



































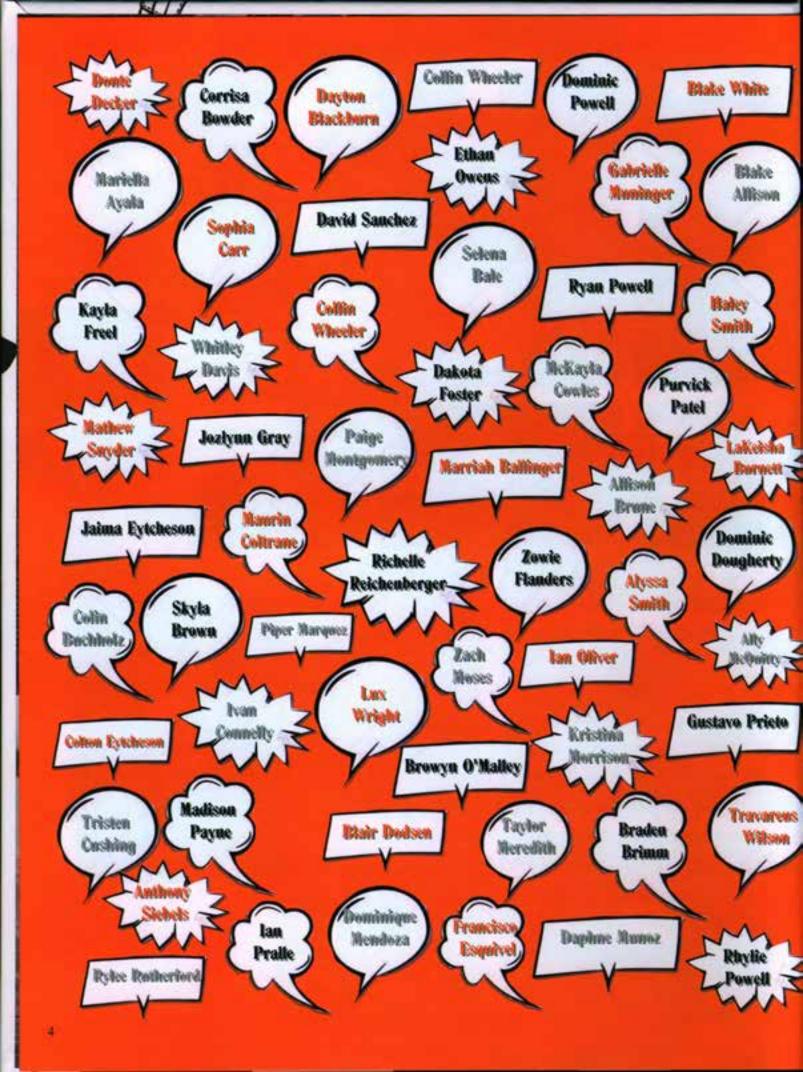


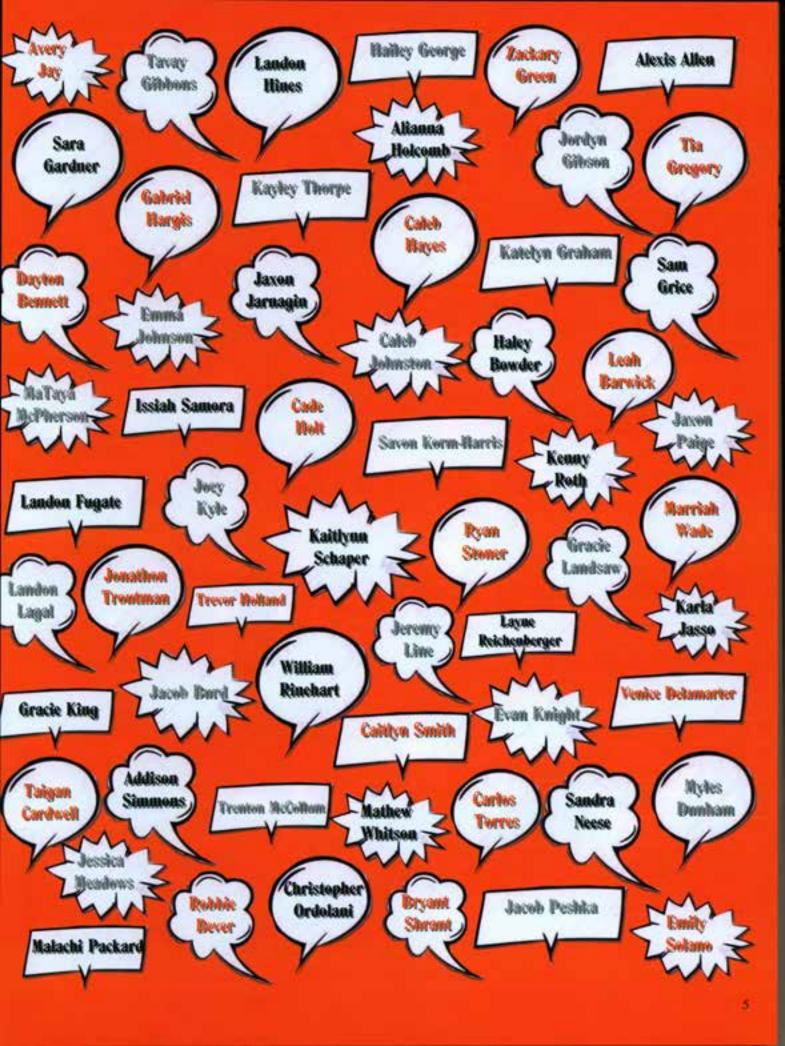


FASHION ALERT: MASKS

Attending high school during a global pandemic is tough, but there are a few bright sides. It gave tudents the chance to show off their fashion sense through masks that were mandatory to wear this year. Some wore them plain, some wore them rinted, some even wore masks that were made by IHS! Overall, while the pandemic was NOT fun, showing off personality through masks added a positive to the year.









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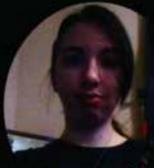
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Jacob A Peschka



Dominic G Powell



Rhylie Elizabeth Powe



Richelle Lynn Reichenberger



William Scott Rinehart



Kenny Ray Roth



Rylee Danielle Rutherfo



Anthony Nathanael Siebels



Steven Addison Simmons



Alyssa Grace Smith



Caitlyn Elizabeth Smi



Ryan David Powell



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Layne Andrew Reichenberger



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STARTING HIS CAREER

An Ivan Connelly Comic



Ivan meticulously tapes up shoes so as to get a crisp finish.

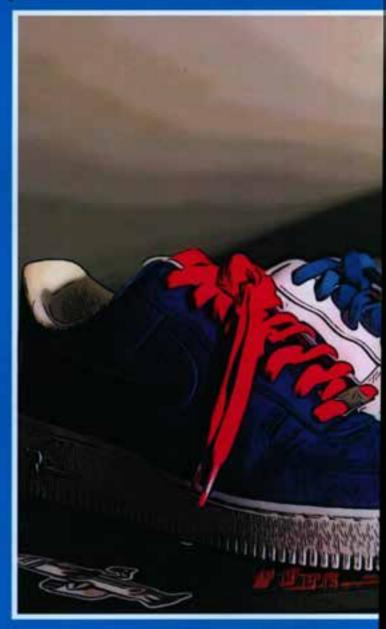


Here he is airbrushing a mint green and brown colorway on the shoes.



He continues to airbrush until the shoes are perfect for buying.

Ivan Connelly (12) has started a custom shoe business. Called Drop Kick Designs, Connelly has turned a passion into a thriving career.



Each shoe takes approximately six to ten hours to perfect. So far, Connelly averages two shoes a week, but expects to increase this after high school. In total, Ivan has completed 10 shoes.



After high school, Ivan plans on further developing Drop Kick Designs, or doing something in the field of design such as making shoes for Nike, Adidas, or Yeezy.



His works include making custom colorwyas, adding specific patterns and designs, and even stenclining artwork. The shoe pictured above is an homage to the movie "The Toker", a popular film that came out this year.

'If anyone is out there wanting to start a business, just do it. Put in as much time as you can and really do your research regarding the market. If it's your passion, do it."

-Ivan Connelly











LET'S GET READY TO



A student votes in the IHS mock election, which was ran by Mr. Weaver.



Senior Ivan Connelly poses outside of polling center with



After doing her civic duty, Richelle Reichenberger is proudly displaying her "I Voted." pen.



