Independence and each class organized and completes a service project.

This year's class worked with the city's Earth Day activities.



# Living & Loving Life at IHS





IHS Earns 100 Degree Distinction

## Debate Squad Exceeds Expectations

In addition to taking the maximum number of debaters to State this season, the squad received notice that it had earned membership in the National Forensics League 100 Club. This achievement puts the squad in the top 10% of all NFL chapters nationwide.

Those debaters qualifying for State included Skylar Stacy and Scarlett Simpler, Jenny High and Marissa Mitchell, Alina Sigotova and Jared Smith, and Caleb Vowell and Nathan Kessler.

"I make the commitment to stay in debate because I learn a lot about real-world topics and society," said Caleb Vowell. "I look forward to next year and hopefully qualifying for State again."

Though she doesn't think it's politically correct, Ms. Burris says the squad really did have a great season. "I'm not just saying that," said Ms. Burris. "For instance, we had novice debaters Ryan Oliver and Zach Stacy go 5-0 at two different tournaments."



Ms. Burris  
Debate & Forensics  
Coach

Another novice team that did well was Becca Bradford and Betsy Stewart. At the Colgan tournament, Becca and Betsy took second place, actually tying Ryan and Zach's 5-0 record, but came up just a couple of speaker points shy that put them in second place behind Ryan and Zach.

"That was definitely a highlight of our season," said Ms. Burris. Skylar Stacy competed in four years of debate at IHS and admits it's not your typical elective course. "Debate is something that requires a lot of hard work and dedication. However, it's worth it because of the valuable skills in public speaking and critical thinking I gained," said Skylar. "I feel like my peak year was my junior year because I won State with Dalton (Mott). Every elimination round was a big win, and we finally ended with winning the State title."



Skylar Stacy  
Debate & Forensics  
Four Years



Marissa Mitchell  
Debate & Forensics  
Three Years



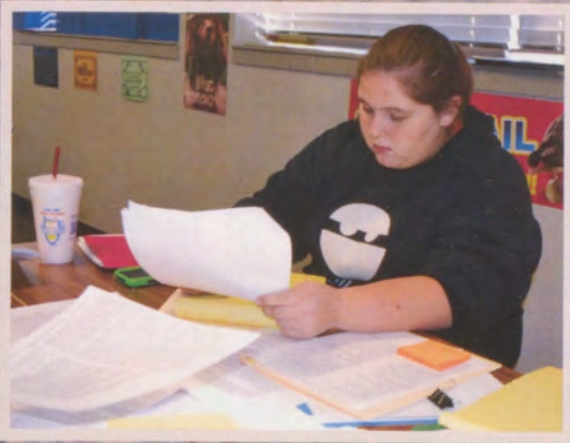
Sarah Doring  
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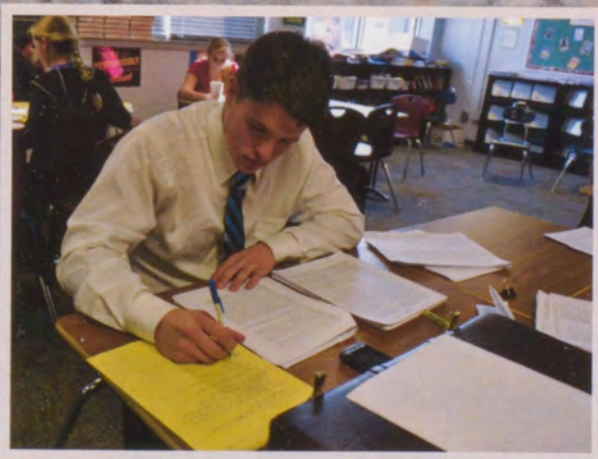
Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its exploration and/or development of space beyond the Earth's mesosphere.



"I enjoy debate season because I have a lot of fun at tournaments," said Becca Bradford, novice debater.



Zach Stacy, novice debater, works on his case during a Monday evening work session in Ms. Burriss' room.



"Debate involves a commitment to work outside of class," admits Nathan Kessler, two-year debater.

### National Forensics League Standings

Becca Bradford	Excellence
Rebecca Brennan	Honor
Kaylea Brock	Merit
Collin Cushing	Honor
Cheyenne Delano	Honor
Sarah Doring	Special Distinction
Jenny High	Outstanding Distinction
Brendon Hogge	Merit
Collin Housel	Excellence
Nathan Kessler	Distinction
Kirsten Mitchell	Honor
Marissa Mitchell	Superior Distinction
Ryan Oliver	Excellence
Joel Rice	Excellence
Alina Sigotova	Special Distinction
Scarlett Simpler	Special Distinction
Jared Smith	Special Distinction
Skylar Stacy	Outstanding Distinction
Zach Stacy	Distinction
Betsy Stewart	Honor
Braedy Turner	Excellence
Caleb Vowell	Special Distinction



# Melina Amini



Coming from Waullernhausen, Germany, Melina spent her sophomore year here at IHS. She is the daughter of Julio Magallanes and Rabia Amini. She wanted to come here because the television shows looked interesting.

She stayed with her host family, Jennifer Sprague and Eric, Shania, Logan, and Kamen Vannoster.

Her favorite things about Independence and IHS are the food and Neewollah. She will miss her new family and friends after she returns to Germany.

"There are awesome people here and I will miss them. I will definitely come back," said Melina.



Dani Ribeiro moved to Independence for her junior year. She moved all the way from Recife, Brazil, to stay with her host family Heather and Corey Rincker. All she knew about Kansas before coming here was that there are tornadoes and it's located in the middle of the US.

Her family back in Brazil consists of her mother and father, Paula and Charles, and her sister Andrea. She wanted to come here to become more independent and learn the culture. However, she really misses her family and friends back home. She also really misses the ocean and seafood.

The things she will miss about IHS and Independence are her host family, the new friends she made and the volleyball team, including Coach Speicher.

"I will never forget my time here and this was the best year of my life. I will come back to visit. Don't forget me!", said Dani.



# Daniella Ribeiro



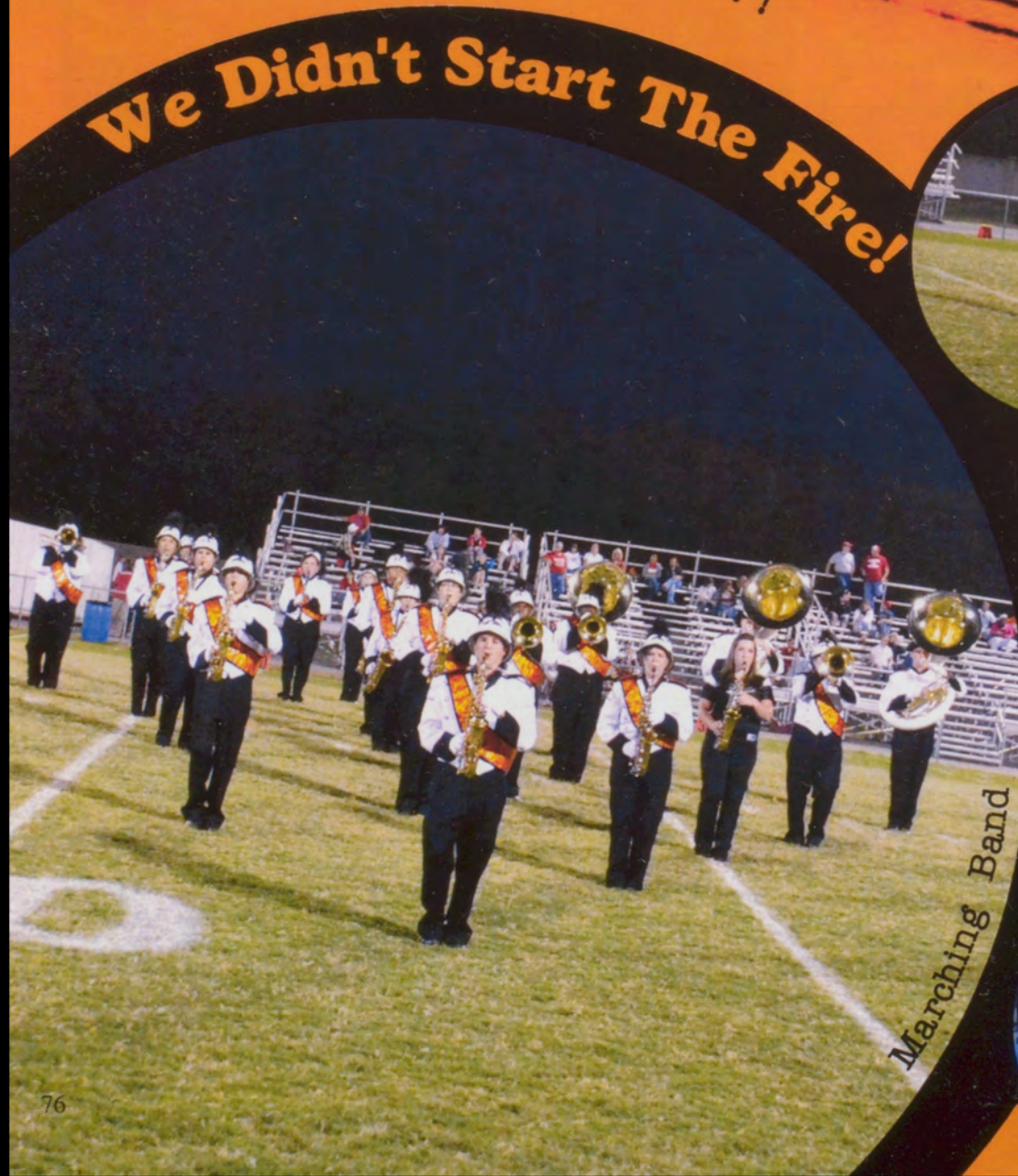
# IHS BAND



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*Marching Band*







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The IHS marching band theme was Billy Joel's *Piano Man*. The show included the songs "We Didn't Start the Fire," "Just the Way You Are," "My Life," and of course, "Piano Man"!



Below: Courtney Medsker sings a descant solo in "Lo, How a Rose Er Blooming."



Above: Mixed Chorus performs in the spring concert.

Right: Indy Ensemble, with past members joining in, sings the National Anthem at a home basketball game.



Above: IHS vocal music alumni are traditionally invited to join the Concert Choir for the closing song in the Christmas concert, "Silent Night, O Holy Night."



Below: Blake Neyland accompanies the concert Choir with a trumpet solo.



Above: Tyler Whitson, Gavin Webster, and Zoë Bryant perform with Indy Ensemble.

# C H O I R

The three choirs at IHS: Mixed Chorus, Concert Choir, and Indy Ensemble are directed by Larry Annable and accompanied by Dana Aitken. In April, the Indy Ensemble went to district contest for small ensembles. They received a I rating and went on to State to be awarded a I. A select group consisting of Sarah Doring, Gavin Webster, Lizzy Brennan, Heath Hoffmeister, Zoë Bryant, Lane Near, Erin Wesselowski, Tyler Posch, Whitley Groth, Courtney Medsker, and Skye Conley also earned a I; they also went to State and got a . The ensemble of Monique Shaw, Brendon Hogge, Stephanie Groff, Jon Ferm, Jenny High, and Kyler Brown acquired a II. Concert Choir, a men's ensemble, and a women's ensemble went to contest for large ensembles and all three earned a I rating. Also at contest, receiving a I rating for a vocal solos were Erin Wesselowski, Brendon Hogge, and Monique Shaw. Lizzy Brennan, Skye Conley, Whitley Groth, and Courtney Medsker earned IIs for their vocal solos. At State Erin received a ! for her solo; Monique and Brendon both earned a II.





