

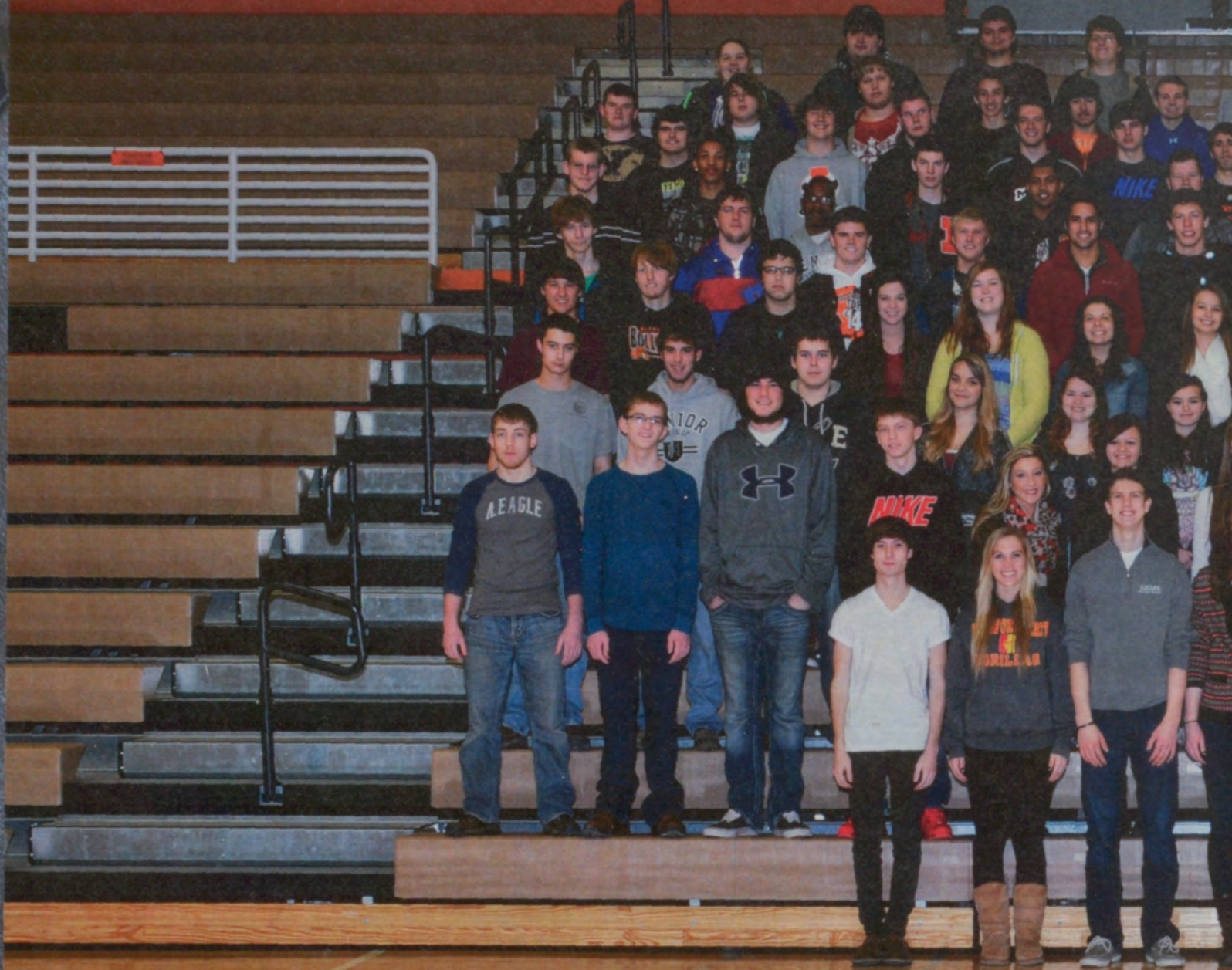
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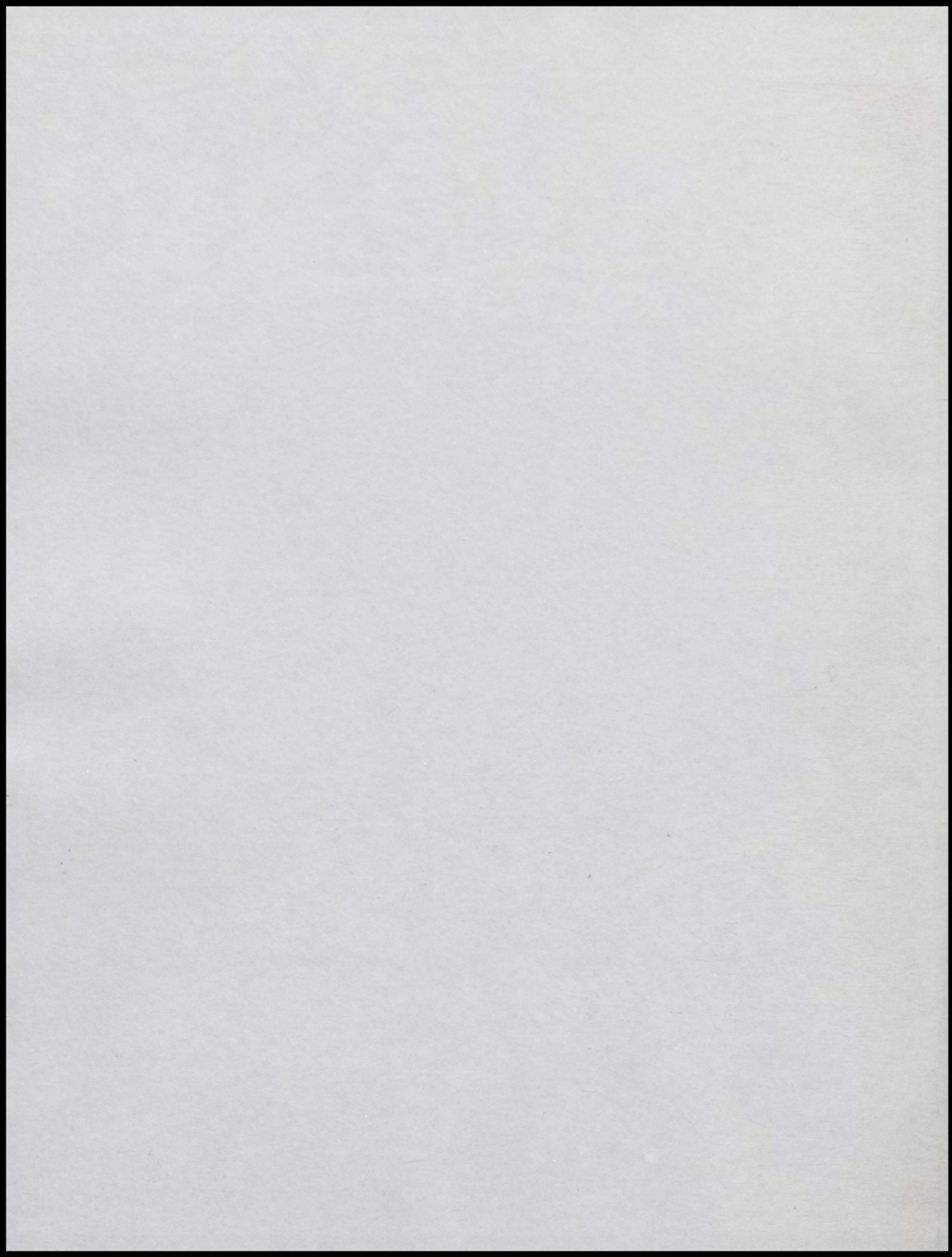


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ESTABLISHING OUR INDEPENDENCE

Independence. It's not only our hometown, but it's also the very thing every teenager dreams of. *Webster's Dictionary* defines independence as "freedom from outside control or support." We spend our years at IHS learning lessons that will, hopefully, one day aid us in establishing our independence from our families.

For most of us, our first step to independence is getting our driver's license. Cool. Gas that's \$3.49 a gallon? Not so cool. So we get a job to pay for the gas. Another step to independence.

We take other steps to independence: setting our class schedule, choosing our friends, and making plans for our not-so-distant future.

We eagerly anticipate leaving home for the challenges that lie ahead of us. For some of us that means attending college. For some that means entering the work force. For others it means committing to the military.

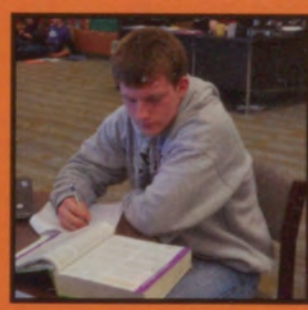
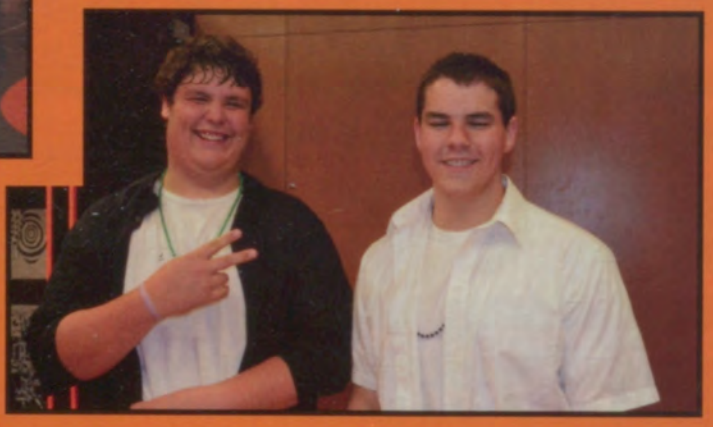
We spent 185 days in the academic school year 2013-2014 looking forward to the final day when we walked out the 100 hall doors, across the Memorial Hall stage and into our independence.

Not every decision we made this year was the right, but it was right at that time. We learn from our mistakes. That's what independence allows.

As you look at the following 143 pages, we hope you have fond memories of these days when you were still dependent upon your classmates, friends and teachers.

However you choose to establish your independence, own it.

Seniors 2014





Mikiah Treana Anderson



Justin James Atkinson



Cooper Ross Augustine



Brandon J. Babcock



Jonathan Ray
Robbins-Baldwin



Mason Dean Ballew



Jasmine Nicole Banks



Tyra Michelle Banks



Gavin Wayne Bennett



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Tyra May Welch



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Class of 2014 Officers



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Bottom Row (left to right): Beth Yakshaw, Secretary; Diona Mendoza, StuCo Rep; and Joanna Simwinga, Vice-President.

Randalin Twirls Her Way to the Top!



Senior Randalin Ward has had quite an adventurous year. Randalin is a four-year member of the IHS band. In the fall during marching band Randalin is a member of the color guard, which has given her some unique opportunities.

Randalin traveled to Chicago during Spring Break to march in two St. Patrick's Day Parades sponsored by the Mid-America All Star Marching Band. In the summer of 2013 Randalin videotaped herself performing a flag routine in application to the All Star Invitational Marching Band and was accepted to be in the half time show of the Orange Bowl game on New Year's Day. She spent the week before the game in Miami rehearsing.

"I was so excited and nervous at the same time as we stepped onto the field to perform, but it was such a great experience and I met so many people and made a lot of friends" said Randalin.

After graduation Randalin plans to attend PSU on a full-ride scholarship and major in musical performance with a minor in piano and will be march with the Pitt State color guard.

"I am very proud of all her hard work, she deserves every bit of this," said Mrs. Shelton, IHS band director. "I wish you the best of luck Miss Randalin."





Class of 2015 Officers

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Back Row: Dimitri McCaffery, StuCo rep, Caringtyn Jullan, StuCo rep; and Chase Carter, vice-president.



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Paul Barras



Charleigh Beiter



Jordan Betts



Demontrial Bey



Dane Blattner



Madison Bloomfield



Madeline Boles



Hunter Boorigie



Palmer Botts



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Kaela Bradley



Shane Brawley



Kaylea Brock



Caleb Bromley



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Madeline Cox

Asa Davis

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Amanda Freeman

Connor Frizell

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Alexis Guertin

Patrick Hardy

Zachary Harris

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Joshua Hilger

Casey Holt

Chase Holt

Chelsea Hosier

Collin Housel



Sarah Hughes

Calvin Hugo

Gary Jabben

Arthur Jesse

Carl Jesse

Logan Johnson



Marquise Johnson



Tiffany Johnson



Shaude Jones



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Wendy Mejia



Red Red Red
Sandra Moody



Kaitlyn Murdock



Shawn Neary



Lokie Neese



Tigra Neese



Patrick Neyland



Dakota Owen



Calisse Papan



Andrew Patterson



Shyanne Post



Kaitlyn Price



Bailey Raby



Lane Schicke



Anna Smith



Joshua Smith



Miranda Smith



Evan Speicher



Zachary Stacy



Paige Stair



Eric Stampley



Betsy Stewart



Alena Stroble



Kristen Sutton



Kyle Taylor



Larin Tucker



Lexi Tucker



Jessica Turner



Tate Turner



Shania Vannoster



Rachel White



Garrett Whitson



Kelsey Wilhelm



Samuel Wilson



Chloe Wilson-Giltner



Dustin Wooten





Austin & Garrett

Whitson Brothers Travel to Africa to Hunt Wild Game

IHS students Austin (senior) and Garrett (junior) Whitson traveled to South Africa after school was out. The two brothers and their dad, Frank, are avid hunters and were interested in hunting wild game. Their mother, April, accompanied them but didn't choose to hunt.

"We had to get quite a few immunizations before we went over," said Garrett. While there's been the recent outbreak of Ebola in Guinea and Liberia, the family didn't have to worry about it in the area they traveled to.

"Hunting was the most fun," said Austin. "I'm probably most proud of the zebra that I got because they're pretty elusive and hard to hunt."

In addition to the animals they hunted, Austin and Garrett went on safari and saw giraffes, rhinos, crocodiles, and cape buffalo.

"The cape buffalo can be deadly when they charge a truck," said Garrett.

Garrett isn't quite sure what he thinks was the most fun. "I don't even know," said Garrett. "We zip-lined over a giant canyon. I really went for the hunting, and getting a gemsbuck was my personal highlight."

Both brothers agree that the food was awesome. "It was great," said Austin. Garrett agreed. "We had a personal chef who prepared the wild game we shot, so that was pretty cool."

The Whitson family home decor is in the process of changing to reflect their recent trip. "Our mom has already started re-decorating," said Garrett. "We're having a lot of the animals mounted, so they'll be on display in different rooms of the house. Our mom bought some African artwork, so that's already hanging up."

Garrett went on to explain that it will take at least a year to get the mounted animals and skins delivered to their home.

The Whitsons plan to return to Africa in the next couple of years, but they are quite for sure who all is going. "I don't know about Austin, but I know I'm going back," said Garrett.



Class of 2016 Officers

Back Row (left to right): Jacob Mitchell, secretary; Max Jones, president; Michael Lopez, StuCo rep.

Front Row (left to right): Anna Miller, treasurer; Chelsea Cushing, StuCo rep; and Taylor Dufur, vice president.