The 2020 election will forever go down in history, with many IHS senior contributing to that history. Casting a ballot for either Joe Biden or Dona Trump was the first of many for our seniors. Underclassmen also got th opportunity to vote in a mock election. While the results of the school' election favored Trump, Biden was who became the 46th President.





Dominic Dougherty places his 2020 ballot in the drop box.









Caleb Hayes poses with his "I Voted." pen after casting his ballot..



Although senior Lux Wright wasn't old enough to vote, she still did her part by volunteering at a poll center.







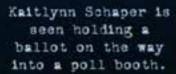




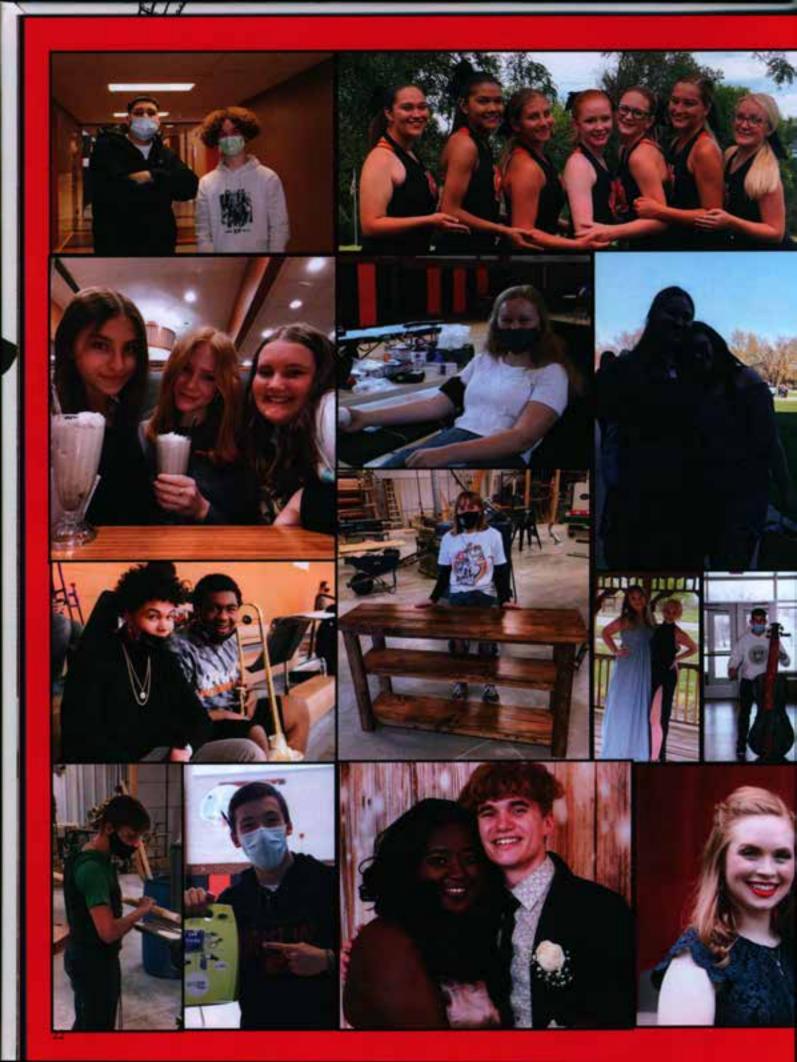




Caitlyn Smith, a
veteran of the
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yearbook staff,
voted for her first
time in 2020.







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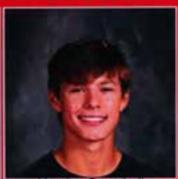












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Anyone who does things for unselfish

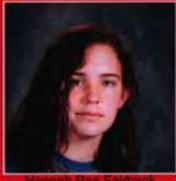














Brendyn Follmer











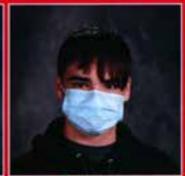












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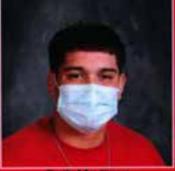
















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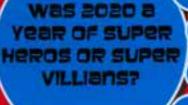