Caitria Kahler

David Tucker and Noah Trombold



Emily Newton

Kaitlin Coffey



# Pulling All the Right Strings

Mrs. Faye Millen conducts the 14 members of the IHS orchestra: Sydney Adey, Casey Britain, Kyler Brown, Kaitlin Coffey, Noah Heffernan, Riana Hutchinson, Caitria Kahler, Emily Newton, Darwin Shire, Alina Sigitova, Crystal Smith, Weston Smith, Noah Trombold, and David Tucker.

The orchestra competed in the contest for small ensembles in Pittsburg. The group received a II rating.

Casey Britain and Kyler Brown performed solos at contest. Casey earned a II for her violin solo and Kyler, a I for his viola solo. Kyler went on to State to earn a I rating on his solo.

"Performing in our school orchestra is fun and a good experience," said Emily Neewton, sophomore.



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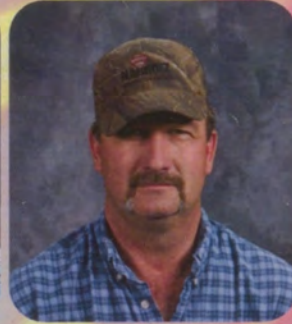
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Ronda Taraboletti



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# Waneta Cox

## Respected Teacher Retires After 24 Years

*"Waneta "Neeter" Cox has worked at IHS for 24 years. Not only has she worked at the high school but she also worked at elementary schools in Independence and Coffeyville for 10 years prior to going to IHS. Her devotion and her outlook on life were greatly utilized here. She definitely made an impact in her students lives.*

*"Waneta is like having sunshine walk through your door. She always has a smile and finds a way to make others feel as though they are the most important ones in the room or universe when they have her attention. Even at her busiest, she makes time for others and sees the positive where others don't. Every child feels special with Waneta. As a parent, I would want a teacher like Waneta to deal with my child as she always treats other people's children as though they are her own."*

- Mrs. Shepard

*"I've enjoyed working with her throughout all these years. I've learned much and gained a valuable friendship. (Be Flexible!)"*

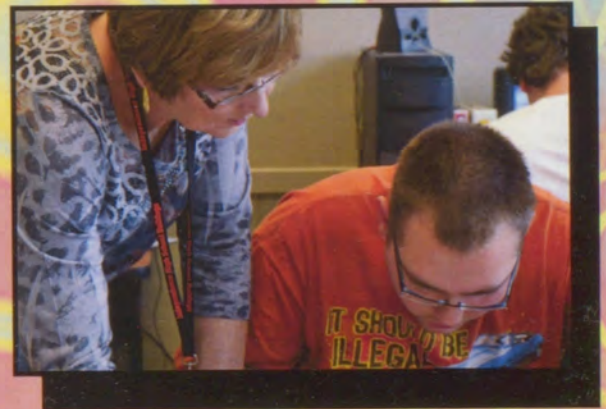
-Mrs. Price

*"Neeter and I go way back. She has taught me lessons not only for work, but many life lessons too. She is a very wise woman."*

-Mrs. Mooney

*"She has a dynamic personality. The students always came first. I love her and will miss her very much!"*

-Mrs. Sprague





## Friends R Us

# Students "Buddy" Up for Good Times



It's obvious Friends R Us is just that: A great group of friends. "This group of students is great," said Mrs. Stevens, co-sponsor. "Everyone gets along and has fun together."

After an interview and selection process, students buddy up to ensure everyone is included in the fun. The group enjoyed playing board games, having lunch together and traveling to the Victory Games in Cherryvale.

"I really enjoy our activities," said Chance Froebe, junior. "It gives me a chance to spend some time hanging out with my friends."



## National Honor Society

# Membership Has Its Privileges



**2011-2012 officers:** Jessie Wilson, treasurer; Kelsey Porter, secretary; Zoe Bryant, historian; and Bailey Burnett, vice-president.



Mr. Knoles hands KasiDee Cox, junior, her membership certificate during the induction ceremony as Mr. Shaw looks on.



*"I am proud to be a member of NHS. Not only am I recognized for my academics, but we make a difference in our community."*  
-Bailey Burnett, vice-president

The IHS National Honor Society is a busy group. In addition to the requirement that members maintain a 3.5 GPA, members are also required to participate in community service projects throughout the year.

"The group performed service during GermanFest, Neewollah downtown clean-up, FORPAZ park opening, and the Montgomery County alumni banquet," said Mrs. Taraboletti. "Members also complete individual hours, so they help at local churches, serve meals for CUFF and Open Arms Dining, and help rake leaves and shovel snow for the elderly."

Mr. Knoles said, "We had a strong group of leaders, and because of that, the year went smoothly."



*"As president I was glad to have members who fulfilled their membership requirements. That made my job easier. Personally, my favorite memory is volunteering at AWOL."*

-Emily Jabben, president



Mr. Tim Knoles,  
Faculty Co-Sponsor



Mrs. Ronda Taraboletti,  
Faculty Co-Sponsor



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Board Members: Emily Newton, Tiffany Henderson, Jessica Morris, Jared Smith, Rebecca Brennan, Braedy Turner, Sammi Clift, Joanna Simwinga

Sponsors: Janice McBride & Julie Dunham



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The theme for the club this year was "The Power of One" which emphasized the importance of being that "one" who makes a difference in someone's life.

The club participated in a number of activities such as a drive-by shooting for flu shots, two service trips to Joplin, cancer awareness night face painting, a canned food drive, and a pop tab collection contest.

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At the spring banquet, Jessica Morris and Ashley Clift were named the 2011-2012 KAY members of the year and Lizzy Brennan was awarded the Robin Van Dyne Scholarship. She also received the Wanda May Vinson Scholarship. The club was awarded the blue award, which was their goal for the year.

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# IHS Scholars' Bowl: Schoolin' the Competition



**The Team:** Lizzy Brennan, Sarah Fowler, Drake King, Rebecca Brennan, Ryan Oliver, Alina Sigitova, Nelson Schicke, Joanna Simwinga, Joel Rice, Dalana Woodward and Randalin Ward



The IHS Scholars' Bowl team kicked off the season receiving first place at their first tournament. The team competed in a total of nine tournaments, including a Tournament of the Champions competition at Bishop Carroll High School in Wichita. They also qualified for Regionals held in Towanda. To celebrate the end of its season, the team went "Scholars' Bowling" in Cherryvale.





# Community Service Day

Once again IHS students devoted a school day working to clean and spruce up our community. "You might think that it's the community that benefits from our students' hard work, but in reality, it's the students who come away with a sense of accomplishment and pride for Independence," said Mr. Shaw, IHS principal. "I'm not going to kid you; we worked hard today. I think most everyone is coming back tired and sunburned."

"IHS has done this enough years that we know what kind of service opportunities there are for our students," said Mr. Diveley. "It's the one day where we teachers can work alongside our students to make a difference in our community. Plus, it's just a lot of fun."







This is the ninth year that the students have participated in this event. Ms. Capps said, "It was a great opportunity to show love to our community. I'm so thankful for all of our participants."

This year Ms. Capps' advisory went to Hannah's House on Park Boulevard to chop down trees, mow the lawn, and rake leaves.

"We were able to recruit a retired teacher, Mr. Jim Hogan, to help with the clearing of brush with the chainsaw," said Ms. Capps.

One group worked to clean the tables and chairs at the aquatic center. Another group washed windows for the downtown merchants and swept the sidewalks.

In all, it's one way that students can get away from the classroom and make a difference in the community.

# IHS kicks it into gear





# Dodgeball

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# Champs



This year the girls basketball team raised \$2,000 in the sixth annual dodgeball tournament.

# Dodgeball Tournament







The IHS Student Council, led by Ms. Capps, is responsible for many of the school's activities including homecoming, semi-formal, school fundraisers, and community service projects.

**Officers:** Easton Julian, president; Kaedy Turner, vice-president; Dallas King, treasurer; and Shane Moore, secretary.

# StuCo



Queen Neelah LXX  
Emely Marie Flores Hendrick



Queen Neelah: Emely Flores Hendrick  
First Runner Up: Nikki Yakshaw  
Second Runner Up: Jessie Wilson  
Miss Talent: Sarah Doring  
Miss Poise: Jordan Newton  
Miss Personality: Zoe Bryant

Miss Beauty: Sydney Lemos  
Miss Fashion: Kylee Classen  
Miss Photogenic: Elizabeth Allen  
Miss Congeniality: Mara Knight  
Miss Interview: Layne Wilson  
Miss Originality: Jessica White



# More Queen Neelah Fun!



Neelah Debs

Clockwise from top: Rebecca Brennan, Dalice Coda, Bailey James, Jordan Stafford, Beth Yakshaw, Diona Mendoza, KasiDee Cox, Makenzie Vining, Anna Hignight, Riley Sanders, Paige Borovetz, and Braedy Turner.



Sydney Adey



Taylor Murdock



Sarah Fowler



Marissa Mitchell

Elizabeth Allen



& Cole Keller

Angel Stroble



& Alex Steinle

Jessica Morris



& Nick Reddy



Lexi Dent



Stage Escorts

Front Row: Sid Rutland, Avery Barker.  
Back Row: Zach Snodgrass, Shane Moore, Skylar Stacy, Easton Julian, Bryan Lewman, Levi Leiker, Carl Stinson, and Dallas King.





# How Sweet it Was! Neewollah 2011



Jacob Loveless & Crystal Smith



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Anna Wood



Anna Hignight, KasiDee Cox, & Beth Yakshaw





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Jared Smith, Collin Cushing, Caleb Vowell, Clay Sears, Dylan Royer & Brennan Gordon



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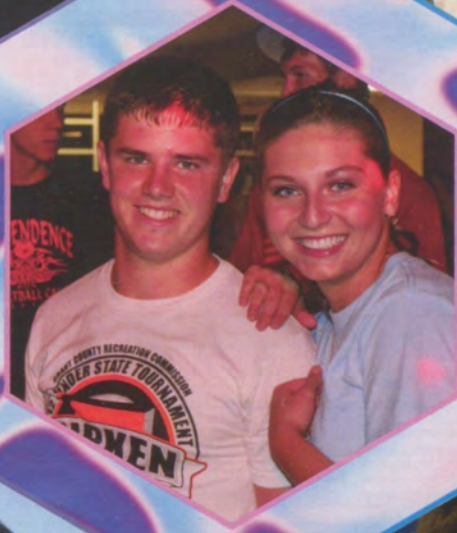


The IHS One Act Plays are produced at toward the end of each spring semester. The productions are an end-of-year project for the advanced drama students.

This year's students were the first to use the stage in the new performing arts center.

According to Mrs. Shepard, "The plays came off really well. Our actors loved the opportunity to act and this gave them that chance. It was really fun. "







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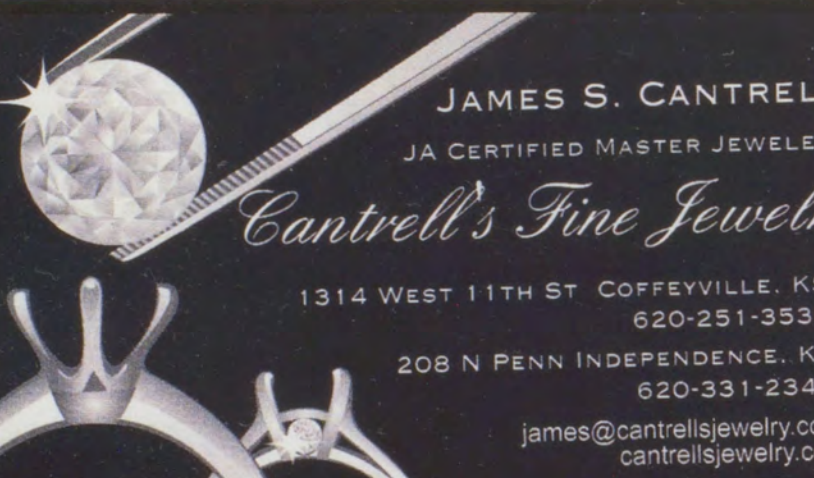
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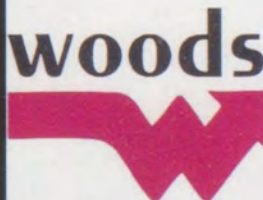
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"We spend a lot of time preparing for the MAP tests and state assessments," said Mrs. Mani, department chair.