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Morgan Augustine



Jose Ayala



Rachel Bacon



Branden Bales



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Jon Berkenmeier



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Catlyn Beyer



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A'Nessa Branscum



Sarah Brennan



Logan Bruce



Carsyn Bryant



Kaylee Bryant



Michaela Buchholz



Darian Burchett



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Ricky Pando



Matthew Peck



Vance Peyton



Breeze Reed



Hunter Reed



Layton Reid



Hope Renfro



Kyle Rinck



Lauren Rinck



Noah Ring



Johnny Rivera



Courtlynn Rose



Ethan Roten



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Verena Sandner



Roxana Santos



William Satchel



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Patrick Schlange



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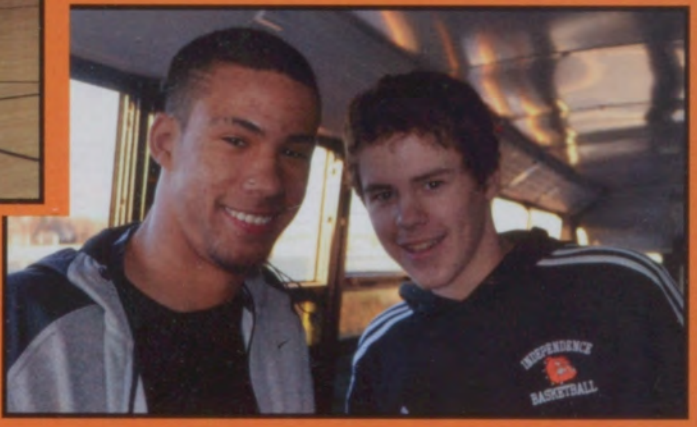
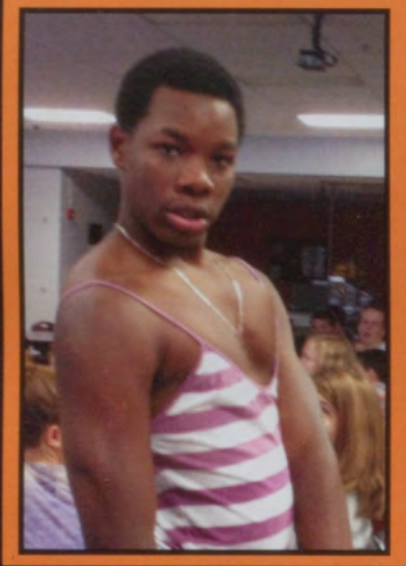
Trevor Wilson



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VILLASMIL

Talented Sophomore Entertains Locals

When IHS sophomore Austin Vilasmil was old, he asked his mom, "Can I pway an ootah (guitar)?" As his mom Gina Hosey tells it, "It wasn't just a phase. He continued to ask, so as kindergarten neared I told him he could give it a shot."

He started and has continued to take lessons for the last 10 years from local guitar instructor John Hamlin. Austin first started, his guitar was bigger than he was! But now Austin owns five guitars and plays most of his music from memory.

Austin gets the chance to show off his talent and make a little money doing so, as he plays weekly at Vintage Steakhouse. He has also provided music at a couple of weddings, as well.

This year he earned a spot in the District Jazz Band after auditioning in Parsons.

Mrs. Hosey didn't think Austin would remain interested in playing the guitar, but she was wrong. "I honestly thought it wouldn't last long, but his interest has only gotten stronger," she said. "The pride in watching him perform, whether in front of a large group or just for me, never fades. It's a beautiful thing to hear your son play beautiful music!"





Class of 2017 Officers

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Back Row: Levi Kemp, StuCo rep; Taylor Clark, treasurer; and Maddy Kyle, president.



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Ainesworth



Marie Alliston



Bailey Babcock



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Seth Barton



Alexis Bell



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Ahmad Bey



Octavious Birde



Krista Blades



Amber Bruce



Linda Campbell



Zebadiah Campbell



Alexis Carr



Kason Carroll



Aiden Charter



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Ava Clancy



Taylor Clark



Alexavier Cole



Jonathan Coltrane



Micah Conger



Jeremiah Davis-Miller



David Detar



Alexis Dixon



Austin Drake



Cami Duncan



Abigail Dunham



Christopher Durnil



Marsha Farnsworth



Cierra Farris



Maxwell Flanigan



Nicholas Fosnight



Jacob Freeman



Kristopher Gilmore



Raiven Glenn



Cameron Goodrich



Jacob Green



Taylor Gress



Daniel Grice



Yasna Hadipour



Destany Hadley



Zoe Hannah



Ryan Hare



Adam Hayse



Emma Hentzen



Amanda Herrera



Samuel Hilger



Dalton Holmes



Corbyn Hugo



Brittney Jabben

Mariana Jabben

Cory Janasek

Liam Jarrell

Ashley Johnson

Diamonique Johnson



Anthony Keafer

Alex Keller

Levi Kemp

Destiny Kendrex

Cooper King

Evan Kleiber



Kody Koehn

Rolland Krause

Madeline Kyle

Eden Landsaw

Dylon Leyda

Bryson Linnebur



Taylor Lumley

Pete Maldonado

Rindy Marquez

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Andrew McCarty

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Austin Mydland

Sean Neyland

Brooklyn O'Daniel

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Ethan Pope



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Danielle Rathbun



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Dulce Rodriguez
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Shayanne Ross



Brooklinn Royer



Ashton Royse



Will Schabel



Emma Schaper



Matthew Schenck



Davin Schmitt



Emma Seger



Zachary Shaffer



Joshua Sharp



Sagan Shire



Robert Skaggs



Jacey Smith



Kallie Smith



Paige Smith



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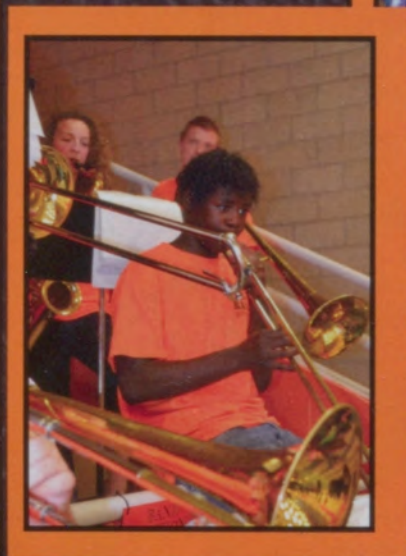
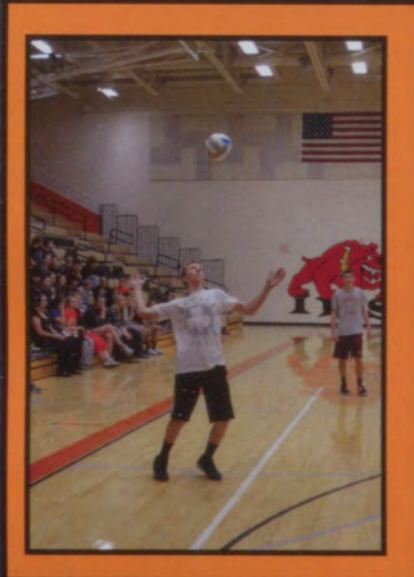
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Rylee Ysusi



Taylor Zamora



Move over boys Let this GIRL Show you how to RACE



Zoe
Hannah

Photo cred: Zoe's facebook page

Some girls are afraid to compete against guys, let alone race cars against them. This is not a problem for IHS freshman Zoe Hannah, who got into racing at a young age because of her family. Her father, who also races, played a part in her decision to start racing.

In her very first race Zoe got fifth place in a field of 15 racers. She has won the "Be-Featured" award, as well as making it into a racing calendar. When asked what is like to race against guys she said, "It's fun and competitive, but they don't see me as a girl."

She went on to say that it's interesting to watch the guys' faces when they realize that a girl just beat them. She giggled and said, "They are either shocked or take me out (of the race)."



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Laura McClure



Gina McLendon



Faye Millen



Jamie Milligan



Stacey Mitchell



Carol Mooney



Cheryl Moor



Douglas Nading



Karen Newkirk



Aubrey Papen



Becky Prather



Gloria Price



Dale Reynolds



Tammy Roth



Tiffany Roth



Mitch Shaw



Erin Shelton



Beth Smith



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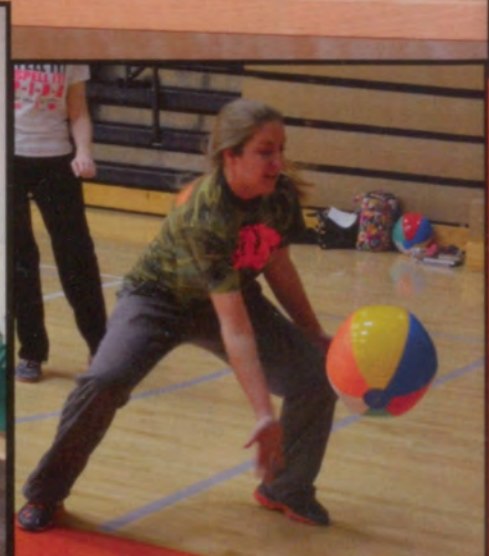
Scott Webb



Lee Yoakum



Matt Ysusi



Faculty Retirement

Faye Millen: Orchestra



Mrs. Millen joined the IHS faculty in 2008. In the past six years, she's worked tirelessly to promote the strings program

in our district, and her dedication has paid dividends, as the orchestra program has grown in that time.

The orchestra regularly provides entertainment at school functions such as the district holiday celebration and local events like the Neewollah Grand Stand.

IHS wishes Mrs. Millen the best of luck in retirement!

End of an Era Mitch Shaw: Principal



Mr. Shaw began his tenure as principal of Independence High School in 2007. Under his direction, IHS experienced some positive change. He oversaw the building renovation over the course of two years and the construction of the new high school gymnasium and locker rooms. In addition, he led the faculty as it instituted changes in the curriculum for the new Common Core standards.

The faculty, staff and students of IHS appreciate Mr. Shaw's leadership and wish him well in his future endeavors.



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Lady Bulldogs take Second at State!

For the 39th year in a row, Lady Bulldog tennis went to state. This year all six players qualified for our state tournament. All six players also earned points for the team. Out of the 28 teams, doubles Dee Mendoza and Caringtyn Julian tied for thirteenth, Shalei and Kalei Matthews got tenth, and singles players Tyra Welch got ninth and Abbi Groff won the championship. The girls team won second overall. On top of that head coach, Ken Brown, received Kansas Girls' Tennis Coach of the Year.



Abbi Groff: first ever
IHS Girl's Singles
champion

Photo courtesy
of Rob Morgan



Left to Right: Abbi Groff, Tyra Welch, Kalei Matthews, Diona Mendoza, Caringtyn Julian and Shalei Matthews

Girls Show Some In-Tennis-ity

It was another great year for the Lady Bulldogs tennis team! The girls won SEK for the ninth time in 10 years. There have been 40 SEK tournaments and the Bulldogs have won 31 of them. The girls also won Regionals for the seventh time in 8 years. Overall, the girls won 301 matches as a team out of 440, which is nearly 70%. Two of our seniors surpassed 100 wins: Diona Mendoza reached 103, and Tyra Welch broke the previous record by winning an accumulated 117 wins. "This year was great and I know our future looks bright," said Head Coach Ken Brown.

Calisse Papen



Anna Miller



Alex Keller



Top 6 place first at Regionals.

Photo courtesy: N. Mendoza

KasiDee Cox
67-14

"I have enjoyed playing tennis the last four years. I will never forget the positive family atmosphere."



Dee Mendoza
103-35

"I'm proud of my achievements. I loved being around my tennis family."



Tyra Welch
117-35

"My team over your team."

SENIORS



never
hold
back

Top Row: Shalei Mattews, Abbi Groff, KasiDee Cox, Anna Miller, Caringtyn Julian. Middle Row: Emily Wilson, Chelsea Cushing, Alex Keller, Kaylee Bryant, Diona Mendoza, Kalei Mattews. Bottom Row: Sagan Shire, Calisse Papen, Halei Mattews, Tyra Welch and Katie Capps.

Order On The Court



*"This season was one of the most enjoyable seasons I have had as a coach in the 29 years I have coached. Everyone worked hard and played as a team! Leadership and effort was at its best! I will always remember the 2013 season!" -Kristi Speicher
Record 23-9*

*Junior Amanda Freeman-First Team All-SEK
Sophomore Lauren Rinck- Second Team All-SEK
Most Improved- Tayler Reichenberger
Sportsmanship Award- Beth Yakshaw*

Bailey James- "This has by far been my favorite season ever. I loved the entire team like a family and we all became very close."

Beth Yakshaw- "This was the best season I have had. We all were like one big family and I'm going to miss playing with every single one of them."

Cheyenne Delano- "This has been my favorite season because we all get along, and I enjoyed what we accomplished this season."

Tiffany Henderson- "I had so much fun this season and got along with all the girls. This season is going to be one I will remember for a long time!"

Tayler Reichenberger- "My last year of senior volleyball season is a year I will never forget. I felt like we all worked together and accomplished our goals finishing off with a great season! I will never forget the girls on this team; we played like one big family and will miss them."



Girls Volleyball

2013 Lady Bulldogs



Front Row: Ashley Johnson, Diamon Johnson, Emily Thompson, Hope Toms, Marie Alliston, Madeline Kyle, Taylor Clark, Brooklinn Royer, Lexi Carr, Emma Schaper.

Second Row: Morgan Augustine, Kennedy Froebe, Courtney Day, Courtlynn Rose, MacKenzie Strycker, Marissa Florio, Dani Berry, Bailey Schaub, Paige Hufferd, Rachel White, Faith Ruggles, Kara McGrath.

Third Row: Kelsey Wilhelm, Bailey James, Taylor Chapman, Amanda Freeman, Lauren Rinck, Tiffany Henderson, Tayler Reichenberger, Cheyenne Delano, Beth Yakshaw, Madeline Cox.

Back Row: Cori Edington (JV Coach), Kristi Speicher (Head Coach), Kinsey Carroll (Manager), Bayley Allison (Manager), and Coylene Speer (Freshman Coach).



Amanda Freeman



Bailey James



Beth Yakshaw



Tiffany Henderson



Lauren Rinck



Taylor Reichenberger

Madeline Cox

The Boys of Fall



Front Row: Dalton Holmes, Bryson Linnebur, Josh Sharp, Brastin Hinds, Seth Stroble, Will Schabel, Kody Koehn.
Second Row: Andrew Dill, Jackson Stafford, Zach Shaffer, Kyler Sanders, Maxwell Flanigan, Jordan Mead, Matt Mason.
Third Row: Cory Janasek, Paul Barras, Christian Phillips, Courtlan Hayse, Marquise Johnson, Dalson Hamlin, D.J. Kessler, Athaniel Collins, Logan Taylor.
Fourth Row: Jordan Mason, Sebastian Cole, Kyle Woods, Aaron Medlock, Jaycee Newton, Matt Peck, Michael Lopez, Clay Sears, Colan Snodgrass, Kris Gilmore.
Fifth Row: Tommie Johnson, Levi Kemp, Brocc Mangan, Evan Kleiber, Chris Jones, Max Jones, Skyler St. Clair, Peyton Usher-Pearson, Shane Burchett.
Sixth Row: Tommy Woods, Trevel Armstrong, Kyle Rink, Noah Stroble, John Easley, Evan Speicher, Chase Berry, Cody Sears, Jonny Melton, and Alex Wright.



All-Area Offense:
Evan Speicher



All-Area Defense:
Kyle Rink



Scores

OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE
Coffeyville	L	63-20
Pittsburg	L	43-0
Labette	W	7-46
Andover	L	28-14
Ft. Scott	L	31-12
Chanute	L	42-13
Girard	W	0-41
Frontenac	W	17-21
Parsons	W	14-56
Columbus	W	14-33
Paloa	L	42-13

Starting their season with a rocky start with a 1-5 record the IHS Bulldogs gained a boost in their season against the Girard Trojans. After their second win of the season, the Bulldogs did not stop there. They had a four-game winning streak, winning Districts and Bi-Districts along the way.