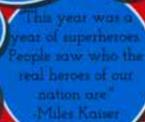














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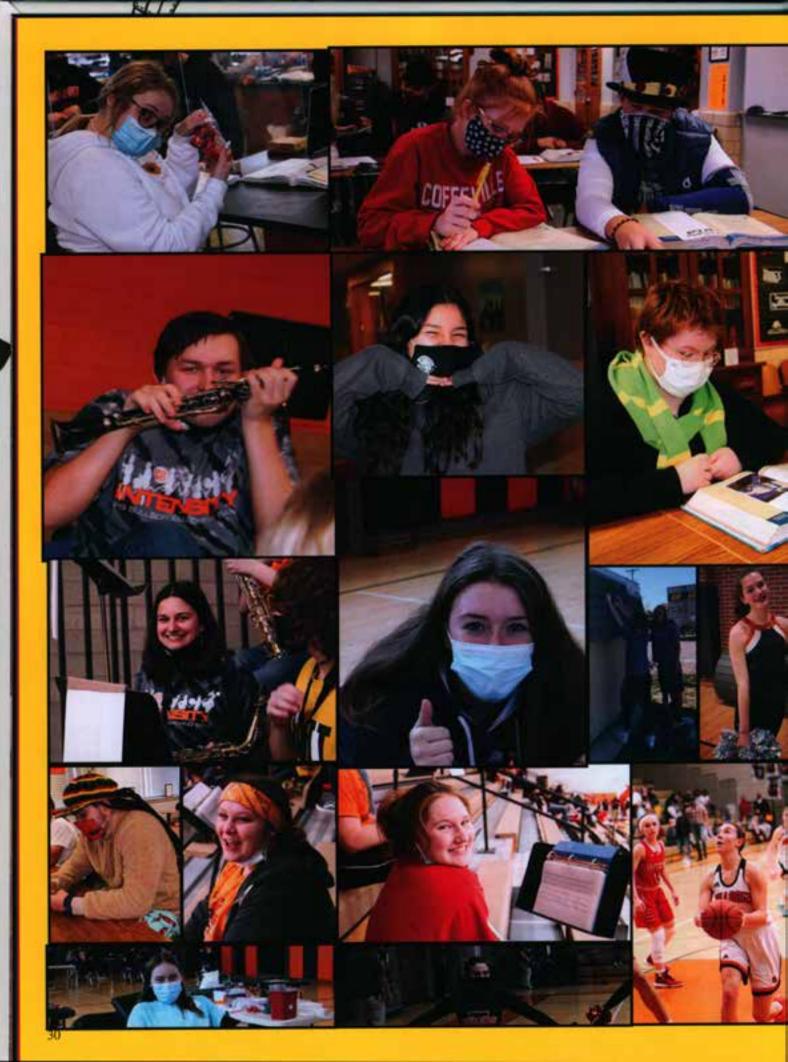
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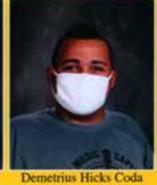