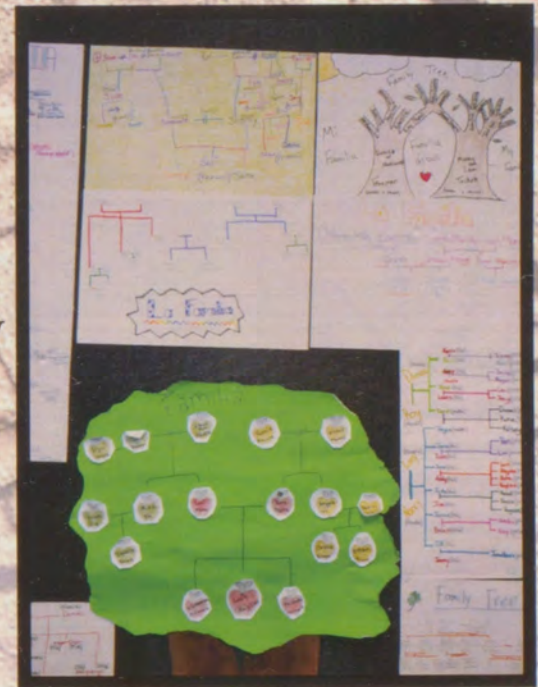
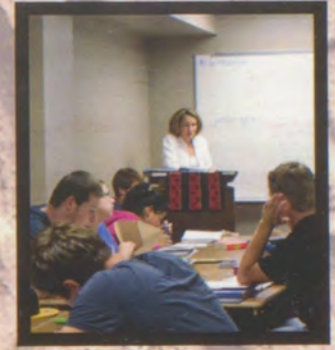
"Our students are assessed quite often, and that doesn't even include everyone who takes the ACT."

In addition to Mrs. Mani, the department members include Mrs. Shepard, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Stanley and Ms. Hardy. Although Ms. Hardy joined the IHS faculty this year, she's familiar with IHS since she student taught in Mrs. Cox's classroom back in 2006. "I am so pleased that Ms. Hardy has returned to IHS," said Mrs. Cox. "Our students are lucky to have such a great addition to our department."





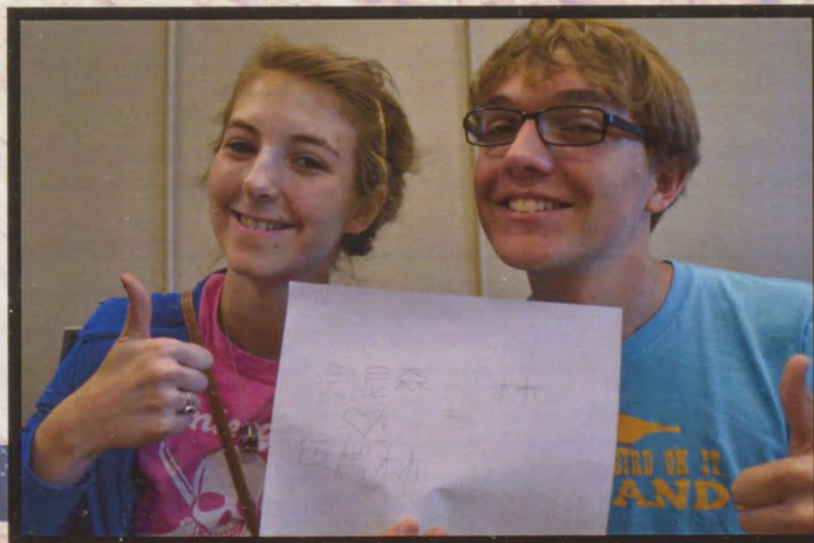
Above: Emily Derrick, Kaylan Fowler and Sydney Knight enjoy a fiesta for the Day of the Dead.



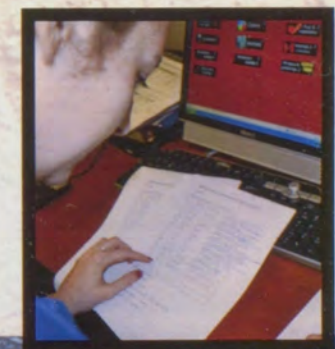
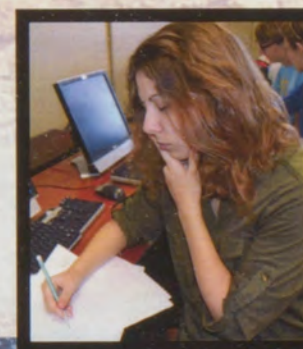
Right: Spanish students create family trees when studying family relationships.



Emily Newton, Jenny High, and Grace Fairbank take French II through an online computer system.



Above: Randalin Ward and Nelson Schicke show off their Chinese writing skills.



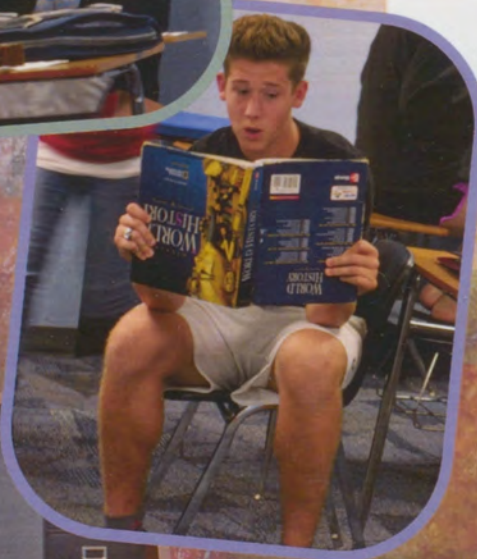
# World Languages



"To know the truth of history is to realize its ultimate myth and its ambiguity."

by Roy P. Basler

# History Department



Our IHS history department faculty members include Mrs. Chism, Mr. Claar, Mr. Watters, Mrs. Dunham, and Mr. Harlin.

Current course offerings are civics, American history, world history, and American government. "We have incorporated more geography into this year. The students worked on WWII and country projects," said Mrs. Dunham, chair.



# Kick the books

join the game

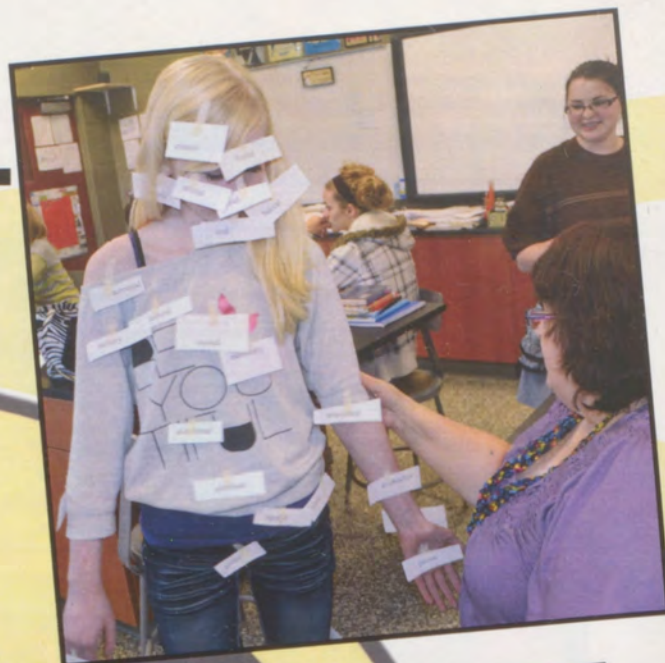


The physical education department faculty is Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Boldra, Mr. Harlin, Mr. Comacho, and Ms. VanRoyen. IHS students can take health, conditioning, lifetime sports, aerobics, and weightlifting.

"We are excited about the new changes," said Coach Speicher. "We can do some of the sports and games that were impossible in the past because of space limitations."



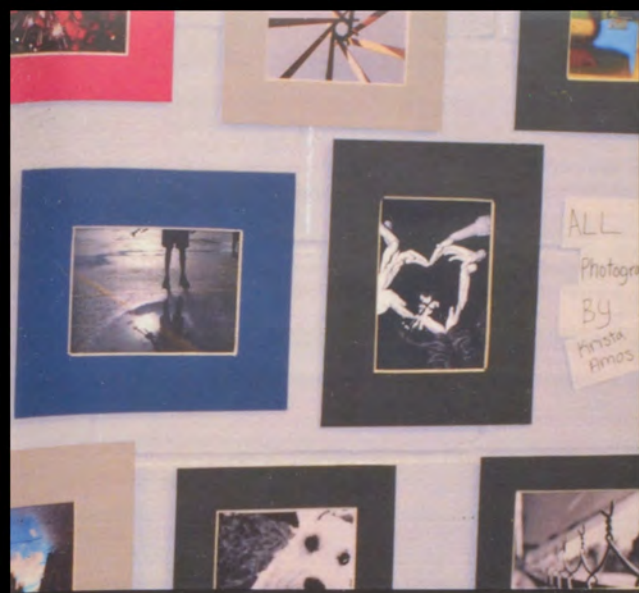
# IHS SCIENCE DEPARTMENT



**Our IHS science department offers many opportunities to research, create, build, and observe experiments. The newly renovated science classrooms offer increased student safety, chemical and supply storage and large labs with new lab tables.**



IHS Art Department offers a fantastic learning experience in many fields of art, including drawing, painting, photography, sculpting, ceramics, jewelry making, and pottery. Mrs. StewArt and Ms. Milligan are the art teachers who encourage IHS creativity.





# Students Learn Life Skills

Caution: These aren't your mother's home economics courses. IHS FACS department offers a wide variety of courses designed to teach students skills that will benefit them through the course of their lives.

In addition to meal management, course offerings include bake shop, nutrition and wellness, consumer education, and career and life planning.

The department experienced a great deal of change through the year. Ms. Melonie Vail joined the department in a half-time position, but after the mid-year retirement of long-time faculty member and department chair Jan Taylor, it was up to Ms. Vail to lead the department.

Jenna Gilstrap, sophomore, enjoyed the semester long meal management course. "We made breakfast muffins, quesadillas, pies and banana bread," said Jenna. "I may have come to class hungry, but I never left hungry!"



Kobie Taylor and Bayley Allison, freshmen, prepare to heat a skillet in preparation of a meal.



Ever Villalobos, junior, slices chicken for his quesadillas.



Anna Hignight, sophomore, stirs up some muffins in meal management.



Michal Macias, junior, carefully reads a recipe to ensure her measurements are correct.



Jenna Gilstrap, sophomore, uses nonstick spray on a pizza pan before baking.