This was the Bulldogs' third time in recent history moving to the second round of the playoffs. The road ended for our boys with the rough game against the Paola Panthers ranked 23rd in state.

Senior Courtlan Hayse said, "Day by day we get better and better till we can't be beat "won't be beat" we never stop fighting, we never give up, cause when we win it won't be by luck."

Coach Boldra summed up the season saying, "This team is a great group of young men. They worked hard every day to get better, and they did. They started slow but finished strong. I hated for it to end, but all good things eventually do. They showed in life that hard work does pay off."

Clay Sears: All-Area Defense



Senior Quarterback Chase Berry throwing a pass.



Senior Jonny Melton running for a touchdown.



2014 Seniors

Courtlan Hayse: All-Area Offense



Loean Taylor: Special Team Kicker



Photos from: Jennelle Null and Rob Morgan

Run for your life!



The 2013 Bulldog Cross Country team ran **Hignight and Boorigie earn ALL-SEK Honors!** a total of 6527 miles

this season. The varsity ran an average of 26 miles per athlete per week. The junior varsity averaged around 19 miles.



Photo courtesy of Rob Morgan

Sierra Marquez, Rindy Marquez, Curtis Burnett, and Abby Dunham earn All-SEK Honorable Mention!



Senior Jon Ferm is a three-year runner for the IHS cross country team. In three years of running, he ran a total of 1000 miles. His best race time was 20:10 at the Girard meet in 2013. *"It was a great season. We didn't accomplish all that we wanted to, but we had fun."* -Jon Ferm

Senior Anna Hignight is a four-year IHS cross country runner. She ran a total of 1729 miles. Her best race time was 16:42 at the Girard meet in 2011. *"My senior season of corss country was one of my favorites! I made some great memories with amazing teammates and coaches, and I'll definitely miss my time spent with them. From competitive throton games on Fridays to long runs rain or shine, I'll miss being a Bulldog cross country runner!"* - Anna Hignight



Seniors Jon Ferm and Anna Hignight

IHS Cross Country

"This season was very rough and heartbreaking, mostly for the junior runners. This was very young group, and they bonded well and became a family. I really enjoyed this season." Coach Bradbury



Front Row: Sierra Marquez, Rindy Marquez, Marsha Farnsworth, Cameron Goodrich.

Second Row: Ainsleigh Linn, Abby Dunham, Nathan Hogge, Adam Hayse, Jenna Gilstrap, Curtis Burnett.

Third Row: Coach Bradbury, Anna Hignight, Carsyn Bryant, Joseph Farnsworth, Hunter Boorigie, Caden Hayward, Coach Nading.

Back Row: McCormick Smith, Jacob Mitchell, Luc Dunn, Jon Ferm, Robert Skaggs, and Hope Renfro.

Bulldog Soccer Strikes Back!

The Bulldog soccer team finished its season with a 13-6 record. The soccer team won SEK and Regionals. Coach Matt Ysusi was name SEK Coach of the Year Matt Ysusi.

"It was a nice bounce back year for our program. To go 4-13 the year before and to turn that around to 13-6 in one year is pretty special. The team worked really hard in the off-season to achieve this result an I am so proud of them," said Coach Ysusi. "Overall we completed our two main goals by winning the SEK and winning Regional Championship. It was a great year for Bulldog soccer ad I am excited for next year already."

2013 Bulldog Soccer Team



Front Row: Brock O'Malley, Johnny Rivera, Patrick Neyland, Jaret McCabe, Corbyn Hugo, Zack Schroeder, Meg Barrett, Wendy Mejia, Daniel Grice.

Second Row: Drew Pasternak, Conagher Welch, Nick Wilson, Josh Smith, Jason Kuehl, Sam Hilger, Caleb Bromley, Drake King.

Third Row: Jenalyn Reichenbach (manager), Jordan Ashford, Logan Johnson, Collin Cushing, Dominic Barker, Mason Ballew, Brett Hitt, Jose Ayala, Zack Camacho(asst. coach).

Back Row: Matt Ysusi (head coach), Josh Hilger, Patrick Hardy, Jalynn Lawrie, Jacob Cochran, Colton Friesen, Ethan Pope, Chandler VanKirk, Lane Schicke, and Landon Diveley (asst. coach).

2013

Seniors



All-SEK Team:

Mason Ballew, Caleb Bromley, Collin Cushing, Josh Hilger, Drake King, Lane Schicke, and Conagher Welch.



Let the games begin...

The Tributes



The theme chosen for this year's fall homecoming was *The Hunger Games*. The "tributes" included Jonathan Ferm and KasiDee Cox, Noah Heffernan and Sydney Knight, Jonathan Melton and Beth Yakshaw, Clay Sears and Anna Hignight, and Collin Cushing and Alina Sigitova.

2013 Victors

Collin Cushing and Beth Yakshaw



StuCo sponsors a Homecoming bulletin board decorating class competition. The senior class won the judges' hearts. Their bulletin board portrayed the "tributes" eating together because they were "Hungry for a Win".



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Let The Good Times Roll

Dancers found the IHS cafeteria transformed into a Mardi Gras atmosphere. The dance floor heated up quickly, and lots of purple, green and gold beads were draped around dancers' necks.



Unique Invitations

Garrett Whitson asked Hunter Boorigie by writing the question using animal names. "I loved his idea because we both love to hunt!" said Hunter.



Evan Speicher asked Taylor Chapman to the dance by writing the question in mud on his truck. "I was really surprised!" said Taylor.



Semi Formal 2013

Mardi Gras

BULLDOG

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FALL CHAMPIONS:
SOCCER TEAM



Pep Club started a new tradition at IHS this year called Bulldog Bark. Bulldog Bark is a performance of all sports teams who outside of their own sports practices, also practice a dance and cheer choreographed by their assigned dance team and cheer team member.

The competition was judged by a panel of teachers and the winners received cool prizes including a traveling trophy with the team name for the coach's room.

During the fall Bulldog Bark, the football, soccer, volleyball, cross country, band, girls tennis, and debate teams chose to compete. Riley Sanders, Mandi Schwenker, and Brooklinn Royer choreographed the cheer and dance for the winning IHS soccer team. "It was a great team building event," said Mandi. "This is definitely an event IHS needs to continue."

BARK

Our Bulldog Pride!



WINTER CHAMPIONS: INDY ENSEMBLE



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Five teams chose to compete in the winter Bulldog Bark: girls & boys basketball, baseball, softball, golf, Indy Ensemble, and wrestling, along with a surprise halftime dance and cheer from some of our teachers! Caringtyn Julian, Kenzie Stryker, and Paige Stair choreographed the winning routine for the Indy Ensemble. "It was absolutely fun!" said Madison Bloomfield. "We perform for lots of groups, but this was something so totally different for us."

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Queen Neelah LXXII



Queen Neelah: KasiDee Cox
First Runner Up: Dalice Goda
Second Runner Up: Jenna Gilstrap
Miss Talent: Randalin Ward
Miss Poise: Mandi Schwenker
Miss Personality: Trinity Coots
Miss Beauty: Beth Yakshaw
Miss Fashion: Chynna Farmer
Miss Photogenic: Emily Newton
Miss Congeniality: KasiDee Cox
Miss Interview: Diona Mendoza
Miss Originality: Brooke Mundy





Tyra Welch



Choyenne
Delano



Riley Sanders
Logan Johnson



Grace Fairbank



Zoe McCollam
Andrew Dill



Anna Highlight



Rebecca
Brennan



Taylor
Reichenberger



Neelah Debs



Stage Escorts

Front Row: Kaylee Bryant, Courtlynn Rose, Haylie Eades, Taylor Dufur, Sarah Brennan, Maddy O'Rourke.

Back Row: Emily Depew, Kennedy Froebe, Mackenzie Stryker, Anna Miller, Darsyn Bryant, and Courtney Day.

Not Pictured: Hope Renfro.

Front Row: Keenan Nut, Logan Taylor.

Back Row: Cody Sears, Ty Schabel, Chase Null, and Clay Sears.

"It's Alive"

This year the Neewollah musical was Mel Brooks' musical, Young Frankenstein.

It had a large cast which consisted of both high school students and adults. Students from Independence High School who performed include: Ryan Oliver, Bailey Schaub, Larin Tucker, Jessica Turner, and Brison Turner.

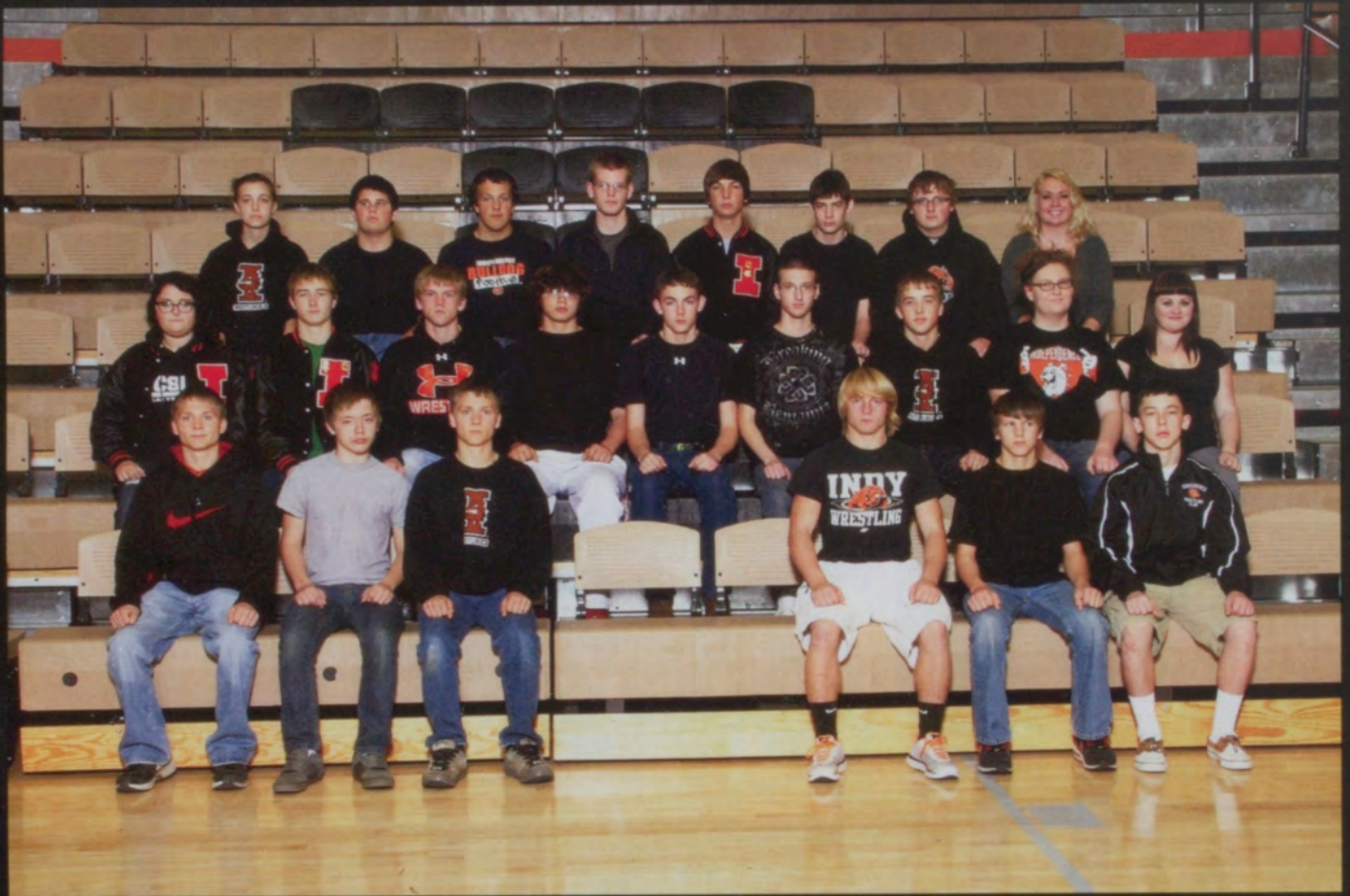
The junior class had a busy week, as they worked at Neewollah events such as the Chili Cook-Off and craft fair to earn money for prom.

Several faculty members served on Neewollah committees, and of course, nearly everyone was downtown sometime riding carnival rides or eating at the food stands.





BULLDOG WRESTLERS FIGHT FOR THE PIN



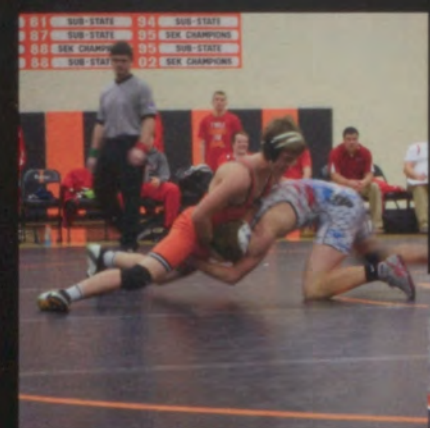
Front Row: Carl Jesse, Seth Barton, Arthur Jesse, Jordan Mead, Lane Tucker, Jackson Stafford.

Middle Row: Lainee Dunn (manager), Curtis Burnett, Conagher Welch, Ricky Pando, Hunter Reed, Hayden Hallacy, Kyler Sanders, Brianna Bradshaw (manager), Tara Marks (manager).

Back Row: Betty Grace Fairbank (manager), Seth Stroble, Chase Null, Jon Ferm, Aaron Medlock, Alex Threlkeld, and Jordan Mason (manager).



INDY WRESTLING



The Indy Wrestlers started their season strong with a first place win at the Kansas-Oklahoma tournament and continued on strong through many more of their meets with second place overall at the Anderson County Tournament, winning the Columbus dual, receiving third place overall at the Parsons dual tournament, winning their home double dual, and placing third place in the SEK.

Head Coach Bo Watters said, "I'm very impressed with how wonderful our season was since we placed high in many tournaments. As good as we were this year, I'm excited to see how well we do next year!"

Individual placers at Regionals were D. J. Kessler and Arthur Jesse both placing fourth and Curtis Burnett placing second. The season concluded with Curtis Burnett winning fourth place at the State tournament!

"I was happy with how I finished at State," said Curtis. "But I have every intention of winning the championship next year."

Boys Swim Makes Waves



Front Row: Sean Neyland, Nathan Hogge, Nathan Kessler, Patrick Neyland.

Back Row: Branden Bales, Shane Burchett, Kyler Brown, Jacob Mitchell and Kyle Taylor.

While they may be small in number, the IHS boys swim team once again enjoyed a successful season. With 8 of the 9 swimmers returning, the team's experience benefited them at the finish line.

Senior and four-year swimmer Kyler Brown qualified to swim the 100m Fly at State, as well as swam on the two relay teams.

Kyle Taylor, junior, took fourth in the backstroke at the league meet and swam on the 200 Free and 400 Free relays at State in Topeka.

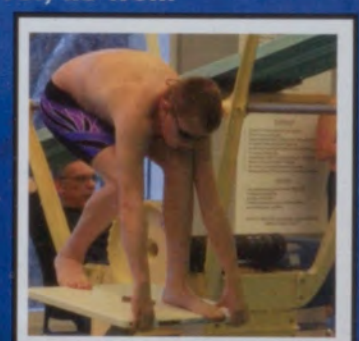
Shane Burchett, junior, also swam on the two relay teams and qualified for the 100m and 200m Free races.

"We did well through the season and qualified several swimmers for State," said Shane. "However, we didn't do as well in the preliminary races as we had hoped. I guess that will be our goal for next season."