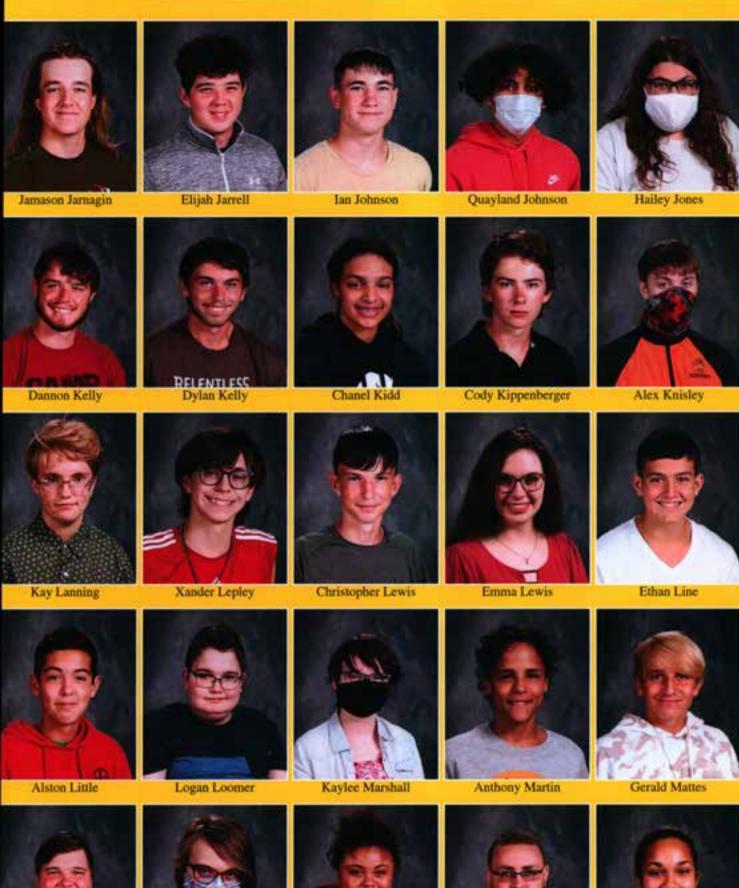








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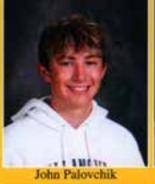
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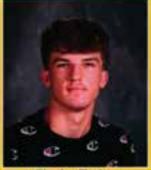
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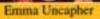


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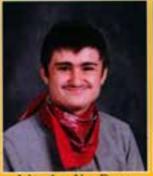
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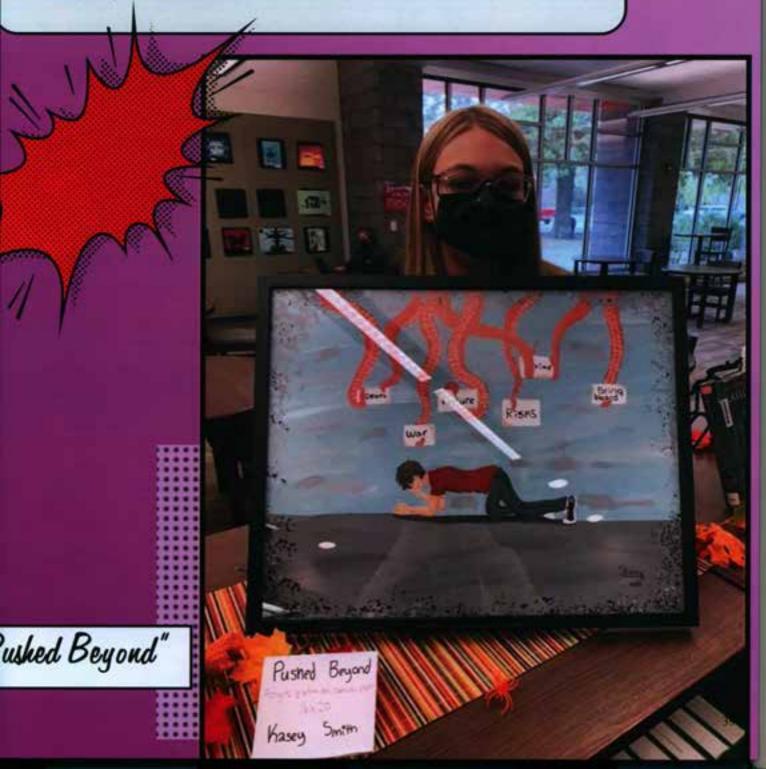
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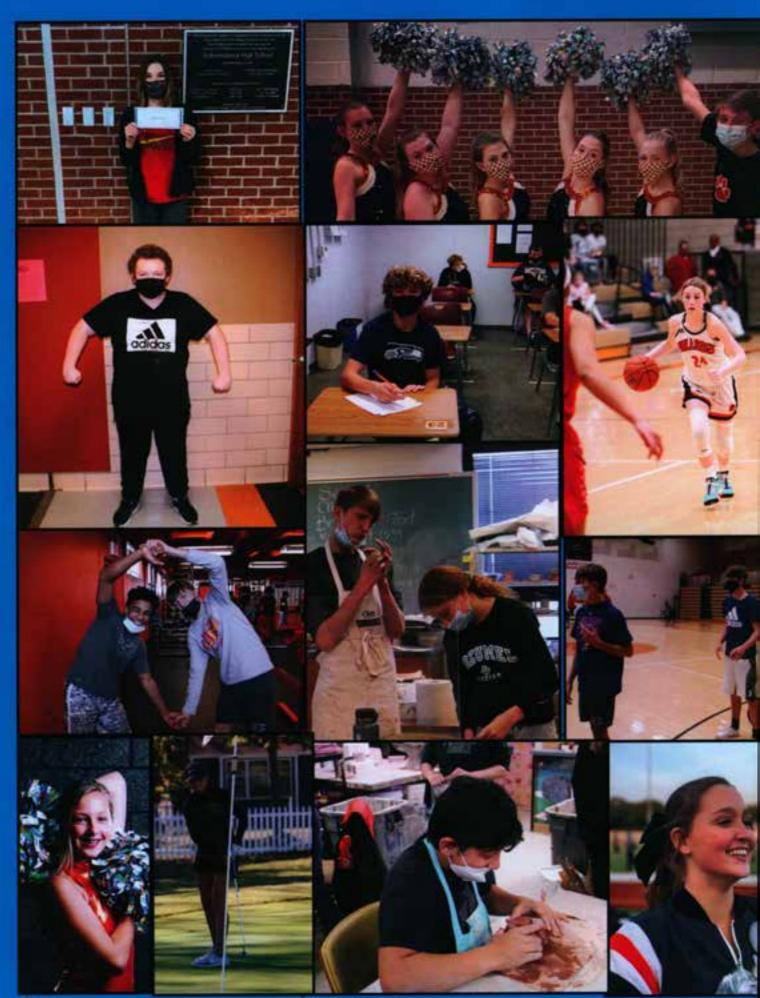