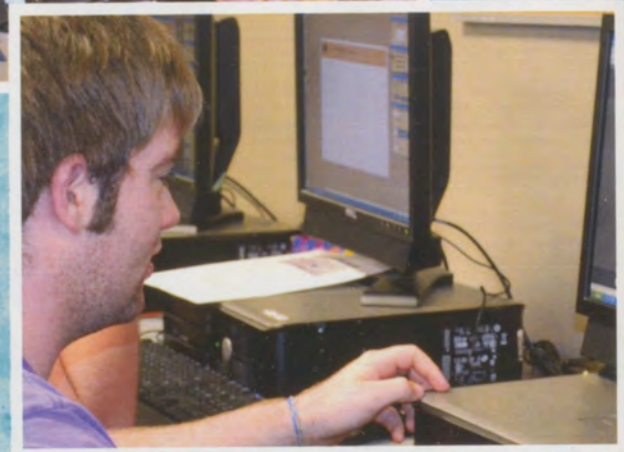
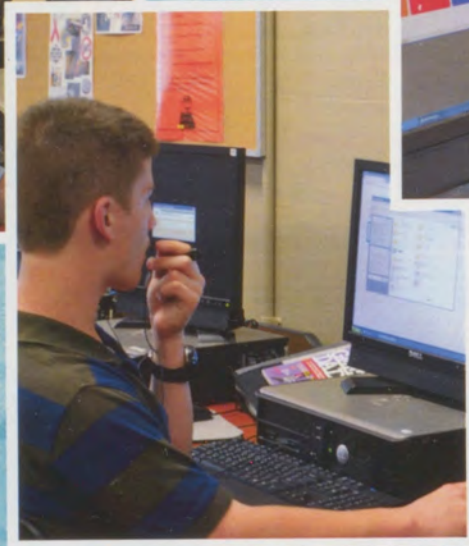
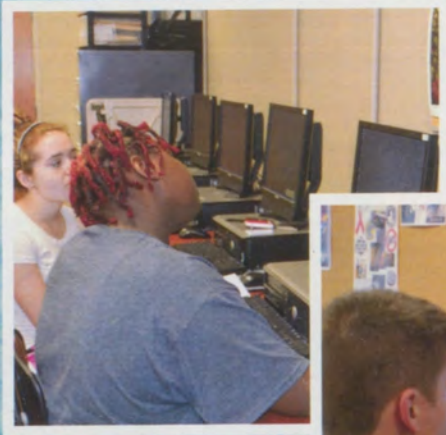
IHS Students & Staff

# Y.O.L.O.





# Computer Department



The IHS Computer Department currently offers a variety of business classes such as accounting and business communications. They also offer an assortment of computer classes such as Web Page Design and Computer Applications.

The department is in the process of updating to Microsoft Office 2010 and Adobe CS5. According to department chair, Ms. McClure, the renovations have helped because the facilities are much better.

"We are now able to offer some courses we haven't been able to in the past because of the new technology we use," said Ms. McClure. "Our department is pleased that we're able to offer some essential job skills necessary for success in the workplace."



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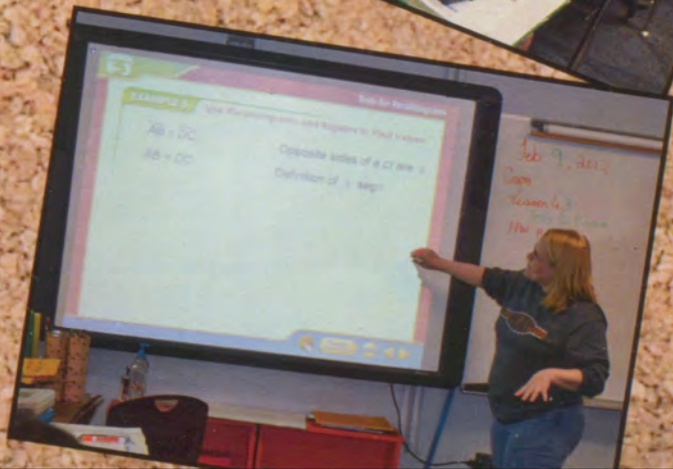
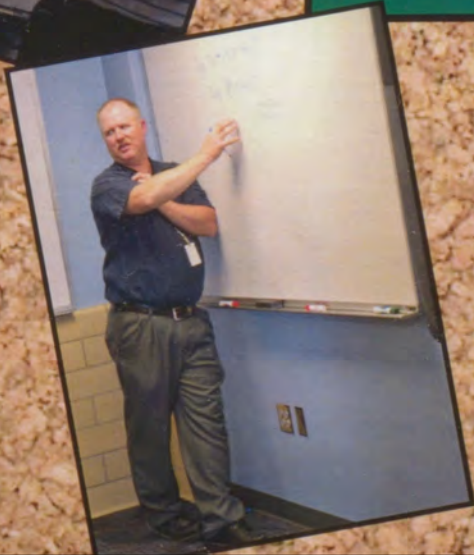
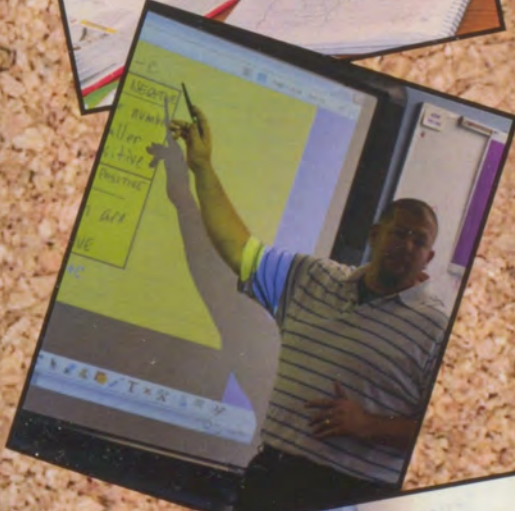
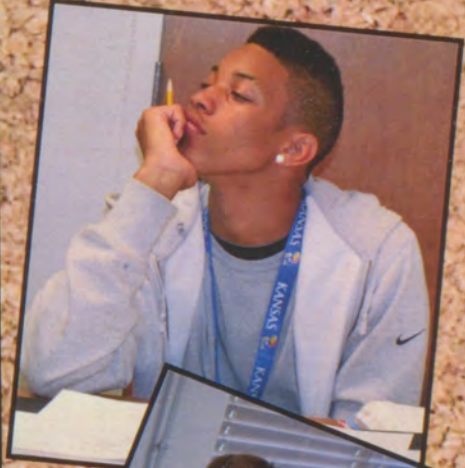
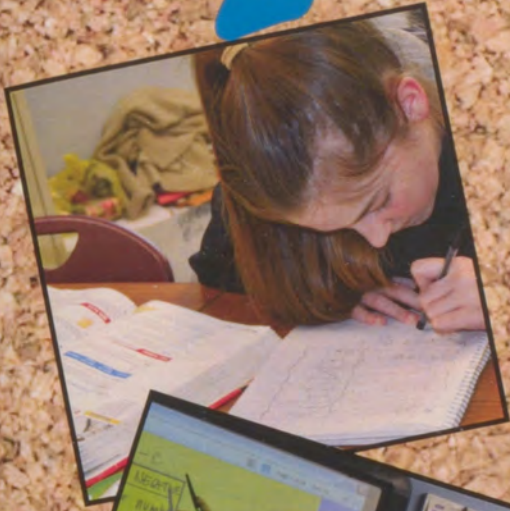
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The opinion of the math department faculty is that Smart Boards are a great addition to their math instruction. From the students' perspective, taking notes has never been so easy.

State testing in math went extremely well. The class of 2013 had an overall passing percentage of 66.9%, and the class of 2014 had a percentage of 66.9%.

"With the start of our MTSS interventions, we were able to make great strides with some of our student population," said Mrs. Aiello, department chair.





# Renovation

**At the end of 2009 school year, the renovation of IHS began, and it has finally come to a great end. The construction gave us a whole new school. Some of the new additions include a competition-size gymnasium, a contemporary library, a brand new office and guidance area, a snazzy concession stand and a performing arts center. All classrooms were renovated to include a new technology such as Smart Boards and a heating and cooling system.**

**By the end of the renovation, 50,000 square feet of campus had been built. Mr. Shaw said, "With the additional space we will be able to continue growing in the future." The high school is now able to host its own athletic competitions, as well as Regional and Sub-State tournaments in the new gym and there is room for all the PE classes to hold class inside. The performing arts center is available for area StuCo conferences, student assemblies and school and community productions. In all, IHS is the crown jewel of the USD #446 school district and will serve Independence students for generations to come.**







**Before**



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# Puerto Rico IHS Spanish Students & Teachers Travel Abroad


Nine IHS sophomore and junior girls, one parent and both Spanish teachers traveled to Puerto Rico the week after school was out for five days of sightseeing and experiencing the Latin culture.

Although it's been several years since the World Languages department has sponsored a trip, Ms. Capps and Mrs. McLendon were eager to organize the trip.

"For our first trip ever to Puerto Rico, I couldn't have asked for a better group of girls. I hope this Spanish trip starts a new tradition in 2012!"

In addition to touring old San Juan, the group got to kayak in a bay, eat authentic Spanish food and learn to Salsa dance.

Ginger Nelson, Dalice Coda's mom and Whitney Nelson's stepmom, accompanied the group as an adult chaperone.



"I will never forget seeing the ocean for the first time."  
Courtney Medsker, junior

"It was my best birthday celebration ever!"  
Bella Lewis, junior

"Puerto Rico is beautiful! And I would take this group of girls anywhere; they are awesome!"  
Ms. Capps, Spanish instructor



Group members pose with a Neewollah flag for a photo submission "Where in the world is Neewollah?"





"I had so much fun getting stuck kayaking in the middle of the bay with Dalice, getting stung by a jellyfish and smiling for a picture right by the waterfall are the best memories!"  
KasiDee Cox, sophomore



"It was such a great experience. I had so much fun walking along the cool beaches and looking at the beautiful sites with my bus buddy Kas!"  
Dalice Coda, sophomore



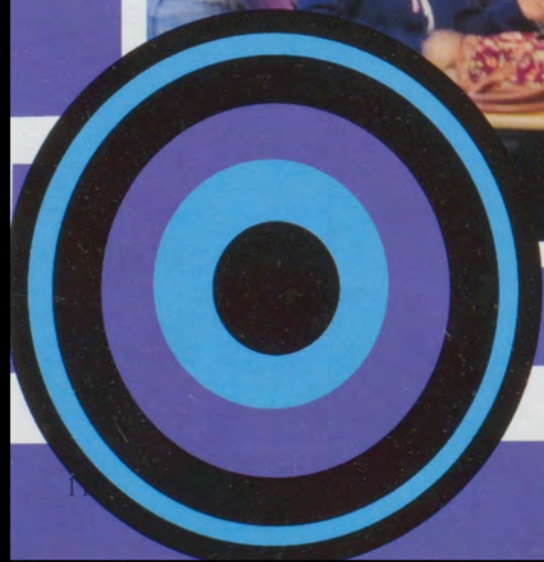
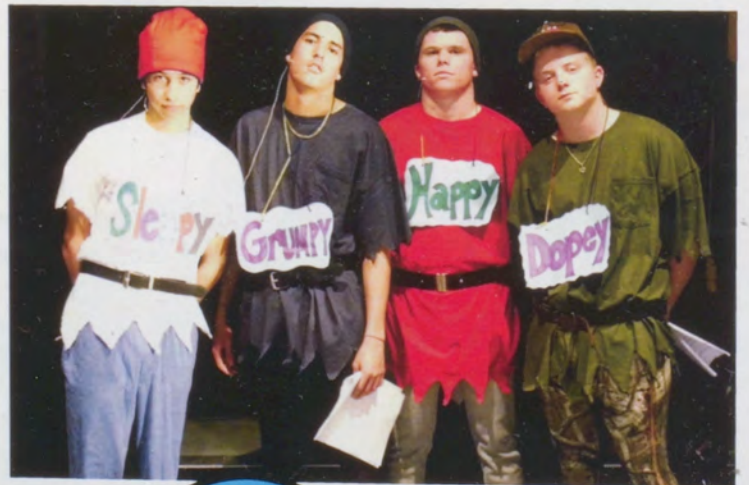
"I loved the snorkeling and kayaking! It was a great and beautiful experience!"  
Ashlyn Conner, junior

"I'll always remember kayaking with Tiffany!"  
Sydney Knight, sophomore



"The trip was fun and exciting. I really learned a lot!"  
Tiffany Henderson, sophomore











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# Just Kickin' it

## Spring Break 2012



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and Teresa Osburn





Spring Break: Every senior looks forward to it. Every year groups of seniors get together and decide on a place to go for their senior Spring Break.