Sophomore Jacob Mitchell, who took first place in 100m Breaststroke in the league meet said, "We grew so much closer this season. It was great to have fun and encourage each other."

Sophomore Nathan Hogge grabbed second place in the 200 IM at the Turner High meet.

"The boys had a great season and showed great improvement with both times and development of their strokes," said Kathy Clapp, head coach. "Nathan and Kyler provided excellent senior leadership for the team through both their behavior and work ethic. I am proud of the whole team and the efforts they put into representing their school, not only at the regular meets but at the state level, as well."



THE COURT

Chase Null
&
Joanna Simwinga



Drake King
&
Tyra Welch



Caleb Vowell
&
Dalice Coda



Nathan Kessler
&
Jenna Gilstrap



Joel Rice
&
Randalin Ward



KING AND QUEEN



Jenna Gilstrap &
Joel Rice

BEACH BONANZA WINTER HOMECOMING 2014

Lady Bulldogs Open the



Top Row: Jacey Smith, Sarah Derrick, Hope Thoms, KasiDee Cox, Mollie Hastings, Anna Hignight, Paige Hufferd.

Second Row: Calisse Papen (manager), Alex Keller, Courtlynn Rose, Dalice Coda, Abbi Groff, Kallie Smith, Danielle Veile, Zoe Hannah.

Third Row: Shay Ross, Kara McGrath, Rachel White, Kalei Matthews, Shalei Matthews, Hope Renfro.

Bottom Row: Sierra Marquez, Tyra Welch, Rindy Marquez and Ashley Johnson.

Season With a Blazing Start!

Seniors



#4 Tyra Welch

"I really enjoyed playing with the team we had this year! Both my teammates and coaches have made this season one I will never forget."



#15 Dalice Coda

"This season has been the most memorable of them all. It went by too fast and I will miss all my teammates and coaches. Thanks for everything!"



#20 Anna Hignight

"This was one of my favorite seasons! Many amazing memories were made on and off the court with my teammates and coaches. I will miss stepping on the court with some of my best friends."



#42 KasiDee Cox

"This season was one I will never forget. Our team was a huge family and I enjoyed every second of it. Both the players and coaches have helped me grow as a player and person. I love you all!"

This year, the Lady Bulldogs had an amazing first half of the season. The girls opened the season going 7-0 and also won the first regular season tourney since 2001 at the Ike Cearfoss Tournament at Central Heights.

The second half of the Lady Bulldogs' season was a mix of wins and losses. The girls took second place at the Wilson County Classic tournament at Neodesha. KasiDee Cox, Tyra Welch, and Abbi Groth were recognized for All-Academic team, as well as Anna Hignight being named to both All-Academic and All-Tournament teams.

The team's season ended when they lost in the semi-final round at Sub-State.

Coach Reynolds said, "It was an overall good season. Most of our losses were against ranked opponents and really good squads. I can't complain. Our kids competed all year long. We just weren't able to get over the hump a few times."

The Lady Bulldogs went 12-9 the entire season. They also tied for third in the SEK.



It's hard to be humble when you can...

jump, stunt, &



Front row: Jordan Stafford, Lexie Wright, Kasidee Cox, Mandi Schwenker,
Middle row: Kaitlyn Murdock, Paige Stair, Amanda Freeman, Bailey Hennen,
Haley Matthews,
Back row: Kristina Johnson, Kenzi Strucker, Kaylee Bryant, and Breana Ward.

IHS Cheer

tumble!



Seniors

co-captain



Jordan Stafford

co-captain



Mandi Schwenker



Lexie Wright



KasiDee Cox

Photos and video from the year can be found on Instagram, using #indycheer2013.

The cheer squad enjoyed a great start to its year with a successful camp experience. "We earned blue ribbons for every preliminary evaluation and received a superior trophy for that accomplishment on awards day," said Ms. Papen, cheer coach. "We received a spirit stick at every evening evaluation and we also received the Top Banana award on the last day, which is a big deal in the cheer world."

Ms. Papen went on to say, "The squad accomplished so much through the year and my senior captain, Mandi Schwenker, really stepped up into her leadership role during basketball season."

ins dance team



Front Row: Jenna Gilstrap, Riley Sanders, Brooke Mundy.
Middle Row: Madison Bloomfield, Madeline Cox, Brooke Drumeller, Shelby Corn,
Caringtyn Julian.
Back Row: Sarah Brennan, Ainsleigh Linn, Brooklinn Royer, Carsyn Bryant, and Haylie
Eades.





This year after establishing their first time at an elite dance camp in Kansas City, the team came home with a bronze medal in group performance and handfuls of blue ribbons. The camp was at Great Wolf Lodge and started a lengthy season for the IHS half-time performers. The team also had several team parties, served at the Mercy Banquet, and worked the park opening.



"I've been on the dance team for three years. Each year was a new experience and I'm going to miss every minute of it." - Riley Sanders, senior captain

"I have really enjoyed watching the team become a family this year." - Jenna Gilstrap, senior lieutenant



Bulldogs Capture Second Consecutive Sub-State Championship



Top Row: Tate Turner, Dominique Thornton, Ty Schabel, Evan Speicher, Joel Rice, Chase Berry, Kyle Rinck.

Middle Row: Max Jones, Calvin Hugo, Jalynn Lawrie, Keenan Nutt, Caleb Johnson, Dominic Barker.

Bottom Row: Caleb Bromley, Marquise Johnson, Dalson Hamlin, and Dakota Zinn.



Top Row: Drew Pasternak, Skyler St. Clair, Peyton Usher-Pearson, Evan Kleiber, Taylor Gress, Levi, Kemp.

Bottom Row: AJ Charter, Zack Schroeder, Caden Hayward, Tay Birde, Tyron Morton, and Kellen Lanning.



"It was an enjoyable season with lots of lows and highs." -Chase Berry, senior



"It was a great season, I wish it wouldn't have ended so soon." -Keenan Nutt, senior



"Basketball is honestly a life for me in itself. It has its ups and downs for sure, but if you actually have love for it like I do, you'll never give up. Ball is life and IHS basketball is where mine started." -Dominique Thornton, senior

The boys basketball team started out a little rocky this season. After the first 8 games of the season they had a record of 5-3. All it took was those three losses to give the Bulldogs what they needed to fulfill a goal they set at the beginning of the season to win Sub - State Championship.

January 17 was their next game after having lost to the Fort Scott Tigers. It was a tied game against the Golden Tornado when Tate Turner, junior, made a last minute buzzer beater from just inside half court that won the game for the Bulldogs.

They went on to win 11 more games during the regular season and 2 more at Sub-State against the Blue Comets and the Golden Tornado to advance to the State tournament in Salina.



"The season started off slow with a 5-3 record. We were trying to play together as a team. I think having the half court shot the kids got an idea of what it was like to play as a team. As the year went on we played our

best basketball, which made us ready to go into the Sub-State tournament." -Marcus Lanning, head coach



"We came together as the season went on, becoming more like a family." -Ty Schabel, senior



THE IHS BULLDOGS RETURN TO STATE

The IHS boys basketball team achieved a goal when it won Sub-State and earned a berth to State for the second straight year. Even though the outcome wasn't what the team hoped for, it was still very exciting. A large number of students and fans bused and carpooled their way to Salina to support our boys as they competed against Hayden.



"We played a great team at State and I think going twice really showed us what that's like. We've had some juniors will have two years of varsity on their shoulders and some sophomores really got to see the varsity court this year. I think that will really round us together to come back next year and be ready to reach the same goals and hopefully go further." - Coach, Marcus Lanning



dodgeball tournament

2014



Cradle Robbins

Champions!!!

Marquise Johnson, Tate Turner, Dalsen Hamlin, Jenna Gilstrap, Riley Sanders, & Logan Johnson

Drew Pastnak



Will Schabel



Abby Durham



Caleb Johnson



Curtis Burnett



This year marked the eighth annual dodgeball tournament that serves as a fundraiser for the girls basketball team.

"Without this event, we wouldn't get to purchase new warm-ups and uniforms," said Coach Reynolds. "We are really lucky to have parents who step up and organize this event year after year."

The event brings together teams of students from IHS and IMS, as well as corporate teams from the community.

IHS First leadership

2014



Back Row: Dominic Barker, Carsyn Bryant, Cody Cox, Matt Mason, Kara McGrath, Lauren Rinck, Alex Wesselowski.
Third Row: Taylor Chapman, Courtney Day, Taylor Dufur, Alyssa Golden, Eleni McCaffery, McCormick Smith, Kenzi Stryker.
Second Row: Sarah Brennan, Haylie Eades, Kennedy Froebe, Maria Madrigal, Anna Miller, Kyler Sanders, Tommy Woods.
Front Row: Maddy O'Rourke, Hadleigh Palmer, Hope Renfro, Courtlynn Rose and Spencer Sanders.



This year's First Leadership was one of the largest ever with 27 members. The class got to know each other at orientation in December, experienced the ropes course at Helm Zar in Tulsa, got to know a lot more about Independence during a tour of downtown with local historian Ken Brown, and had the unique experience of getting to job shadow a local professional in the "Career Discovery" session. The class served at the museum's high tea and participated in sprucing up the putt-putt course at the park.

Boys Tennis Takes Third at State



"Always bear down."

Ken Brown



The Bulldogs finished strong for yet another very successful season. The team earn many victories, both team and individual, even though it played one of the toughest schedules in the state; most importantly, though, it prepared the Bulldogs to win the SEK league tournament at home, then earn the Regional title in Chanute, and ultimately bring home the third place team plaque from the 4A State Tennis Tournament in Winfield.

"Playing with Josh is different," said Sam Hilger, freshman. "I know how he reacts. We have an emotional connection."

"I'm happy to play doubles with my brother," said Josh Hilger, junior.

"I thought I'd play singles. I know our parents are happy they could watch us play together."



Patrick Hardy & Lane Schicke took second at #1 doubles in SEK, third in Regionals and fifth at State.

Josh Hilger & Sam Hilger captured first place at #2 doubles in SEK and Regionals and capped off their successful season with a second place finish at State.

Zack Schroeder grabbed first place in #1 singles at SEK and Regionals and earned 2 points for the team at State.



Patrick Hardy said, "We played a lot of tough matches and had some great comebacks. My partner (Lane) is a speedster who can run down anything."

Lane Schicke said, "It's easy to win matches when you have Hard Shot Hardy as a partner. I can't wait to win State next season."

Zach Schroeder commented, "It was crazy to knock off the upperclassmen, especially Logan Benham (PHS). My goal was to win SEK. I was happy I accomplished my goal and beat Benham to win SEK as a freshman."



Kyler Brown



Collin Cushing



Trevor Ferguson

Hustle, Hit and Never Quit



Back Row: Dakota Owen, Garrett Whitson, Jalynn Lawrie, Joel Rice, Austin Whitson, Ethan Pope, Trevor Ferguson. **Middle Row:** Coach Ysusi, Josh Hilger, Daniel Grice, Patrick Hardy, Dimitri McCaffery, Will Schabel, Collin Cushing, Jordan Ashford. **Front Row:** Coach McLenon, Cameron Goodrich, Zach Stacy, Lane Schicke, Sam Hilger, Zack Schroeder, Drake King, and Brock O'Malley.



Joel Rice



Austin Whitson

Assistant Coach Gina McLenon commented, "This was a fun team to coach. We worked hard in practice, but we also had a good time. I will miss Joel (Rice) breaking it down in a team huddle at the end of every practice, and the song 'Turn Down for What' will always remind me of this group of tennis players. And, of course, none of us who were on the Winfield/Wichita Collegiate trip will forget the TWO vans that broke down that weekend. Good tennis. Bad transportation."

Regardless of the bad transportation they may have experienced, the good tennis was the focus of the season. The Bulldog tennis team peaked at just the right time, as they hit their stride in the post-season.

Zach Stacy took second in #2 doubles at SEK and finished in seventh place at Regionals.

The team considers itself a family, which isn't surprising considering there are two sets of brothers on the team.

"I saw Sam make a mistake during a match," said Zach Schroeder. "I know Josh was upset, but he just walked over and gave Sam a hug right there on the court."

"Josh and I talk tennis constantly," said Sam Hilger. "Our team really is like family."

"It was fun to get to play on the same team as Austin," said Garrett Whitson. "I'll miss having him on the team next year."

Photos Courtesy of Deb Brown & Dee Dee O'Malley



The IHS softball team finished the regular season at 10-2, which put them in second place in SEK. Even though they couldn't get past Ft. Scott in the Regional tournament, the season record of 17-5 overall closed out the second best record in our school's history.

"We had a fantastic season," said Coach Dale Reynolds. "Although it didn't end the way we would have hoped, the team had nothing to hang their heads about. We played solid softball all season long and our record shows it. The girls worked very hard all season and the coaching staff is proud of them. These are special young ladies, and although we will miss our seniors who have been a big part of our success, our future looks bright with the players who'll return next season."

Both the coach and players were recognized for their efforts in post-seasons honors. Coach Reynolds was named SEK Softball Coach of the Year. First Team All-SEK honors went to seniors Jordan Sutton (shortstop) and Lexie Wright (third base) and junior Bayley Allison (pitcher). Three IHS players were named to the second team, including junior outfielders Sierra Marquez and Kelsey Wilhelm.

Jordan Sutton broke several IHS records, including runs scored (37), hits (46), doubles (13), home runs (4) and batting average (.582). She became the third player in IHS history to reach 100 hits for a career.

Lexie Wright led the team in runs batted in with 39 and had a .417 batting average. Wright finished her career just shy of the 100 mark with 96 hits.

Bayley Allison posted a 10-4 record from the circle. She recorded 58 strikeouts and walked only five. She had 27 hits and a .429 batting average.



Back Row: Taylor Chapman, Jacey Smith, Amanda Freeman, Lauren Rinck, Marissa Florio, Bayley Allison, Kallie Smith. **Third Row:** Chelsea Hosier (mgr.), Emily Mitchell, Shelby Corn, Alex Keller, Courtney Day, Jordan Sutton. **Second Row:** Emily Thompson, Avery Chism, Bailey James, Danielle Veile, Calisse Papen. **Front Row:** Kelsey Wilhelm, Rindy Marquez, Ashley Johnson, Haylie Eades, Sierra Marquez and Emma Schaper.



Through Thick & thin...

The Bulldog baseball team pulled through a rough season with a 3-17 record. IHS looked great at the start of the season beginning with a 1-1 record, after winning against the Caney Bullpups 24-9 and losing to Galena 6-4.

However, things didn't improve for the Bulldogs. They suffered through an eight-game losing streak until they broke the streak with a 11-7 win against Chanute. A highlight of that game was Clay Sears scoring 3 runs.

Senior Chris Jones said, "It's not all about winning, but enjoying the times you have with your team." The Bulldogs definitely had heart to keep going when things got tough.

Post-season honors were to Kyle Rinck who was named to first team All-SEK.





First Row: Lane Tucker, Matt Mason, Palmer Botts, Drew Pasternak, Jaret McCabe, Patrick Neyland.
Second Row: Courtlan Hayse, Conagher Welch, Kyle Woods, Dalson Hamlin, Dakota Zinn.
Third Row: Colan Snodgrass, Aaron Medlock, Cooper Augustine, Clay Sears, Tommy Johnson, Levi Kemp.
Fourth Row: Chris Jones, Tommy Woods, Noah Stroble, Luc Dunn, Cody Sears, Kyle Rink, and Evan Kleiber.



Photos courtesy of Tabatha Snodgrass



Top Row: Skyler St. Clair, Peyton Usher-Pearson, Alex Wright, Chase Null, John Fern, Evan Speicher, John Easley, Michael Kirchoff, Jason Coleman, Taylor Gress, Robert Skaggs.