"Create Your World"



Kasey Smith, a talented student of IHS had her art showcase at Jim Hayward's Fine Art Studio canceled last spring. Her art was displayed in the library. She is an extremely talented artist and had been drawing and creating ever since she was a little kid. Her childhood nickname was actually "Doodle".





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If you were a superhoero, how would you decorate your mask?











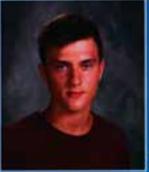






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Tripp Henderson























































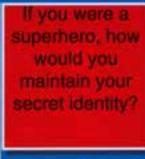


















































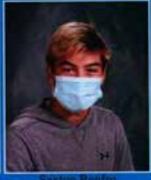


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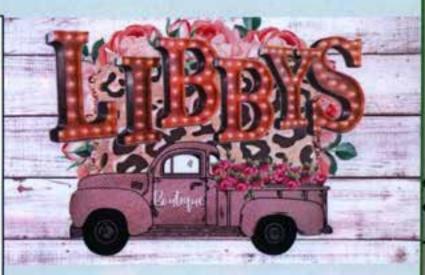
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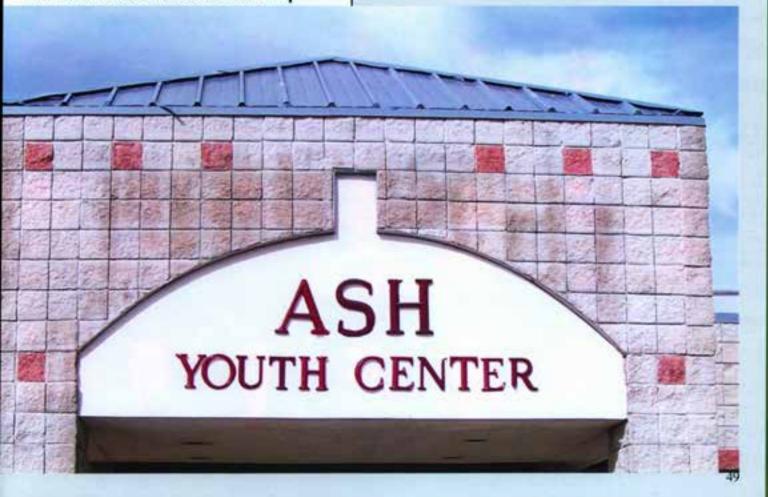


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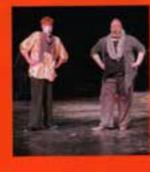


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Myrs. Coxx







In January, we said farewell to Mrs. Cox as her time teaching at IHS came to a close. Mrs. Cox began her teaching career in 1985 after graduating from KSU-Manhattan and California State. In 1999, she began her career at IHS, teaching English and Yearbook. She truly loved working with the students of IHS, and her enthusiasm and dedication to the students of independence High School will be truly missed. We appreciate all you have done to help motivate and guide all students who entered your classroom, and wish you the best of luck in the next chapter of your life.