Nikki Yakshaw, Elizabeth Allen, Zach Snodgrass, Easton Julian, Dalton Shaffer, and Shane Moore went on a trip to Cancun, Mexico. While in Cancun, the group enjoyed going to Coco Bongo, bungee jumping, and parasailing.

Levi Leiker, Avery Barker, and Tyler Whitson went on a five-day trip to Cozumel. Levi said, "My favorite moment of Spring Break was laying on the beach with my best buds and getting a sweet tan!"

Tim Erbe, Nick Long, and Gage Osburn went on a four-day trip to Cancun. Scuba diving was one of the many activities they enjoyed while on their trip. Tim Erbe says, "It was crazy!"





# Until the End of Time



IHS seniors and juniors rock the dance floor!



Class of 2013



Ashley Clift, Marissa Mitchell & Jessica Morris enjoy their senior prom.



Class of 2012



Emily Derrick, Evan Johnson, Zakery Wallace & Aidan Goodrich having a good time!





Alex Amos, Anna Wood, John Paul Stafford & Mandy Chrysler gather for a group photo.

Until the End of Time

The Junior Class of  
Independence High School  
requests the honor  
of your presence at  
IHS Prom 2012  
Saturday, March 31  
8:00 p.m. - 11:45 p.m.  
Memorial Hall Civic Center

## The Invitation



Lane Near and Kennedy Reynolds pause for a picture at walk-in.  
Photo courtesy of Sandi Johnson



## Faculty

# PROM

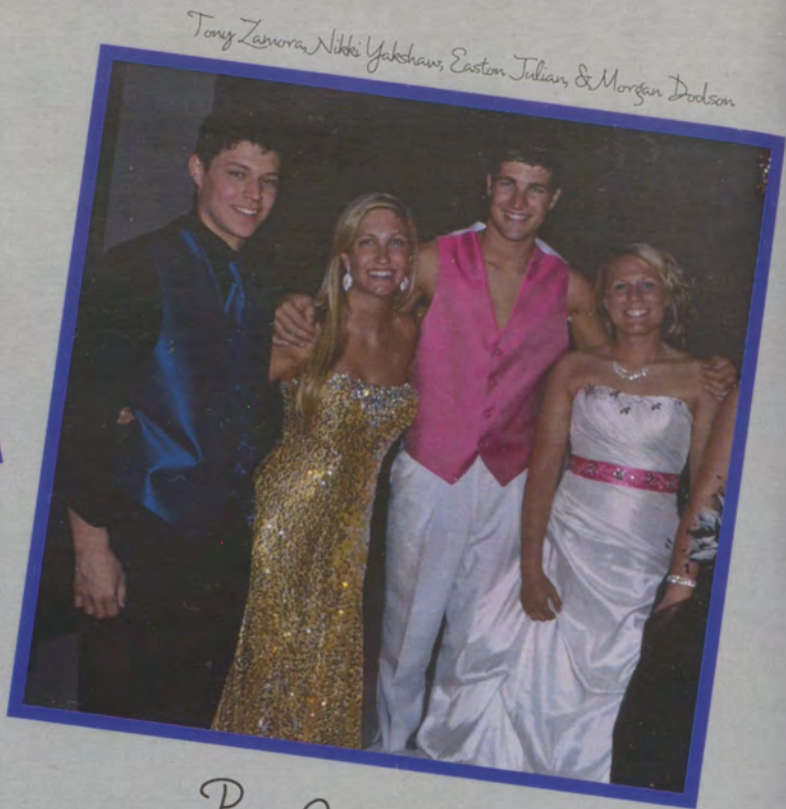


Shane Moore bustin' a move!





Prom King and Queen:  
 Angel Stroble & Errion Dungey



Tony Zamora, Nikki Yakshaw, Easton Julian, & Morgan Dodson



Madison Freeman & Earl Green

Prom Court:  
 Rachel Rakes, Jessie Wilson, Errion Dungey, Angel Stroble, Layne  
 Wilson, Elizabeth Allen, Zach Snodgrass, Shane Moore, Dalton  
 Shaffer & Dustin Oliver



Prom Servers: Abbi Groff, Carinstyn Julian & Bailey Hennan





# PROM



Tyra Welch taking on the mechanical bull.

After Prom is an event put on by the community and parents for some fun after the dance. Plenty of food and drinks are available, along with numerous games and activities to participate in to try and win tickets.



Jessie Wilson enjoying the human hamster ball.



Dalton Thorpe tearing apart the frozen T-Shirt contest.



Anna Hignight and Brooke Mundy competing in the After Prom games.



Getting competitive during a game of human foosball.



Playing a game of black jack to earn tickets.

# AFTER

The prizes up for grabs included tanning coupons, a mountain bike, an Acer notebook, gift cards, coupon books, gift baskets, scholarships, a Kindle Fire, and even 4 iPads!



# Kaedy Turner

Kaedy,

Baby girl, weighed 2 pounds,  
NBC could be found.

Time has gone by very fast,  
High school you're about to pass.

There was Frosty and "Big Pink",  
And the time when sugar water was all you'd drink,  
Driving your sister around in the jeep,  
And in your house bed you would sleep.

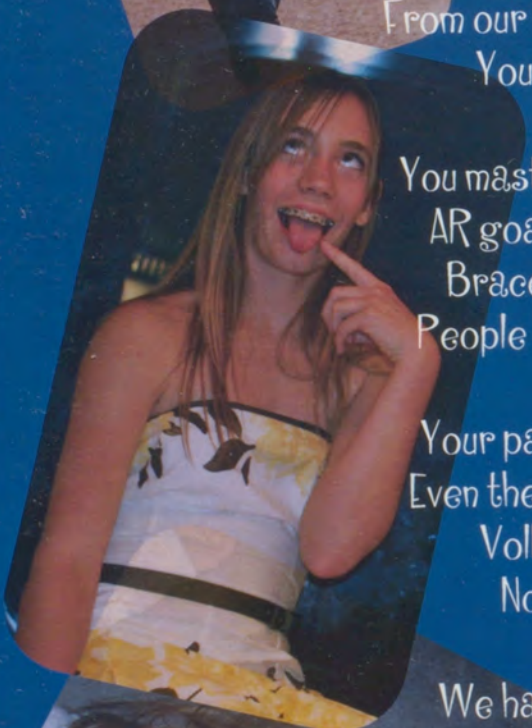
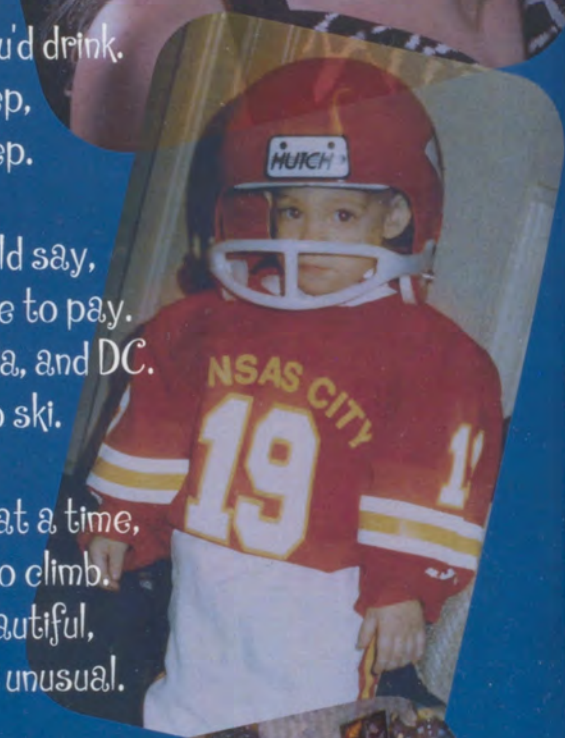
"Charge it to my daddy" is what you would say,  
When we went to the store and it was time to pay.  
From our trips to San Diego, Mexico, Florida, and DC.  
Your favorite by far was Colorado to ski.

You mastered the monkey bars, even two at a time,  
AR goals you would pass yet continued to climb.  
Braces once, no twice, your smile is beautiful,  
People laugh at your sneeze because it's unusual.

Your passion for learning, leadership and sports  
Even the time you were on the Homecoming Court.  
Volleyball and softball, you give it your all.  
Now go out in the world and have a ball.

We have thoroughly enjoyed the last 18 years,  
Silly and serious, laughter and tears.  
You have grown up into a beautiful young lady  
We are very proud and we love you Kaedy!

Love, Daddy, Mom & Braedy





# Skylar Stacy



Dear Skylar,  
We have participated in the excitement of your outstanding achievements. We have shared in the fun of watching you grow up, and we have seen you carving out your niche without fanfare. Now we anticipate the pattern of steadfast growth and achievement in your college years and beyond.  
We love you Sky-King!  
Your Family





ZACH SNODGRASS

Zach,  
 We are so proud of the young man you have become. We have had the pleasure of watching you and "the boys" grow, mature, and accomplish so much through the years. You will never know the impact you have made on so many. These lyrics sum it up best:

*"It sure left its mark on us,  
 we sure left our mark on it.  
 We let the world know who we were,  
 with everything we did.  
 We laid a lot of memories down,  
 like tattoos on this town."*

Best of luck in all you do!

Love,  
 Dad, Mom & Colan







You are so special to us! Thanks for 18  
wonderful years full of memories.  
We love you!

Mom, Dad & Ashley



S H A N E M O O R E







Elizabeth Allen

Elizabeth,

We are so proud of you! You are an excellent big sister, daughter, and friend. Good luck!

Love,  
The Family



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Jessica,

It's hard to believe that you are a beautiful young woman now. We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. We are confident that you will reach every goal that you set in your life. We are so blessed to get to call you our daughter.

Love,  
Mom and Dad

MORRIS



# Brittany Daniels



This **18 year journey** has flown by way too fast!

You are a *beautiful* young lady, **inside and out**, and we wouldn't be more proud of you.

Don't let anything get in the way of following your dreams-

**GO FOR IT!**

We love you,

**Mom & Dad**



From kindergarten to your senior year, you have made us proud to be your family. We love you and we know your future will be as bright and beautiful as you are inside and out!

*Congratulations!*

Mom, Dad, Matt, Joe, Poppy, Gigi, and Mr. Ed



*Michelle Lowmaster*

# Emily Jabben

From a very cute baby girl to a beautiful woman!!! We are very proud of you!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Jake & Hannah



Congratulations to our amazing kid! You have a bright future ahead of you and you are going to have an awesome college career!

Love you,  
Mom, Dad &  
little bro Dominic

Avery Barker





Sarah,

You are an amazing person. We are honored that God let us be your parents!

Always remember...