Second Row: Athaniel Collins, Collin Bean, Dani Berry, Joseph Farnsworth, Michael Lopez, David Tucker, McCormick Smith, Shania Vannoster, Aaliya Griffin, Christian Phillips.

Third Row: Alyssa Velasquez, Spencer Sanders, Hunter Boorigie, Zach Woodward, Zach Shaffer, Cory Janasek, Bryson Linnebur, Jose Ayala, Tyler Sanders, McKenzie Strycker, Nicole Moses.

Fourth Row: Jordan Stafford, Diamonique Jones, Hope Renfro, Jordan Mead, Lane Schicke, Andrew Dill, Abby Dunham, AJ Charter, Courtlynn Rose, Avery Risner.

Bottom Row: Micah Conger, Becca Bradford, Jenalyn Reichenbach, Kalei Matthews, Shalei Matthews, MacKinsey MacRae, Chloe Camacho, Katelynn Jones, and Tyra Welch.



track & field

Due to the stadium renovation, the IHS track team found itself with a single home track meet this season. Other teams would have struggled, but not the Bulldogs!

After a year of shattering records, Independence has established a reputation of victory this track season. Double trouble hit our competitors hard this year, as twin sisters Kalei and Shalei Matthews, juniors, continued to impress. Over the season Kalei broke the 100 and 200 meter dash school records, while Shalei broke the triple jump record.

Shania Vannoster, junior, and Tyra Welch, senior, broke the 4x1 and 4x4 records. This same dream team landed second at State on those events. Shania Vannoster won SEK gold for high jump, clearing 5'6".

Evan Speicher, junior, qualified for State in the shot put. Dani Berry, sophomore, represented the Bulldogs well as she took eighth at State in the javelin. The girls placed fifth overall at State to end a solid year.

"Overall it was an enjoyable season," said Coach Boldra. "I'm looking forward to building our success in the coming years."

*"I ran like I stole something.
#firstplace." -Alex Wright,
senior*





Caleb Vowell

"I will always remember playing with the other five guys. Logan was always a good leader and motivator." - Caleb



Calvin Hugo

"I think this year's team was one of the strongest in a while. I was just sorry that it had to come to an end so soon." - Calvin



Logan Taylor

"I'm going to miss my teammates and coaches. We were a family and I doubt I play with a team this close again. It was special." - Logan



Keenan Nutt

"It was a fun season. I wish it wouldn't have ended like it did." - Keenan



Alex Wesselowski, Dominic Barker, Calvin Hugo, Logan Taylor, Caleb Vowell and Keenan Nutt all qualified for State.

"The 2014 golf season was bittersweet," said Coach Claar. "The highlight of the season was the team winning the SEK championship for the first time since 1993 and having all six varsity golfers make the All-SEK team. Keenan Nutt, Logan Taylor, Caleb Vowell, and Calvin Hugo were named first team, while Alex Wesselowski and Dominic Barker were honorable mention."

"The bitter part of the season was having to say good-bye to a special group of seniors, continued Claar. "Over their four years they have made such a huge contribution to our success and have been so great to be around that it makes it very difficult to see them go. Coach Harlin and I would like to thank the seniors and wish them all the luck in the future."

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Back Row: Calvin Hugo, Colton Friesen, Alex Wesselowski, Cooper King, Chase Berry, Connor King, Keenan Nutt.

Middle Row: Justin Atkinson, Logan Taylor, Dominic Barker, Kason Carroll, Caleb Vowell, Dillon Swanson.

Front Row: Rachel White, Corbyn Hugo and Beth Yakshaw.

Girls Swimming:

Diving Right in to a Great Season!



Madison Bloemfield

"The IHS girls had an amazing season. They were lead by strong senior swimmers and were lucky to have lots of talent on the team. Throughout the regular season they consistently improved their times and made a strong showing at the state level as well. I can not say enough about their hard work and dedication to swimming. I am very proud of these girls." -Coach Kathy Clapp



Kaity Price

The IHS girls swim team experienced success in the pool once again this year. Led by seniors KasiDee Cox, Cheyenne Delano and Anna Hignight, the team was solid top to bottom, even if there was only a single freshman swimmer, Lexi Carr. Lexi qualified for State and placed twelfth in the 50m Free and eleventh in the 100m Free. KasiDee Cox qualified for State for the fourth time and finished eighteenth in the 100m Breast. After taking a year off from swim team, Anna Hignight returned and qualified for State in the 100m Fly. All three relay teams also qualified for State, but didn't have fast enough times to make it into the finals.

The team finished in first or second place in half of the regular season meets and capped off their regular season with a team championship in the league meet.



KasiDee Cox



Anna Hignight



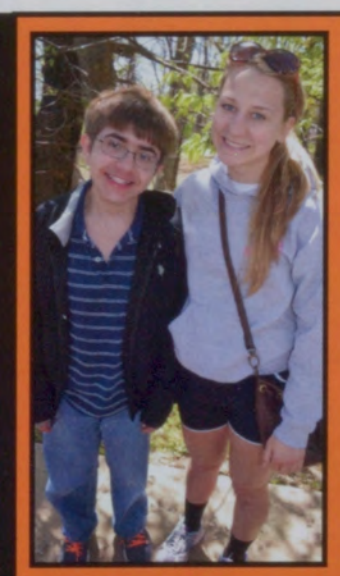
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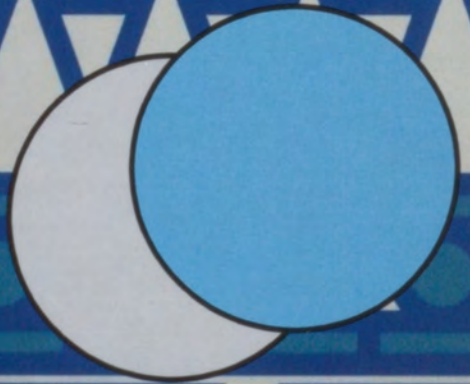
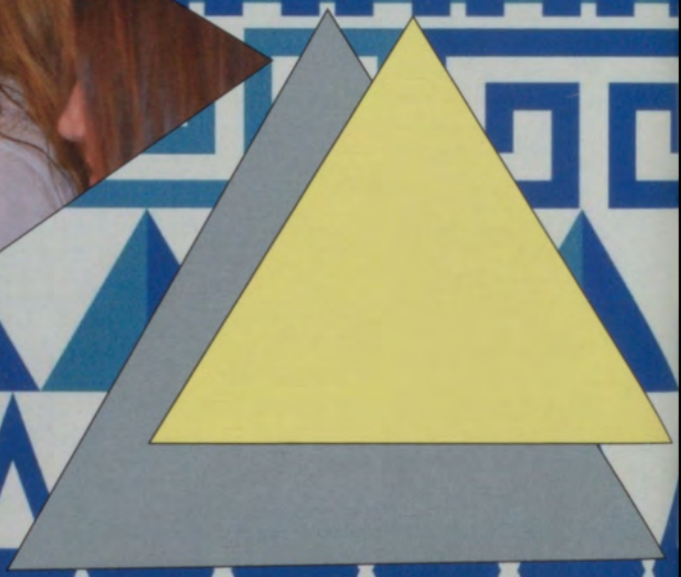
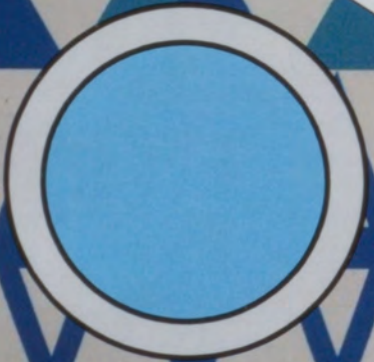


Front Row: Kaity Price, Hadleigh Palmer, Lexi Carr, Katie Capps.

Back Row: Sean Neyland (manager), Kaci Foster, Bailey Schaub, KasiDee Cox, Anna Hignight, Caringtyn Julian and Cheyenne Delano.

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This year's Orange & Black yearbook staff was one for the books. We worked very hard to put together the best yearbook for the IHS 2013-2014 school year. Between computer problems and creativity block, we managed to push through with the guidance of Mrs. Cox and each other. We may make the yearbook look easy to create, but trust us: It's far from it. Throughout the year we were able to capture the highlights of sports, clubs, and individuals with the click of our cameras and a keystroke of our computers. We hope you enjoy our work as much as we enjoyed creating it for you!



Entrepreneurship IHS Talks Business

Entrepreneurship is a course in which students learn how to create a business and manage it. Students also learn to set a goal, make compromises and work together to accomplish the goal. This year's Entrepreneurship companies included The Paw Prints, Spirit Inc., Dog Dynasty, and the My\$fitz.

Once organized, the companies conducted a school survey to find out which products would be the most successful. This year, the companies chose sweatshirts, USB ports, earphones, and tumblers.

At the awards assembly, Kyle Taylor won Best President. "I was pleasantly surprised," said Kyle. "There was some good competition."

Palmer Botts was named Best Vice President. "I learned a lot about the business world," said Palmer. "And I learned some valuable leadership skills, as well as some scholarship money."

Jason Kuehl earned Best Vice President of Finance. Taking home honors were Paige Brovovetz as Best Vice President of Marketing, Haley Matthews won Best Vice President of Production, and Vance Peyton was named Best Vice President of Human Resources.

Marshall Easter was the Best Web Master. Madison Bloomfield won Best Sales Person, Mandy Chrysler won second and Kelsey Wilhelm, third.

Best essay for each company were Conner King (Paw Prints), Chris Read (Spirit Inc.), Wendy Mejia (Dog Dynasty), Layne Brodman (My\$fitz). Best company went to the Paw Prints.

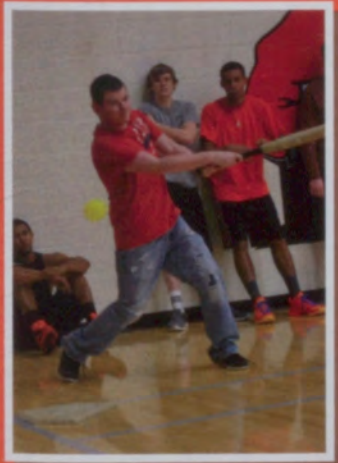
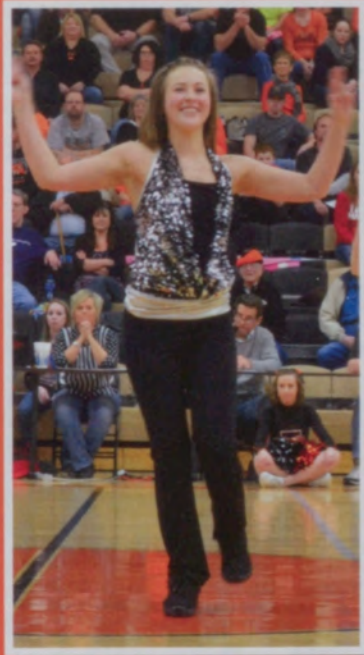
"The hardest thing was getting up in front of everyone to give my speech," said Sandra Moody. "I was so nervous!"



Photo courtesy of Laura McClure



2014 Seniors Establish their Independence



IHS Debate

experiences success

Seniors: Nathan Kessler
and Caleb Vowell

The 4-speaker debate team of Jackson Stafford, Maddy O'Rourke, Collin Housel, Patrick Neyland, Kyler Sanders, and Larin Tucker placed second at the 4-speaker tournament qualifying for State debate. The team of Nathan Kessler and Caleb Vowell competed at the 2 speaker tournament, Zach Stacy also qualified for the 2 speaker tournament. The entire squad did well this year as a whole, winning first place in sweepstakes at three tournaments: Chanute, Caney, & Field Kindley. This was the third consecutive year winning the sweepstakes in Chanute.

"I am very pleased with how the squad did this year," said Ms. Burris, coach. "Qualifying for the 4-speaker tournament meant a great deal. Most of the teams we competed against were much more experienced. Also, to win 3 sweepstakes awards this year speaks volumes. It shows the leadership and commitment of the advanced debaters and also the hard work and dedication of the novice debaters."

Ms. Burris went on to say, "While I am very happy with how the advanced debaters did this year, I am particularly impressed with how the novice debaters did. It was often their scores that put us ahead in the sweepstakes awards. Doraly, Kallie and Maddy exceeded my expectations at every tournament this year. I am really looking forward to see how these debaters as well as the advanced debaters do in the coming years."



Records:

- Doraly Aguirre: 13-12
- Logan Bruce: 7-13
- Ally Driskel: 7-13
- Marshall Easter: 16-9
- Collin Housel: 17-12
- Nathan Kessler: 23-8
- Daphne Lin: 9-11
- Patrick Neyland: 28-11
- Maddy O'Rourke: 16-23
- Kyler Sanders: 25-9
- Zach Schroeder: 16-4
- Kallie Smith: 11-9
- Zach Stacy: 10-10
- Jackson Stafford: 19-6
- Emily Thompson: 10-10
- Larin Tucker: 6-4
- Caleb Vowell: 19-4



Independence Forensics

A total of seven students on the IHS forensics squad qualified to compete at the state level.

Becca Bradford and Collin Housel both qualified for the State Festival in Informative Speaking. At the festival, Becca earned a 2 and Collin a 1.

Alina Sigitova, Nathan Kessler, Zach Stacy, Maddy O'Rourke, and Daphne Lin all qualified for the State Championship. Alina qualified in Poetry Interpretation and Prose Interpretation. She finished seventh overall in Poetry Interpretation.

"This was particularly heart-wrenching as she was third going into semi-finals," said Ms. Burris. "That said, I couldn't be prouder of Alina's senior forensics season."

Nathan Kessler and Zach Stacy both qualified in Impromptu Speaking. Nathan finished eighth overall in this event.

Maddy O'Rourke qualified in both Original Oration and Poetry Interpretation. She finished eleventh overall in Original Oration.

Daphne Lin qualified in Informative Speaking and finished fifteenth overall.

Maddy also qualified for the national forensics tournament in Original Oratory. She qualified by placing second at the SKNFL district individual events tournament.

"I certainly had fun at nationals," said Maddy. "I also learned a lot about my event and what I can do to place even higher next season."

The team also won two sweepstakes trophies: third place at Field Kinley and second place at Chanute.



Madeline O'Rourke, sophomore, holds her second place plaque from the SKNFL tournament.



IHS

Bulldog Band

2013

On June 3, the band returned home from Orlando, FL where they marched in a parade in front of thousands of people. It was exciting and rewarding; the crowd went wild!

The band also participated in the "You're Instrumental" program in the Magic Kingdom where they got to work with a professional musician and had a recording made with the musician. It was a neat experience for the whole group.

The marching band field competition show this year was "James Bond 2013." They attended Emporia State marching festival early in the season and received a II rating overall and the best drum line. They attended the SEK marching invitational in Coffeyville and received second place out of ten bands. They also competed in our own Neewollah marching festival, receiving a I rating in the parade and field show.

"We had a great season with strong leaders," said Erin Shelton, director.

The IHS Jazz band played at a few competitions including our Christmas parade and the MLK celebration in January. They also went to a competition in March and received a I rating.

The following students received outstanding musicianship awards at the competition: Randalin Ward, Sydney Knight, Jeysen Coleman, Austin Villasmil, and Becca Bradford.

Wind Ensemble and concert band also participated in competitions. They each performed two sections at the Pittsburg competition, where the concert band received a II and the wind ensemble earned a I rating.

IHS instrumental music had numerous solos and ensembles perform at Regionals and State this year.



Halftime is
OUR
time





director's
POINT OF VIEW

"I'm so glad that I have so many students who love music. They are learning and succeeding in an art that is very difficult, but rewarding. It teaches so many life lessons. I am very blessed to be the band director here in Independence! I get to do what I love every day and with students who I care a lot about. It doesn't get much better than that!"

--Mrs. Erin Shelton, IHS band director

Orchestra

Keeping Time

Under the direction of Mrs. Millen, the orchestra not only provides entertainment, but also competes in the spring.

In addition to playing on the Neewollah Grand Stand, the orchestra travels to local nursing homes to play and provides entertainment at events such as the USD #446 holiday party, IHS banquets. They also have several concerts throughout the year.

"Musical touches us emotionally, where words alone can't. Orchestras have strings attached," said Mrs. Millen.

Seniors Noah Heffernan, Kyler Brown and Darwin Shire qualified for State. Noah and Kyler each earned I a rating and Darwin received a II.

"Competing in front of a judge at the State level will be a memorable experience for me," said Kyler Brown. "I was happy to finish my senior year with a top rating at State."



Alina Sigitova



Noah Heffernan

Kyler Brown

David Tucker



Mrs. Millen, director



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IHS Vocal Performance

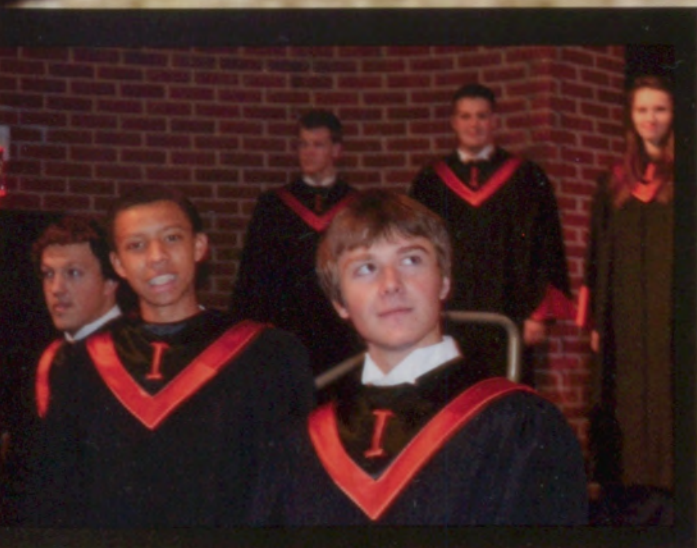
This year, IHS did well at district and state competitions! At districts Select Girls Choir received a I and Mixed Chorus received a II. Girls Ensemble and Indy Ensemble both scored a I at district. Indy Ensemble also received a II at State.

Solo performers by Sebastian Cole, Kyler Brown, Larin Tucker, Courtlynn Rose, Bailey Schaub and Kirsten Mitchell all scored a I at district. At State; Sebastian scored a III; Kyler, Larin, Bailey, Kaitlyn Murdock and Paige Stair all scored a II and Courtlynn earned a I,

"Competing at this level is stressful," said Sebastian Cole, sophomore. "The room is silent with only the judges staring at you and a room full of spectators watching and waiting. And you know if you do not give it your all, success was only a dream."

"I was happy to earn Is at both District and State," said Courtlynn Rose, sophomore. "I knew going in that the judges had high expectations and getting a top score wouldn't be easy."





Accompanists for the IHS vocal music department are Mrs. Dana Aitken and Ms. Sarah Johnston.

OLIVER!



Oliver- Sean Neyland
 Nancy- Madison Bloomfield
 Fagin- Ryan Oliver
 Sykes- Collin Cushing
 Dodger- Daphne Lin
 Bet- Kaitlyn Murdock
 Mr. Bumble- Alex Wesselowski
 Widow Corney- Brianna
 Bradshaw
 Mr. Brownlow- Tommy Woods
 Mr. GrimWig- Caleb Kimbrell
 Mrs. Bedwin- Rebecca
 Bradford
 Merry- Larin Tucker
 Mr. Sowerberry- Clay Sears
 Mrs. Sowerberry- Cheyenne
 Dixon
 Noah Claypole- Austin Drake
 Charlotte- Maddy O'Rourke
 Charles Bates- Seth Barton
 Ol'Sally- Chloe Camacho
 Ol' Lady- Courtney Taylor
 Flite- Lexie Guertin
 Peggotty- Bailey Schaub

Jack Chiffinton- Nathan
 Hogge
 Tom Chitling- Adam Hayse
 Guppy- Ghloe Camacho
 Nubbles- Malorie Sutton
 Maylie- Courtney Taylor
 Charles Bates- Seth Barton
 Toodle- Maddy O'Rourke
 Squeers- Austin Drake
 PipSqeak- Josh Smith
 Squod- Kyler Brown
 Slammer- Caleb Kimbrell

Mr. Staggs- Sam Willson
 Mr. Grim Wig- Caleb Kimbrell
 Mrs. Dorritt- Madeline Kyle
 Mrs. Tetterby- Aaliayah Griffin
 Mrs. Pross- Cheyenne Delano
 Mrs. Swider- Marsha Farnsworth
 Mr. Gamfield- Josh Smith
 Mr. Pumblechook- Kyler Brown
 Mrs. Chuzzlewit- Courtlynn Rose



Photo courtesy of Amy Bloomfield



Photos courtesy of IHS Drama Department

If you think you heard an occasional British accent this spring, you likely heard one of the many students cast in the spring musical *Oliver!* Ms. Elizabeth Bennin and Mr. Larry Annable co-directed students in an unforgettable production.

"The costumes were amazing," said Ryan Oliver, who brought the character of Fagin to life. "We had a great time in rehearsals and were happy with the end result."

"It's just a great musical," said Chloe Camacho. "I had a great time with my friends and made some great senior-year memories in the process."

INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL SPENT THEIR WEDNESDAY HELPING THE COMMUNITY

Ava Clancy, sophomore, cleans a display case at the Historical Museum. Mr. Annable's freshman advisory took on cleaning the museum as its project.



Patrick Hardy, along with other juniors, washed Mr. Bradbury's truck. Mrs. Stanley's advisory had a free car wash in the circle drive as their service project.

Carson Purdunn cleans up a sidewalk in front of a local downtown business.



Deke Davis, junior, polishes the glass of a display case at the Historical Museum in downtown Independence.

Coach Boldra paints a second coat along with his class onto the bell tower at Independence High School.

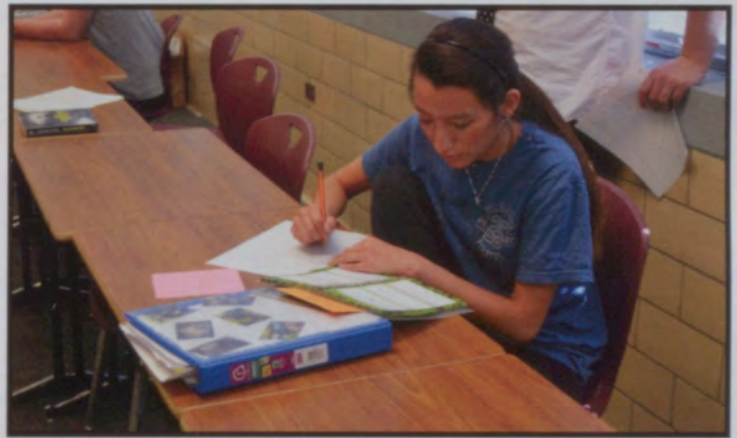


Dalson Hamlin and Luc Dunn work together to pick up trash at the local cemetery in Independence.

Courtney Cleve observes as a classmate sweeps around monkey island for Community Service Day.



Cody Cox admires some freshly planted bushes outside of Independence High School.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



TyLynn Botts
Singleton Memorial,
American Legion &
Doug Burnett
Memorial



Rebecca Brennan
Lonnie Wood
Memorial
Scholarship



KasiDee Cox
C.M. Patel
Memorial & INEA



Collin Cushing
Optimist Club



Andrew Dill
American Legion &
Class of '62 Veteran
Memorial



Lainee Dunn
Terry Wood
Memorial



Jenna Gilstrap
Marcean-Fields-
Bateman Memorial



Tiffany Henderson
Class of '64, INEA
& SEK Iris Society



Bailey James
S.M. Nees
Memorial



Drake King
S.M. Nees
Memorial



Sydney Knight
INEA, Gladys Clubine
Memorial &
Ministerial Alliance



Zachary McDaniel
Bob Sprague
Memorial



Diona Mendoza
Yona Julian & Class
of '64 Memorials



Chase Null
Hinds Memorial
& Optimist Club



Riley Sanders
Nees & Joyce
Cauthon Memorials



Nelson Schicke
Jr. Child Study & Lions
Clubs, Foreign Language &
Nees and Suzanne Bell
Memorials



Mandi Schwenker
Optimist Club



Clay Sears
K.C. Patel
Memorial



Cody Sears
Lou Michels
Memorial



Alina Sigatova
Peter Lewis Reid
Memorial



Joanna Simwiga
PEO & INEA
S.M. Nees Memorial



Jordan Stafford
Feger Family
Memorial



Dillon Swanson
Jerry Hart and Gladys Clubine
& Lew Boys Memorials



Randalin Ward
Debbie Tinchler
Memorial



Anna Wood
David Burnett
Memorial



Beth Yakshaw
C.N.B. Pittsburg
State



Friends R Us have fun at their monthly gatherings!

Memories...

Some of the activities that this club does are gift wrapping during the holiday season, movie and game days, and participating in the Victory games and Special Olympics.



The members of Friends R Us this year includes the following students:

Seniors - KasiDee Cox, Jenna Gilstrap, Anna Hignight, Drake King, Diona Mendoza, Brandon Moody, Lane Offenbacher, Tayler Reichenberger, Riley Sanders, Mandi Schwenker, Jarett Smith, Beth Yakshaw.

Juniors - Madison Bloomfield, Palmer Botts, Destiny Bullock, Patrick Hardy, Bailey Hennen, Hannah Knight, Sierra Marquez, Halei Matthews, Lokie Neese, Tigra Neese, Dakota Owen, Eric Stampley, Betsy Stewart, Rachel White, Samuel Wilson, Dustin Wooten.

Sophomores - McKayla Clubb, Devin Davison, Kennedy Froebe, Theresa Grover, Paige Hufferd, Walt Offenbacher, Hadleigh Palmer, Courtlynn Rose, Kyler Sanders, Cheyenne Srader, Alex Wesselowski.

Freshmen - Samuel Hilger, Corbyn Hugo, Rolland Krause, Andrew McCarty, Austin Mydland, Shayanne Ross, and Ian Tillery.



National Honor Society members participate in service



The induction banquet was held at the First Church of the Nazarene. Mr. Aaron Heckman, executive director of the Montgomery County Action Council, was the guest speaker.

National Honor Society isn't just about getting good grades. Members are required to participate in both individual and group community service hours in order to remain in good standing.

This year NHS participated in a number of service projects which were beneficial to the community of Independence. Some of the larger projects included serving at the Community Christmas Dinner and working the Christmas Home Tour, German Fest, the Back-to-School celebration, and Neewollah clean up.

"It's pretty impressive when you think about it," said Nelson Schicke, NHS officer. "Most of our members are enrolled in academically challenging courses and they're also expected to devote time and energy to service. That's commitment."



New inductees this year include the following: Dominic Barker, Brianna Bradshaw, Sarah Brennan, Taylor Chapman, Courtney Day, Taylor Dufur, Haylie Eades, Kennedy Froebe, Paige Hufferd, Caringtyn Julian, Eleni McCaffery, Anna Miller, Madeline O'Rourke, Hope Renfro, Courtlynn Rose, Kyler Sanders, Mackenzie Strycker, and Alex Wesselowski.

Someone saved
a life today.....



IHS students and staff donated 50 pints of blood at the annual blood drive, sponsored by StuCo. According to the Red Cross, as many as three lives can be saved with a single pint of blood.



Blood Drive



StuCo Stays Busy Working on Community and Service Projects Throughout the Year

Jacey Smith goes out to lunch at Neewollah with a senior, Jonny Melton.



Collin Cushing refs the "Bump, Set, Spring" volleyball tournament.



Members help sort cans at the Community Access Center after the can opener.



Mandi Schwenker and Brendon Hogge bump each other at the Back to School Bash.



Betey Stewart, Kelsey Wilhelm, Kason Carroll, Kineey Carroll and Rachel White are ready to tackle the downtown windows during the October Community Clean-Up day sponsored by the City of Independence.



Above: StuCo members dress inappropriately in order to explain the IHS dress code at freshman orientation.

Right: Always the fashionistas, StuCo poses for a group photo to use as its annual Christmas card.



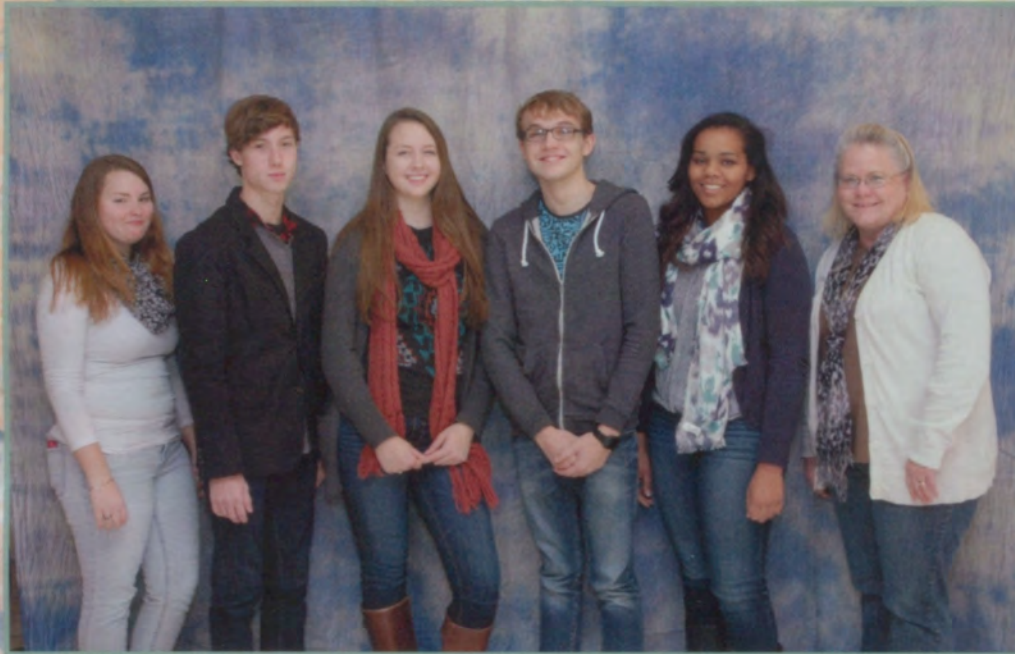
StuCo sponsors the annual semi-formal as a fundraiser for the group.



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Scholars Bowl



"We never won, but we had a ton of fun!"

— Ryan Oliver

"This was a fun and enjoyable year. We didn't do well in competition, but I hope we have developed friendships that will last a lifetime. To my seniors, I will miss you. You have been a great source of encouragement for me this year. Good-luck in all that you do," said Mrs. McBrida, coach.



"When we competed at Pittsburg, we ate at a Mexican restaurant and had some mad quesadillas"

— Eleni McCaffery

Senior/Faculty Softball Game

A time-honored tradition, the senior-faculty softball game proves to be a highlight of graduation week each year. 2014 was no different.

The Class of 2014 were mighty in number, so to even the playing field (pun intended), the girls played the guys.