*Plenty of people miss their share of happiness, not because they never found it, but because they didn't stop to enjoy it.*

*--William Faulkner*

All our love,

Mom and Dad

# Sarah Doring



Jessie



Layne



We are 'double' proud of you!  
Much love,  
Grandma, Kelly, LeAnn & Kelsey





# Little Pea



Sweet Baby and Little Pea

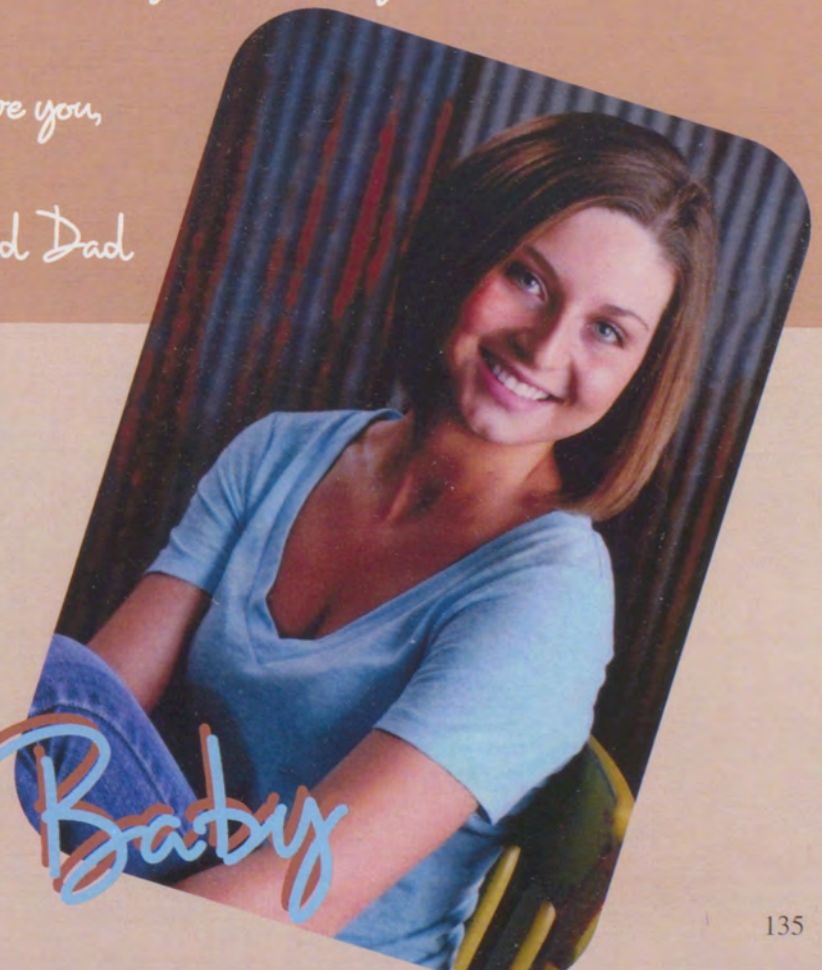
We are incredibly proud of everything you have accomplished, and are even more proud of the young women you have become. Have faith in yourself, stand up for what you believe in, live a life of true authenticity and follow your heart

We love you,

Mom and Dad



# Sweet Baby





# Senior vs. Faculty Softball

As an annual tradition celebrating the end of the year, the senior students engage in some friendly competition against the teachers and staff of IHS. They spend the evening enjoying a game of softball and an outdoor picnic. It is a great way to wrap up the end of the year and it is a fun time for both the students and the faculty.



Mrs. Aiello, Miss Roth, and Mrs. Mani discuss the game.



Caleb Hogge and Scott Lucas wait for the action.



Mr. Bradbury winds up for a pitch.



Taylor Murdock stands ready in the outfield.



The students wait in line for their turn at bat.



Jessica Morris prepares to bat for the seniors.



Mr. Reynolds runs for home plate.



The seniors warm up in the outfield between innings.



Mr. Webb making a run for second base.



Marissa Mitchell, Lizzy Brennan, and Zoë Bryant enjoy the final activity for the senior class before graduation.





Sydney Adey  
Bill Singleton Memorial  
Scholarship



Elizabeth Allen  
KSHSAA Honorable  
Mention



Lizzy Brennan  
Gladys Cubine, Robin Van  
Dyne & Wanda May Vinson  
Scholarships



Zos Bryant  
Lonnie Wood Memorial  
Scholarship



Bailey Burnett  
Nees/Hinds & Junior Child  
Study Club Scholarships



Ashley Clift  
Joyce Gauthon Memorial  
Scholarship



Brittany Daniels  
Krista Sherwood Memorial  
Scholarship



Shawn Delano  
Mike Winkelman Memorial  
Scholarship



Morgan Dodson  
Class of 1962  
Scholarship



Sarah Doring  
Class of 1962 & IMA  
Scholarships



Raquel Dungey  
Finch/Rider Scholarship



Caleb Hogge  
CM Patel Scholarship



Margaret Hbwe  
Sushil Patel Memorial  
Scholarship



Riana Hutchinson  
MLK Scholarship



Easton Julian  
KSHSAA Honorable  
Mention, Suzanne Bell &  
Yona Julian Scholarships



Shane Moore  
Gladys Cubine Memorial  
Scholarship



Nick Newton  
KSHSAA Citizenship  
Award



Rachel Rakes  
Lion's Club Scholarship



T.J. Reed  
Jerry Hart Scholarship



Darah Sherwood  
Bateman & Duane Ham  
Memorial Scholarships



Skylar Stacy  
Nees/Hinds, Peter Lewis  
Reid, & CM Patel  
Scholarships



Carl Stinson  
KSHSAA Honorable  
Mention, Nees/Hinds,  
Foreign Language, & CNB  
BOR Scholarships



Angel Stroble  
Lion's Club Scholarship



Keady Turner  
Nees/Hinds & Kathryn Kidd  
Scholarships



Caden Westerfield  
Junior Child Study Club  
Scholarship



Alexis White  
MLK Scholarship



Sarah Wilson  
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Layne Wilcox  
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Nikki Yakshaw  
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# Class of 2012 Graduation!

Kathryn Kidd Scholarship  
Winners



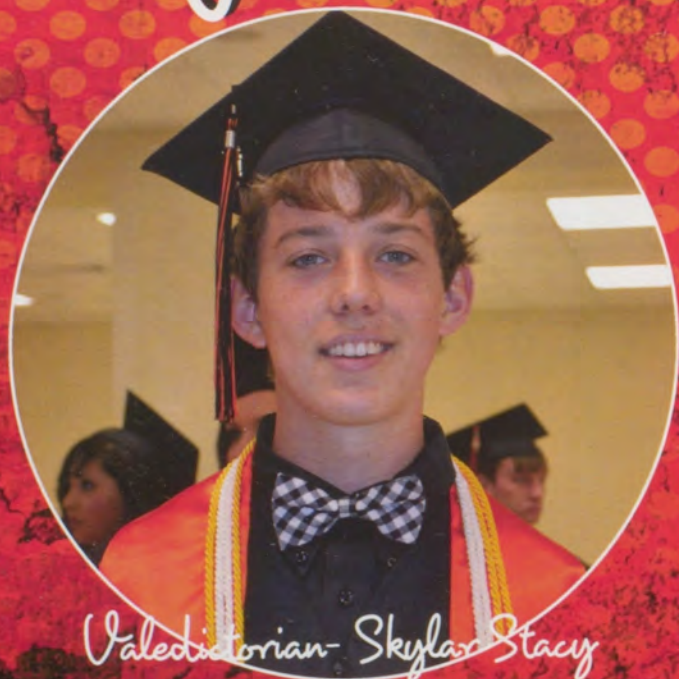
Easton Julian



Elizabeth Allen



Carl Stinson

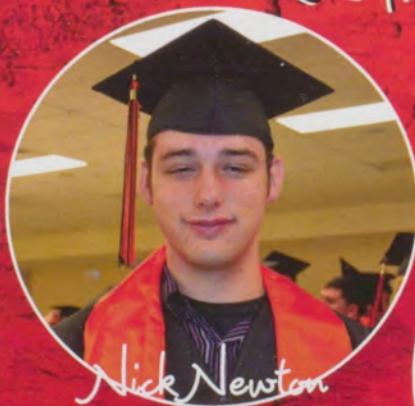


Valedictorian- Skylar Stacy



Nikki Yakshaws

KSJSAA Citizenship  
Award



Nick Newton



Salutatorian- Scarlett Simpler



Kaedy Turner

















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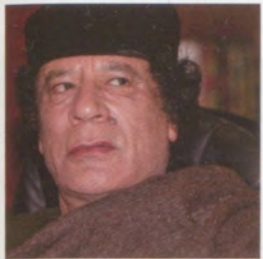
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**◀ SAD TIMES AT PENN STATE**  
Penn State University fired legendary football coach Joe Paterno, 85, after one of Paterno's former long-time assistants, Jerry Sandusky, was arrested on child sex abuse charges. Just over two months later, Paterno died of complications from lung cancer.



More than **110 million** viewers watched the Super Bowl, **25 million** watched Game 7 of the World Series and **23 million** watched the last game of the NBA Finals.

In 2011, **75 of the 100** most-watched sporting events on TV were NFL football games, including the **top 17**.

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## By the numbers



**▲ A NEW RECORD**  
Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski won his 903<sup>rd</sup> game when the Blue Devils defeated Michigan State at Madison Square Garden on Nov. 15, allowing him to pass his mentor Bobby Knight and become the coach with the most wins in men's college basketball history.

**▶ A GIANT WIN ▶**

The New York Giants defeated the New England Patriots, 21-17, in Super Bowl XLVI. New York quarterback Eli Manning, playing in the Indianapolis stadium made famous by his older brother Peyton, led the Giants on a game-winning touchdown drive in the last four minutes and was chosen Super Bowl MVP for the second time.



**▼ LEGENDS ON TOUR**  
Rap icons Jay-Z and Kanye West worked together on a new album, *Watch the Throne*, and even went out on a brief two-month tour to support the album. With only 33 performances, the Jay-Z/Kanye concert became a highly sought after ticket.

**▼ THE NEW MAN**  
After a public feud, producers fired actor Charlie Sheen from the popular sitcom *Two and a Half Men* and his lead character was even killed off in the show's storyline. Ashton Kutcher replaced Sheen in the cast for the new season, and the show continued to be a hit.

**▼ FULL OF GLEE**  
Entering its third season, *Glee* maintained its status as a hit. The cast went on a live concert tour. A spin-off reality show, *The Glee Project*, also began with the winners getting a shot to appear on the main show.

▶ <http://bit.ly/yireoachtk>







#### ◀ GREAT SUCCESSOR

The leadership of North Korea passed from father to son when Kim Jong Il (right) died of a heart attack and his youngest son, Kim Jong Un (third from right), became ruler. Although North Korean leaders called Kim Jong Un the Great Successor, officials worldwide were unsure of his readiness to lead the nation, known for its strong military and poor human rights record.

#### ▼ CARS OF THE FUTURE

Cars powered by electricity, such as the Nissan Leaf and the Chevy Volt, became more readily available for those interested in energy efficiency. However, selling for \$35,000-\$40,000 meant the cars were still out of the price range for many.



#### ▲ ARAB SPRING CONTINUES

The Arab Spring uprisings of 2011 continued into 2012. Egyptians returned to Tahrir Square to protest the temporary government, and violence increased when a military police officer was seen beating a woman. In Syria, more than 5,000 people died in 2011 during government protests, while the government said it was cracking down on what it called armed terrorists.



**NEW KING OF THE COURT**

Novak Djokovic amazed the tennis world with one of the greatest individual seasons ever. He won Wimbledon and the U.S. Open, while compiling a record of 70-6, then started 2012 by beating rival Rafael Nadal to win the Australian Open.



**◀ PAIN IN THE NECK**

Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning missed the entire NFL season after going through three surgeries to fix disc problems in his neck. Without the 4-time MVP, the Colts struggled to a 2-14 season. Manning's ability to come back became a constant source of discussion.



**▲ GUESS WHO'S BACK?**

After 14 years, MTV brought back its cult classic animated show *Beavis and Butt-Head* and began airing new episodes. A whole new generation got the chance to enjoy the dim-witted antics of heavy metal loving teens.

**"We got into the water and swam to shore. I didn't really feel the water until I got out. Then, it was freezing."**

**Patrick Capito,  
Costa Concordia  
passenger**

*Source: MSNBC*

**CRUISE CATASTROPHE**

At least 17 people died when the cruise ship *Costa Concordia* hit rocks close to shore off the coast of Tuscany, Italy. After the impact and blackout, passengers said they were told there was only an electrical problem. Only when the ship began to tilt did the 4,200 passengers and crew decide to get their life jackets.





**STEWART BACK ►  
ON TOP**

NASCAR driver Tony Stewart won five races on the way to winning the Sprint Cup Championship. Stewart's title was his third Cup championship, and it ended the five-year reign of Jimmie Johnson.



**▼ NO LONGER A SECRET**

Popular ABC Family drama *The Secret Life of the American Teenager* capped off its third season with title character Amy Juergens accepting a marriage proposal from her boyfriend. The highly anticipated fourth season returned in March.



**◀ HAPPY HOLIDAYS  
FROM BIEBS**

The raging popularity of Justin Bieber continued, as the pop star released a Christmas album, *Under the Mistletoe*, which immediately debuted at the top of the charts.



**▲ ANGEL ALBERT**

Sluggish Albert Pujols surprised many in the baseball world by leaving the world champion St. Louis Cardinals to sign a free agent deal with the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim for 10 years, worth more than \$250 million.



**▲ GREAT YEAR  
FOR GRIFFIN**

Baylor quarterback Robert Griffin III racked up more than 4,600 yards passing and rushing, accounted for 45 touchdowns and led the Bears to a school-record 10 wins, which was good enough to win the Heisman Trophy.



**GAMING IN 3D ▶**

Nintendo released the handheld Nintendo 3DS, which was the first video game unit able to project 3D effects without the use of special glasses. More than 400,000 3DS units quickly sold out in the first week.



**LOOK OUT FACEBOOK ▶**

Google launched a new social networking website called Google+, which was designed as an alternative and competitor to Facebook. Google+ used "Circles" and "Hangouts" to categorize friends. In its first six months, Google+ attracted 90 million users.



**▼ STILL ON THE SCENE**

The third album from Selena Gomez & the Scene, called *When the Sun Goes Down* ended up becoming the best selling one yet for Gomez and her band.



**"I will** recover and will return, and we will work together again, for Arizona and all Americans."

**Rep. Gabrielle Giffords**

Source: ABCnews.com

**GIFFORDS RESIGNS ▶**

One year after being shot at an event to meet with constituents, Rep. Gabrielle Giffords of Arizona resigned her seat in Congress. Giffords had spent the past year relearning to talk and walk after being shot in the head. She said she would recover and return to Congress.



**▲ NEITHER RAIN NOR SNOW...**

The U.S. Postal Service faced money troubles and looked at cutting back on services. The USPS planned to stop next-day service for first-class mail. There also was talk about closing a couple hundred post offices and mail facilities and dropping Saturday mail delivery.

**BELIEVE IT ▶**

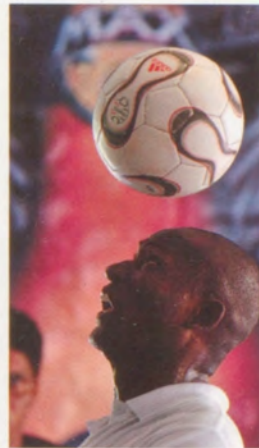
The St. Louis Cardinals defeated the Texas Rangers in the 2011 World Series, including a miraculous comeback in Game 6. Twice down to their final out and final strike, the Cardinals rallied both times to win in extra innings and force the series to a Game 7.





**NEW FOOD RULES ▶**

The USDA issued new standards for school lunches beginning for the next school year, including calorie ranges for different age groups and less sodium and fat. Fruits and vegetables also must be offered, but students will not be required to take them.



**◀ HEADING FOR INJURY**

A new study showed that heading a soccer ball a lot may cause brain damage. The study, done at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, found damage in people who were heading the ball about 1,300 times a year.



Photo credits: Newscom



## 2011 Box Office

1. *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 2*
2. *Transformers: Dark of the Moon*
3. *The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part 1*
4. *The Hangover, Part 2*
5. *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides*

Source: [boxofficemojo.com](http://boxofficemojo.com)

## top movies

### THE STORY ENDS ►

More than 14 years after the release of the first book, and nearly 10 years after the release of the first movie, the pop culture phenomenon of Harry Potter came to a close with the last movie, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows – Part 2*. By the end, the tales of the boy wizard captured the imagination of an entire generation.



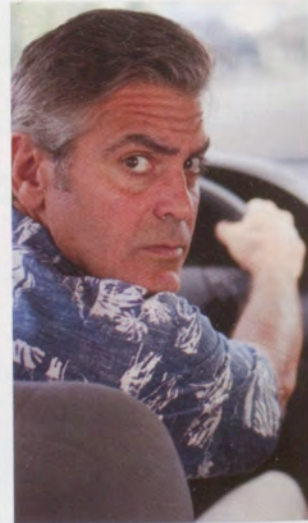
### TRAGEDY ON ► THE TRACK

Two-time Indy 500 winner Dan Wheldon died from injuries he sustained in a crash during a race at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway in October. The 33-year-old Wheldon was a popular sports star in his home country of England.



### CATCH THE LINSANITY! ►

Jeremy Lin, an undrafted basketball player from Harvard, signed on with the New York Knicks as the first Chinese-American player in NBA history. After injuries gave Lin a chance in the lineup, he became an overnight sensation by averaging 27 points a game in his first two weeks as a starter.



▲ **AMONG THE BEST**  
George Clooney and Shailene Woodley starred in the movie *The Descendants*, and led the field of Best Picture nominees at the Oscars. Other Best Picture nominees included *Moneyball*, *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* and *Hugo*.





#### ▲ WHY SO ANGRY?

Two years after its launch, the makers of mobile video game app Angry Birds announced that the game had been downloaded more than 500 million times across various platforms. The success took the game mainstream, with stuffed animals, T-shirts and other products becoming popular items.

#### ▲ WEB SURFING ON THE GO

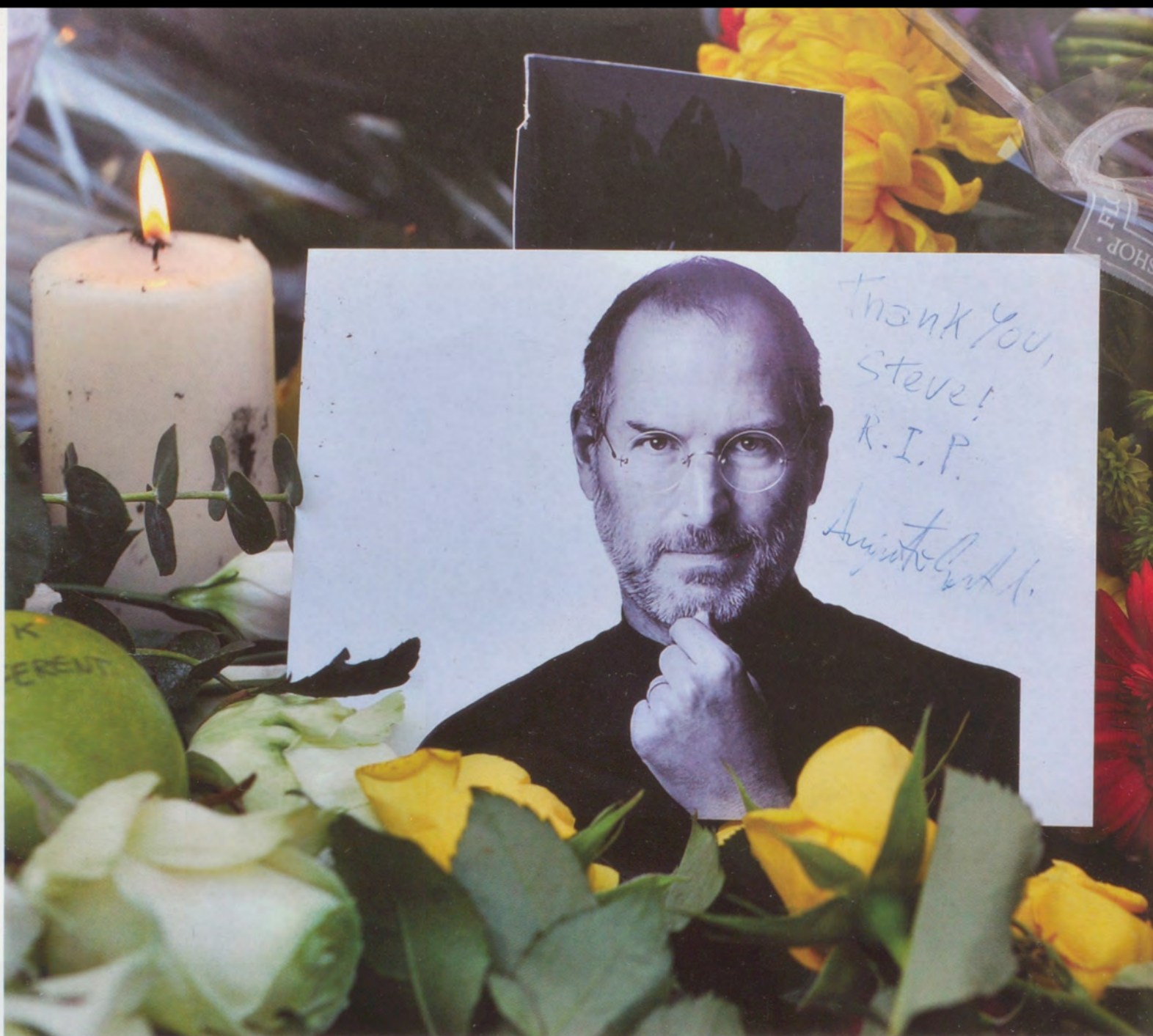
Tablet computers, such as Apple's iPad 2, the Amazon Kindle Fire and the NOOK tablet, remained very popular items. With a viewable area much bigger than a smartphone, and easy touchscreen navigation, users took their tablets with them everywhere.



#### ▲ SUCCESSFUL SIBLINGS

The Band Perry, a new country group made up of singer Kimberly Perry and her brothers Reid and Neil, gained notoriety for their self-titled debut album. The act won Best New Artist at the CMA Awards, as well as Song of the Year for "If I Die Young."





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#### ◀ ANOTHER EARTH OUT THERE?

Using the Kepler space observatory, NASA astronomers discovered a pair of planets roughly the same size as Earth about 950 light years away. While the temperatures on the new planets were an unlivable 1,400 degrees, their discovery brought hope that projects like Kepler will continue to successfully find new planets.

**“Don’t let the noise of others’ opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become.”**

**Steve Jobs,  
1955-2011**

*Source: 2005 Stanford Commencement*

#### ▲ VISIONARY GONE

Steve Jobs, the co-founder and CEO of Apple, Inc., who brought the world products such as the iMac, iPod, iPhone and iPad, died after an eight-year battle with cancer. Millions mourned Jobs, considered by some to be the most influential technology pioneer of his generation.





**▲ ROLL TIDE!**

The Alabama Crimson Tide defeated the LSU Tigers, 21-0, in college football's BCS National Championship Game. The conference rivals faced off for the second time in the season. While LSU won the first meeting, Alabama's defense held the Tigers to just 5 first downs to dominate the second game.

**▲ UNNATURAL NATURAL DISASTERS**

In 2011, the United States had a record 12 weather disasters. These included massive flooding of the Mississippi River; a severe drought and wildfires in the southern Plains and southwest U.S.; and Hurricane Irene along the East Coast.



**LABOR NEGOTIATIONS** were a problem for both the NFL and NBA. A lockout by NFL owners disrupted training camp, and threatened the start of the season before a very late settlement. Even once the NFL season began, some felt a rash of early injuries and sloppy play was due to the lost offseason.

An NBA lockout did interrupt the start of the basketball season, with 16 games for each team getting removed from the schedule before an agreement was reached and the season began on Christmas Day.

Once the NBA season started, the shortened regular season became a grind, with teams playing the 66-game schedule in a tight, four-month timeframe.

## A late start



**▲ LIBERATION IN LIBYA**

Libyans revolted against their government and eventually killed their dictator of 42 years, Moammar Gadhafi, in October. Rebels fought government soldiers for eight months with the help of NATO, including U.S. forces.



**◀ ELECTION YEAR**

Although Republican candidates for president had been participating in debates for months, the 2012 primary season began in January with the Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire primary. Frontrunners for the Republican nomination included Rep. Michele Bachmann of Minnesota, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Rep. Ron Paul of Texas and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney all seeking to oppose President Barack Obama in the fall election.