While the guys may have won the game, a good time was had by all. Mr. Shaw and Mr. & Mrs. Chapman manned the grill, and everyone ate and hung out in the gym parking lot, enjoying one last afternoon together.



Seniors Travel Outside of

Drake King, Brennan Gordon, Ty Schabel, KasiDee Cox, Anna Hignight, Beth Yakshaw, Tyra Welch, Dalice Coda, and Diona Mendoza traveled to Playa Del Carmen, Mexico for their spring break trip. They enjoyed their time laying out on the beach, playing pool and sand volleyball, and shopping. On their resort, they did activities such as kayaking.

"My favorite part of our trip was spending time with some of my best friends. It was nice we got to do something so cool right before we graduate and go our separate ways," said Brennan Gordon.

For some of the seniors, this was their first time traveling outside of the United States.

"I can't wait to go back," said Tyra.



Courtlan Hayse, Alex Wright, Chase Berry, Keenan Nutt, Jordan Stafford, Lexie Wright, and Tayler Reichenberger traveled to the Cayman Islands for their senior Spring Break trip.

"It was one of the best experiences of my life!" said Jordan Stafford. "I got to see and do things I never had. I created memories that will last a lifetime."



Kansas For Spring Break 2014

Jonny Melton, Tommie Johnson, Cody Sears, Clay Sears, Collin Cushing, Caleb Vowell, Justin Atkinson, Logan Taylor, Colton Friesen, and Mandi Schwenker headed south to Pensacola, Florida for their Spring Break trip.

Among the activities some of them participated in was parasailing. "It (parasailing) was one of the coolest things I've ever done," stated Logan Taylor.

Another highlight of the trip was stopping in West Monroe, Louisiana to see the home of the Robertson family, stars of *Duck Dynasty*.

"We were hoping to see some of the family members," said Cody. "I thought it would be cool to meet Uncle Si."

Chase Null, Noah Heffernan, Kyler Brown, Jason Kuehl, and Andrew Dill hit the slopes in Colorado on their Spring Break trip. "My favorite part about our senior trip was having to basically force Noah to ski down the mountain," said Andrew. "At one point I thought we might have to just leave him up there. That flatland Kansas boy didn't quite know how to handle a mountain."



"A LITTLE PARTY NEVER KILLED NOBODY!"



Jon Ferm and Paige Kyle both dressed for the theme!

This year for prom the theme was "A Little Party Never Killed Nobody". The theme came from *The Great Gatsby* & the "Roaring Twenties". This was the first time in over twenty years that prom was held at the Booth Hotel rather than Civic Center.



Layne Brodman and DJ Kessler wait patiently for their turn to walk in.



Paige Stair & her date, and Lexie Perches & Nathan Hogge arrive in a horse drawn carriage.

Mallory Sutton and Kyle Taylor went vintage in a '56 Thunderbird!



YOU'RE INVITED, OLD SPORT...

TO: "A LITTLE PARTY NEVER
KILLED NOBODY"
PROM 2014

WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2014

WHERE: THE BOOTH HOTEL

WHAT TIME: WALK-IN STARTS AT 7PM
AND PROM STARTS AT 8PM

SINCERELY,
THE CLASS OF 2015

"I LIKE LARGE PARTIES, THEY'RE SO INTIMATE." - JORDAN BAKER

Noah Heffernan and Darwin Shire look dapper on the red carpet.



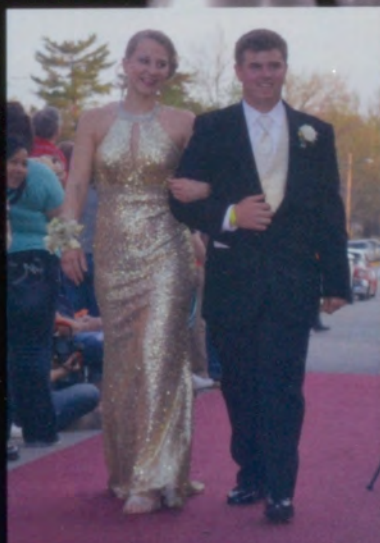
McCormick Smith and Calisse Papan are all smiles as they walk the red carpet into prom.



Chris Read and Rebecca Brennan smile for the cameras at walk-in.



Logan Taylor and Anna Hight savor the moment at their senior prom.



Matt Mason and Lainea Dunn take their turn on the red carpet.

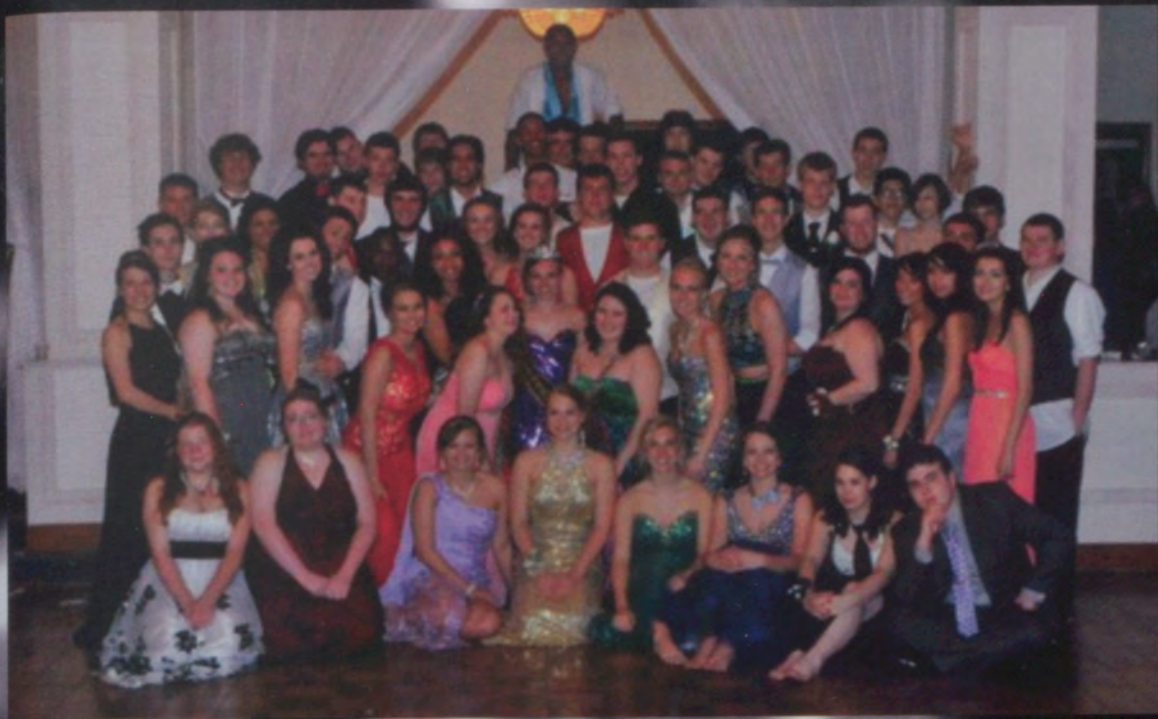


PROM COURT



CLAY SEARS, BAILEY TRAN, COLTON FRIESEN, TAYLER REICHENBERGER;
JONNY MELTON, KING; TYRA WELCH QUEEN; CALEB VOWELL, KASIDEE
COX, KEENAN NUTT AND ANNA HIGHLIGHT.

PROM 2014



IHS CLASS OF
2014

TJ ECHLEBURG'S EVERSEEING EYES



IHS CLASS OF
2015



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Dakota,
I am so proud of you. You and I
have been through a lot over the past
18 years and I thank you for being my
inspiration to becoming a better
parent. Follow your dreams toward
accomplishing the goals you have set
for your future. May God continue to
bless you and direct your path.
Remember "Tomorrow is what you
make it, and it doesn't come easy."

Love,
Dad, Desiree & Cortney



Layne brodman



Almost 18 years ago, I had a beautiful baby girl. I have watched her grow over the years into the beautiful young lady I see today. I'm so proud of you! Layne, you are loved and cherished more than you will ever know!

Love,
Mom

JGN

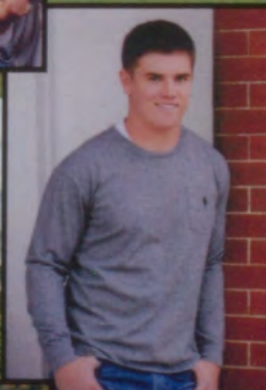
Life is a book and your new chapter has just begun! We know that you will succeed in all that you do. We believe in you and are so proud of all that you have, and will accomplish in your life.

Congratulations!

Love, Mom Dad & Garrett



"Success means having the courage, the determination, and the will to become the person you believe you were meant to be."
- George Sheehan



LOGAN
TAYLOR



Congratulations Logan!
We know you'll be successful at whatever you put your mind to.
We love you!
Mom & Dad

Caleb



From
Baby Phat Stacks
to Daddy Phat Stacks,
we are so proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Jakob, &
Meme





Brooke

The journey from kindergarten to graduation has left us with memories we will forever treasure. Always remember to dance your way through life with a smile, no matter the adversity you face! We are proud of the young woman you have become!

We love you!
Mom, Dad & Chelsea



Dillon,

You have made me proud in so many ways: your relationship with God, your character, your ambition, and your ability to overcome. I admire and love you more than words can express. Always remember... To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world!

I love you!
Mom





COLTON FRIESEN

Colton,

Son, we're so proud of you. It's hard to believe you are graduating. From little "Bump" to the wonderful young man who you are today, you are an amazing inspiration... always caring about others first; that will get you far in life.

Your funny sense of humor and tender heart makes you special. Our prayer for you is that you are always a happy, loving, giving, confident, CHRISTIAN man, who becomes all that GOD wants you to be.

No matter what you chose in life, make sure it fills your heart. We weren't put on this earth to make money! Listen to the "Big Dude;" follow HIS plan and you will never go wrong. Thank you for being such a wonderful son and brother. "To the moon and back," we love you...

-Mom, Dad & Dalton



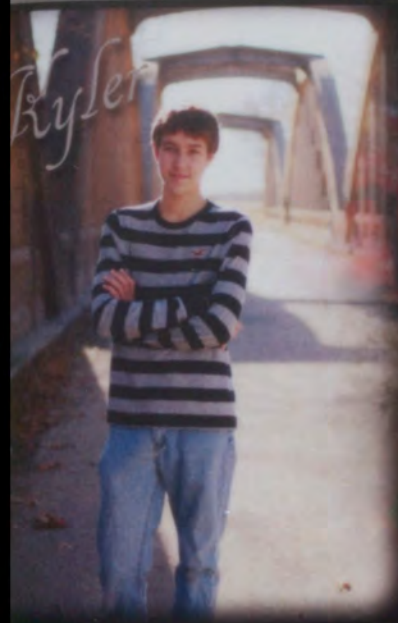


Congratulations
Kyle!

Love, Mom, Dad &
Denton



Reach for your goals!



JASON KUEHL

You were quite the little cowboy when you moved to Independence fourteen years ago... struttin' around in your hat and boots listening to Tim McGraw's "Where the Green Grass Grows."

We hope you've had a great time. You have made us very proud along the way.

As you have grown through the years, we hope you've learned to "never fear those mountains in the distance... never settle for the path of least resistance... give the heavens more than just a passing glance.. and when you get the chance to sit it out or dance..."

We hope you dance!"

Fourteen years... it's hard to imagine it has been that long. Fourteen years of little league baseball, rec league soccer, basketball, track, varsity soccer, Presby youth group and concerts. Fourteen years of broken bones, busted glasses, stitches and worst of all... Accelerated Reading.



Your family

Paige Borovetz

Paige Annalisa:

From the day you were born, you, along with your brother and friends, have filled our lives with laughter, talents, silliness and creative personalities. Some have never witnessed your heart pouring out kindness when giving your own things to those less fortunate, reaching out to peers making them feel accepted, and helping care for your brother through the many "trials and tribulations" he endures. There's no doubt you will go far in life because of the wonderful young lady you have developed into over these past 18 years.

We are so proud of you and know you will continue to touch lives in a positive way.

Paige, you will always be our "Ethel Eugene." We love you and are prouder of you than words can express!

Love, Mom, Dad,
Granny and Blake



KasiDee



KasiDee,
We are so incredibly proud of your accomplishments! More importantly, we are proud of the person you have chosen to become. Your tender heart and strength of character are qualities that will serve you well.
You have an amazing future ahead of you. If you need direction, listen to your heart. It will never steer you wrong.
Much love,
Mom & Dad



Kas,
You are as unique as you are tall, and we love you for that. Your laugh is infectious to family, friends and strangers, alike. You are one of a kind. Exciting things are coming your way!
Love,
Kelsey & Cody



Donna Newman



Donna,

You are my Pumpkin, and I will love
you for a lifetime. You'll be my baby girl
for the rest of your life.

Love,
Mom



Mandi Schwenker



You've come a long way, baby!
We're so proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad & Aaron



In your two years on staff, you **Established Your Independence**. We appreciate your willingness to put in the time to create an amazing publication! Thanks for your leadership!

Junior staff members,
Katie Capps, Bailey Hennen, Caringtyn Julian, Sierra Marquez, Shalei Matthews, Sandra Moody & Calisse Papen
K. Cox, advisor



CALEB DOWELL

Love,
mom, dad, Jakob, meme



Tyra Welch



Tyra,
It's been exciting watching you mature from a Zion Lion into a Lady Bulldog. Be brave as you take your next steps in life.
Love ya Sis!
Mom, Dad & Conagher



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The past eighteen years have gone so fast and have been so much fun. Your sense of humor has brought many smiles and laughs to our family and your compassion for others makes us so proud. Keep working hard to accomplish all that God has planned for you.
Dad, Mom, Jerod & Evan



Lainee dunn



"Nothing lasts forever. So live it up, drink it down, laugh it off, avoid the drama, take chances and never have regrets, because at one point everything you did was exactly what you wanted."

marilyn monroe



Riley Sanders



"The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why."
We love you and are very proud of you,
Mom, Dad, Kyler & Keith

Taylor Reichenberger

Thank you for being such a great friend to Riley!
We wish you all the best in the future!
Love ya!
Dee, Jennifer, Riley,
Kyler & Keith



Emily Newton

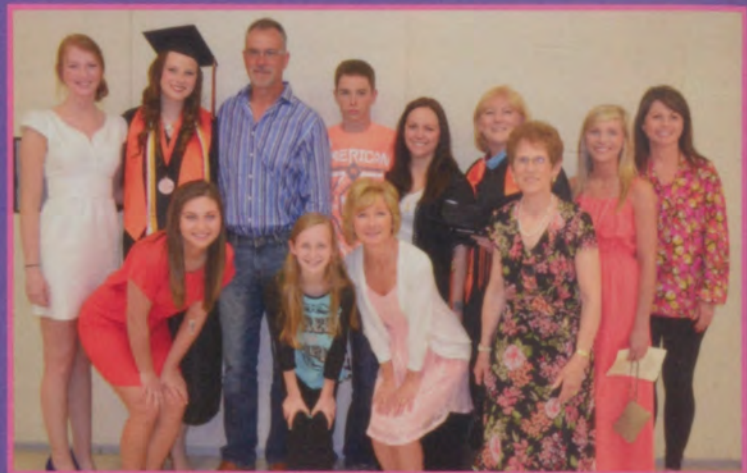


Continue to reach for the stars in everything you do.
We love you bunches-
Mom, Chad, Abby, Myles & Nick



Kas,
 We always have fun together! We've made so many memories dyeing Easter eggs, shopping, making Christmas cookies, shopping, road tripping to Liberal and Iowa and... shopping! Great things are in your future!
 Cousin Love, Jessie & Layne and Abbey & Savanna

KasiDee,
 It's been fun to watch you grow from a long baby to a tall young woman! We've enjoyed watching you compete in tennis, basketball, swim and dance. We can't wait to see what the future holds for you! We know God has big plans for your life!
 Love,
 Grandma Charlotte, Lisa & LeAnn



What an amazing 18 years! Watching you grow into a fabulous young woman has been a blessing. As you close this chapter in your life and begin a new one, we want to say this: Cherish the friendships you have made. Embrace the friendships still to come. Continue to work hard. Live life to the fullest. Aim high. Love unconditionally. Always let your light shine. And don't forget, we will always be your biggest fans.
 Love, Mommy and Daddio



You know them now, and
remember them when.....