**A BEST SELLER ▶**

The latest entry in the *Call of Duty* series of video games, *Modern Warfare 3*, sold more than 6.5 million copies in the U.S. and U.K. within 24 hours of going on sale in November. Those numbers made it the most successful video game launch of all-time.



**MTV'S CHOICE ▶**

Katy Perry needed help carrying home all the hardware she won at the MTV Video Music Awards. With 10 nominations entering the night, Perry won Video of the Year, Best Collaboration (with Kanye West) and Best Special Effects.



**ROLLING IN THE HITS ▶**

The hit single "Rolling in the Deep" from British pop star Adele sold more digital copies in the U.S. (nearly 6 million) than any song ever had in a single year. Her album, *21*, became the best selling record of the year.



◀ <http://bit.ly/yirladygaga>



**◀ QUAKE RATTLES MONUMENT**

The Washington Monument was expected to be closed to the public for repairs for at least a year after a 5.8 magnitude earthquake in August. A team rappelled the 555-foot structure and found most of the damage occurred at the top. Other buildings, including the National Cathedral, also were damaged.



**▲ JUST BORN THIS WAY**

Lady Gaga's latest album, *Born This Way*, sold more than a million copies in one week, she was nominated for three Grammy Awards and the Guinness Book of Records declared she had more followers than anybody on Twitter at more than 13 million.

**▲ NOT SO FAST, NETFLIX!**

Popular DVD-by-mail provider Netflix experienced a rough year with its strategic direction. The company was bombarded with negative feedback after announcing it was splitting its online streaming and DVD mail services into two plans. In the third quarter of 2011 alone, Netflix lost 800,000 subscribers.



**▲ TIME FOR TEBOW**

Denver quarterback Tim Tebow gained notoriety for leading the Broncos to an unlikely six-game winning streak, with many of the games needing late comebacks. The former Heisman Trophy winner's knack for taking to a knee in prayer on the sideline became known as "Tebowing."

**72 DAYS**

The marriage of Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries

**12 DAYS**

The final Atlantis space shuttle mission

**136 DAYS**

NFL lockout

Source: Parade magazine

**By the numbers**



▼ **STILL A FIGHTER**

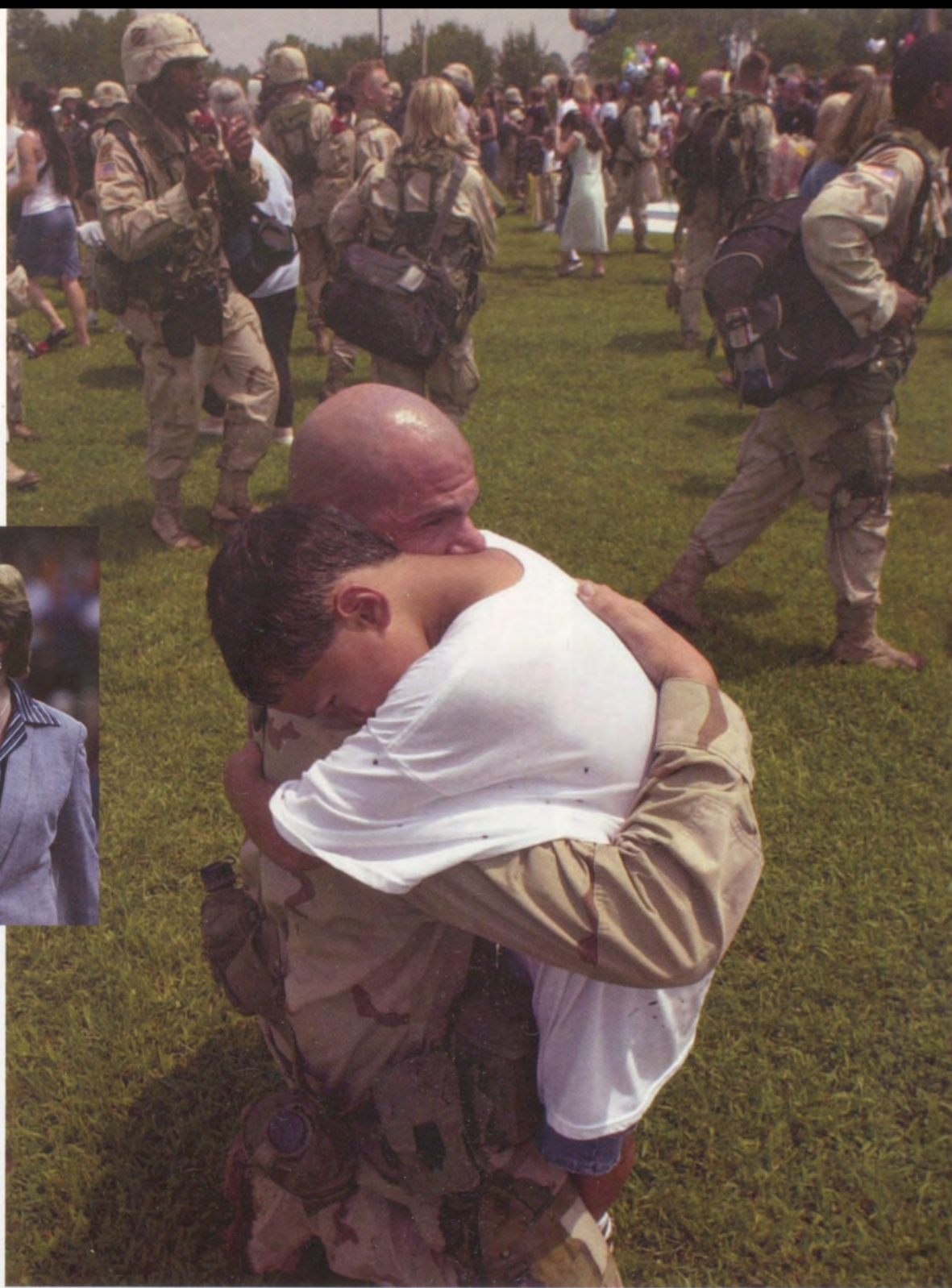
Tennessee's Pat Summitt, the winningest coach in women's basketball history, announced before the start of the season that she had been diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's disease.

Using a plan that gave more responsibility to her assistants, Summitt stayed on the job and again had the Lady Vols in the top 10.



**COMING HOME ►  
FROM IRAQ**

Most U.S. troops stationed in Iraq were home by Dec. 31, ending the eight-year conflict there to fight terrorism and remove Iraqi President Saddam Hussein from power. About 100,000 U.S. troops were in Afghanistan, continuing the fight against the Taliban, and a few thousand of the troops that were in Iraq were to be redeployed to Afghanistan.



◀ **GONE TOO SOON**

Amy Winehouse, the British singer-songwriter known for her powerful voice and numerous hits, died of alcohol poisoning at her London home. An album of previously unreleased recordings put out after Winehouse's death immediately became her highest debuting record in the U.S.





#### ◀ RUSSIAN VOTERS PROTEST

Protests erupted in several Russian cities following Parliamentary elections. The ruling party barely kept control, and thousands took to the streets to voice their concern about voting irregularities. The protests were an act of defiance to President Dmitry Medvedev and Prime Minister Vladimir Putin.



#### ▼ BLAGOJEVICH SENTENCED

Former Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich was sentenced to 14 years in prison for his conviction on bribery and attempted extortion charges. In 2008, Blagojevich was arrested on 20 counts, including trying to appoint someone to President Barack Obama's Illinois Senate seat in exchange for money or a high-paying job.



### The top-selling musical artists of 2011 were:

1. Adele
2. Justin Bieber
3. Michael Buble
4. Lady Gaga
5. Lil Wayne

Source: Nielsen SoundScan

## best sellers



#### VOICE SILENCED ▶

Pop legend Whitney Houston was tragically found dead in her Beverly Hills hotel in February. At the time of her death, Houston was one of the best selling and most honored singers in recording industry history. She was the first artist to ever record seven consecutive number one songs.



#### A CHANGING LANDSCAPE ▶

The look of college sports continued to change thanks to major conference realignment. Texas A&M and Missouri left the Big 12 to join the SEC, while Syracuse and Pittsburgh left the Big East to join the ACC. The Big East also lost West Virginia and TCU, which joined the Big 12. Confused yet?



#### ▲ BACK TO MARS

NASA began a new mission to Mars by sending a new robotic vehicle on its way to the red planet in November. The journey was expected to take nine months. The launch was part of a new program to determine whether Mars could support life.





#### ◀ ANIMALS ON THE LOOSE

In Ohio, officers went on a big game hunt after a man who owned more than 50 wild animals opened their cages and set them free. The animals had been living on a farm in eastern Ohio. Schools were closed during the hunt. Among the animals killed were Bengal tigers, lions, black bears and grizzly bears. One grizzly bear, three leopards and two monkeys were captured and taken to the Columbus Zoo.



#### ▼ BECKHAM GETS IT DONE

In his fifth season with the team, British soccer star David Beckham finally led the Los Angeles Galaxy to the MLS Cup championship. Beckham was second in the league in assists and L.A. capped off the year with a 1-0 victory over Houston in the championship game.

#### ▼ OLD LIGHT BULBS DIM

The incandescent light bulb – the bulb everyone has used since it was invented by Thomas Edison – was going away. Stores began to only offer halogen incandescent, compact fluorescent and LED light bulbs. However, the U.S. Department of Energy was unable to enforce the new energy efficiency rules for most of 2012 because of a lack of money.



#### ◀ BREAKING RECORDS

Audiences flocked to the theater in droves on opening weekend to check out *Breaking Dawn*, the final chapter in the *Twilight* series. The last installment in the vampire love story of Edward and Bella was made into two movies, with part one being released in the fall.

Photo credits: Newscom



## GUYS

- ▶ Plaid shirts
- ▶ Unbuttoned button-down shirt over a graphic T
- ▶ Skinny ties and bow ties

## GIRLS

- ▶ Skirts above the knee
- ▶ Legging jeans (jeggings)
- ▶ Scarves and cowl necks on sweaters

# In vogue

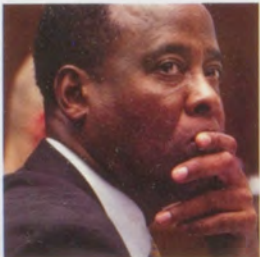


## ◀ ONE GOAL SHORT

The U.S. lost to Japan in the final match at the Women's World Cup in Germany. Twice the U.S. led with only minutes left, first in regulation and then in overtime, before Japan tied it with late goals. The Japanese then won the penalty kick shootout to win its first ever Women's World Cup title.

## ▼ MJ DOCTOR FOUND GUILTY

Michael Jackson's doctor, Conrad Murray, was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter in the death of the famed singer. Jackson died of propofol intoxication, and testimony given during Murray's trial showed the doctor gave Jackson propofol nearly every night for two months to help him sleep. Murray received the maximum sentence – four years in jail.



<http://bit.ly/yirdebt> ▶



## GROWING DEBT ▶

The ever-increasing U.S. debt was a hot topic. Amid the question of raising the debt limit, House Speaker John Boehner and President Barack Obama reached a deal on spending cuts, avoiding the possibility of the U.S. defaulting on its debt. Then a bipartisan Congressional super committee was unable to agree on how to reduce the national debt.



## ▲ BEYOND WALL STREET

To protest corporate greed, thousands of people joined the Occupy Wall Street movement, which was organized in New York City and spread across the country. The group's members said they were trying to bring attention to the plight of the 99% of Americans against the richest 1%.

## ▲ CONTAMINATED CANTALOUPE

Thirty people died, and 146 became sick, from eating cantaloupe that contained the listeria bacteria, the Centers for Disease Control said. The cantaloupes, from a Colorado farm, were recalled from grocery stores in 28 states. The deaths occurred in 12 states.





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