Can you guess
who they are?

IHS Graduation Class of 2014



Collin Cushing



Clay Sears



Alina Sigitova



KasiDee Cox



Co-Valedictorians: Clay Sears and Collin Cushing.

Salutatorian: Alina Sigitova.

Citizenship Awards: Collin Cushing and KasiDee Cox.

Citizenship Honorable Mention: Nelson Schicke, Joanna Simwinga, Jonathan Melton and Alina Sigitova.

Nelson Schicke



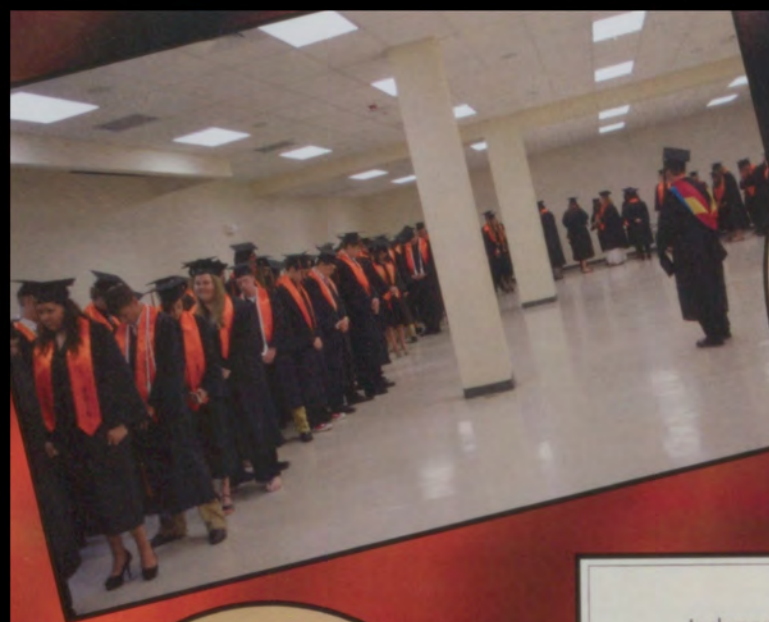
Joanna Simwinga



Kathryn Kidd Scholarship: Collin Cushing, KasiDee Cox, Nelson Schicke, Joanna Simwinga, Jonathan Melton, and Alina Sigitova.

Jonathan Melton





Independence High School

Graduation

Class Motto
"This is not the end. This is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning." -Sir Winston Churchill

Sunday, May 18, 2014
 2:00 p.m.
 Independence Memorial Hall



Establishing Our Future





Independence High School Class of 2014



Walsworth yearbooks

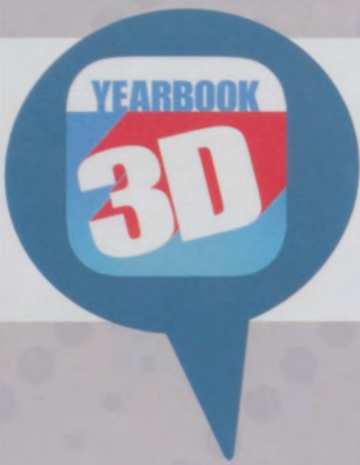
YEAR IN REVIEW

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- ENTERTAINMENT
- SPORTS
- SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY



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- Point the viewfinder over any image with the **Yearbook 3D** icon and hold.
- Watch the video pop off the page!



POP STAR BEYONCÉ shocked the world by releasing a surprise self-titled album at midnight on Dec. 13. Despite no prior promotion, "Beyoncé" sold more than a million copies in the first week.



FILIPINOS SEARCHED FOR FOOD, WATER, SHELTER and missing family members following the massive destruction to The Philippines by Typhoon Haiyan in November. Relief organizations acted quickly after one of the strongest storms ever recorded. Estimates put the death toll at almost 6,000.



NASA ANNOUNCED that after 36 years in space, its Voyager 1 probe had officially left our solar system, making it the first man-made object to do so. Voyager 1 was expected to continue operating and sending back data outside our solar system for 15 more years before it runs out of power.



THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SHUT DOWN in October while Congress argued about how to pay for running it.

16 DAYS

Length of government shutdown

800,000

Number of federal workers sent home without pay (they did get back pay)

\$24 BILLION

Estimated economic loss to the U.S. (Standard and Poor's)

\$76 MILLION/DAY

Estimated economic loss from closed national parks (National Park Service)

Dozens of organized protests occurred at closed federal parks





DENVER QUARTERBACK PEYTON MANNING put together one of the greatest seasons in NFL history. Manning finished with 5,477 yards passing and 55 touchdowns, both NFL single-season records.



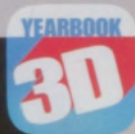
RESEARCH SHOWED teen usage of Facebook was decreasing, as kids continued to migrate toward other social networks like Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat.



IN EARLY JANUARY, much of the country from the central and upper Midwest to the Northeast and into the South was struck by a polar vortex – a blast of dense, frigid polar air. The polar vortex lasted nearly a week and caused record low temps that created the coldest blast of air in 20 years.

NELSON MANDELA

1918-2013



NELSON MANDELA, who worked to end racial segregation called apartheid in South Africa, died at age 95. Mandela spent 27 years in prison for conspiracy, and when freed, helped to lead his country to equality and served as South Africa's president from 1994-1999.



CELEBRITY DEATHS

FANS WERE SHOCKED and saddened by celebrity deaths during the year. Paul Walker (pictured), star of the "Fast & Furious" movies, was killed in a car crash. Other celebs who died included Cory Monteith, who played Finn on the TV show "Glee," actor Philip Seymour Hoffman and rock star Lou Reed.



SAN FRANCISCO WAS SAVED from the Penguin and Riddler on Nov. 15 when Miles Scott, 5, was granted his wish by the Make A Wish Foundation. With his leukemia in remission, Miles became Batkid and joined a life-size Batman to battle the villains across the city. Hundreds of volunteers made the event happen.



THE MARVEL SUPER HERO UNIVERSE continued to be as popular as ever. "Iron Man 3" was the highest grossing movie of 2013, and "Thor: The Dark World" was a huge hit in the fall. "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D." was one of the highest-rated new shows on TV.

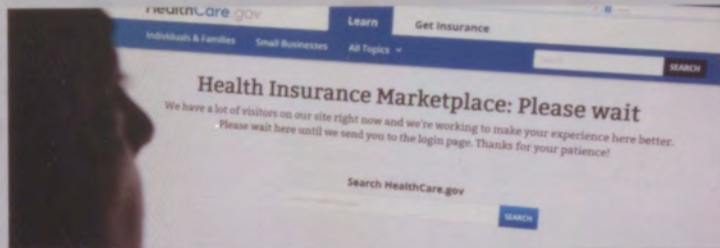


IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS, manufacturers released the newest video game consoles and gamers rushed to the stores to buy up the new PlayStation 4, Xbox 1 and Nintendo Wii U gaming systems.

YEARBOOK
3D



FLORIDA STATE'S KELVIN BENJAMIN caught a touchdown pass from Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Jameis Winston with 13 seconds left, which allowed the Seminoles to defeat Auburn, 34-31, in college football's BCS National Championship Game. Florida State fell behind 21-3 in the first half before rallying to win.



THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, known to many as Obamacare, launched in October, only to be stalled by a poorly functioning website. Officials scrambled to fix the problems, since Americans had until March 31 to sign up for a health care plan if they didn't have one, or they would be fined.



THE SEATTLE SEAHAWKS DOMINATED Super Bowl XLVIII at MetLife Stadium in New Jersey, defeating the Denver Broncos 43-8. The game featured Seattle's league-best defense against Denver's top-rated offense led by quarterback Peyton Manning, but the game turned into a mismatch as the Seahawks raced to a 22-0 halftime lead. The victory was the first Super Bowl win in franchise history for Seattle.

POPULAR JERSEYS

These were the best-selling jerseys of the year in the major sports.



NFL - COLIN KAEPERNICK

MLB - MARIANO RIVERA

NBA - LEBRON JAMES

NHL - SIDNEY CROSBY

Sources: Yahoo, MLB.com, CBSsports.com



MOST DOWNLOADED SONGS OF THE YEAR

- 1 **MACKLEMORE & RYAN LEWIS** Thrift Shop
- 2 **ROBIN THICKE** Blurred Lines
- 3 **IMAGINE DRAGONS** Radioactive
- 4 **PINK** Just Give Me a Reason
- 5 **MACKLEMORE & RYAN LEWIS** Can't Hold Us

Source: iTunes



GOOGLE REVEALED its latest technology innovation with Google Glass, a thin, head-mounted computer that users can wear like a pair of glasses. Glass users can connect to the internet with voice commands and take pictures and videos of the world around them, wherever they are.



THE BOSTON RED SOX defeated the St. Louis Cardinals to win the 2013 World Series in six games. Boston clinched the title at home in Fenway Park, the first time the team had done so since 1918.



WORD OF THE YEAR **SELFIE**



SELFIE IS THE OXFORD DICTIONARIES WORD OF THE YEAR. The noun describes a "photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically with a smartphone or webcam and uploaded to a social media website," something many people did this year.



MILEY CYRUS WAS EVERYWHERE. The song "Wrecking Ball" off her latest hit album debuted at number one, and the song's video got nearly 400 million views on YouTube. Cyrus also turned in a wild performance at MTV's Video Music Awards and hosted "Saturday Night Live."



TARGET CUSTOMERS WERE ALERTED that their credit card information, plus some pin numbers, were stolen between Nov. 27, Black Friday, and Dec. 15. Target estimated that the massive theft possibly affected up to 110 million credit card accounts.



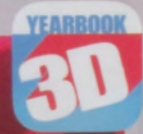
"THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE," the second movie in the popular sci-fi adventure series, hit theaters and became a box office smash. The film set records for the biggest opening in November and over Thanksgiving weekend.



TOP MOVIES!



Source: boxofficemojo.com




POP STAR JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE released not one, but two, hit albums. Both "The 20/20 Experience" and "The 20/20 Experience – 2 of 2" debuted at the top of sales charts and kicked off a new nationwide tour.



THE 22ND WINTER OLYMPICS were held in Sochi, Russia. While the games received criticism for what many considered to be Sochi's subpar accommodations and Russia's stance on some political issues, the events continued on with a record number of countries competing. Medalists for the U.S. included snowboarder Jamie Anderson, and figure skating pair Meryl Davis and Charlie White.



 **DRONES HAVE BEEN USED** by the military for a while, but other industries began thinking about how drones could help them. Amazon announced its Amazon Prime Air will use drones to deliver packages, maybe as early as 2015.



 **AMERICAN LONG-DISTANCE SWIMMER** Diana Nyad finally successfully swam from Cuba to Florida on her fifth attempt. Nyad's trek covered 110 miles and took her about 53 hours.



THE BEST PICTURE NOMINEES at the Academy Awards included mafia crime drama "American Hustle," outer space thriller "Gravity," and "Captain Phillips," the story of a sea rescue based on a true story.



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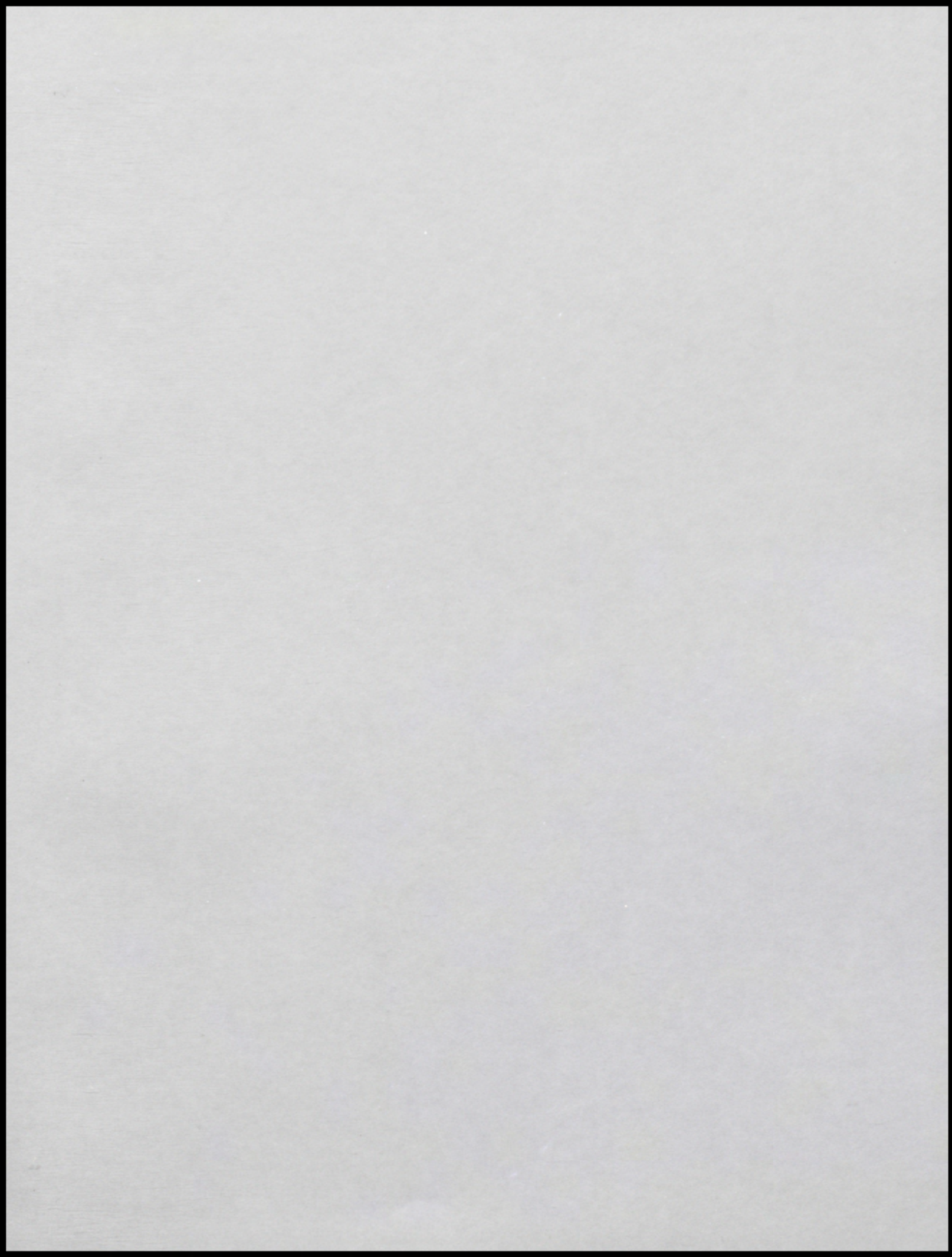
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CHAMPION

UNDER EVIDENCE
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Under Armour logo

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KANSAS
CONFERENCE

PARSONS

LALETTE CO.



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