56-57

First Row: Gustavo Prieto, James Schroeder, Lucax Dillon, Joshua Laserie, Noah Ayala, Byon Johnson, Luke Schlorholtz, Hunter Eytcheson, Daphne Munoz.

Second Row: Jesse High, Tristen Cushing, Jerry Mattes, Devin Recres, Luis Escudero, Jude Stafford, Dominique Mendoza, Eustan Marris.

Third Row: Cole Schroeder,
Connor Roomima, Trevor Goza,
Joel Dozier, Jase Mavers,
Maxon Mexsenger, Chris
Lewis, Connor Hayes.
Fourth Row: Brooklynn
Schroeder, Daniela Torens,
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First Row: Martha Chona-Bernal. Lacy Robins. Emma Spencer. Hadley Hines. Second Row: **Anastin Journot.** Molly Waters, Allison Burne. Selena Bole, Karsyn Whher, Muttily Brumley.



60-61

First Row: Ember Renfro, Kayley Thorpe, Richelle Reichenberger, Rylee Rutherford, Rhylie Powell, Hailey Stover.

Second Row: Bria Schramt, Berea
Dill, Cautyn Felton, Madison
Ballinger, Savannah Groff, Rylie
Reichenberger, Abby Veile
Third Row: Chanel Kidd.
Sophia Smith, Ella
Swearingen, Lindsay
Reichenberger, Addison
Lanning, Alexandra Jones,
Jenna Schaper, Pricilla
Rashen.
Fourth Row: Natalia
Robertson, Cheyenne

Chaves, Ryan Darnell,
Tionne Johnson,
Olivia Lyon,
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Cameran Plumiee.

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64-65

First Row: Lucus Smith, Kiki Aquirre, Donte Decker, Sha'ro Carrol-Jónes, Saxton Renfro, Lunsan Miller, Benden Brimm, Kohen Weight,

Second Row: Aryless Montoya, Brocken Bertle, Ian Pralle,
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Line, Willie Hoyes, Landon Lagal, Issiah Pollard,
Hayden Simmons, Miracole Walters.
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Easton O'Kane, Dalton Jones, Nate Davis, Dustin
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Sixth Row: Easton Ewing, Landon Hines, Issae Duzier, Remington Eastey, Adin Freeman, Dylan Kelly, Charite Tucker, Evan Enight, Jaxon Javangin, Wyan Shaffer, Ryan Letker, Dillion Kucku.

Einst Rose: Piper. Marque: Bliar Dodsen. Browyn O'Malley. Fia Gregory. Kristina Morrison. Second Row: Emma Short. Mercy Smith, Elizabeth Hogge, Brynn Bertie. Katherine Waldner. Aubree Bainum. Third Row: Abby Veile, Karma Roth, Jade Umlauf, Kaylea Goad, Lauryn Chism, Alex Rodrinuez. Fourth Row: Riley Salisbury,

62-63



66-67

Hannah Kappenberger, Kenna

Romine, Ellie Kippenberger,

Ava Gustin, Haley Tucker,

Melanie Williams, Addison





Photos Courtesy of: Allison Johnston and Robert Delamarter

I'm beyond proud of these kids for how hard they fought. They never gave up, and they would always want to stay in the game. I'm glad and proud to be the bulldog soccer coach and will truly miss this great group of seniors. - **Coach Brad**







Kickin' It up a Notch



e IHS soccer team had a mighty season this ar finishing with a 7-1-1 record. The team rted their season with a win from Parsons, dended with their first defeat against Rose I. Kicking it into All-league soccer honors rting with the first team we have Calebonston (12); Gustavo Ventura (12), and le Schroeder (11). The second team ludes Dominique Mendoza (12), and isten Cushing (12).





Girls Golf



Mattily Brumley(9) competed at The K.S.H.S.A.A State Championship Girls Golf tournament! She is the first freshman in history of IHS Girls Golf Team to qualify for State. On the second day of the tournament, she shot her personal best 104 (55/49)!









Selena Bale



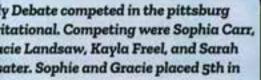


Allison Brune



Debate







Sophia Carr and
Gracie Landsaw Competed
for Indy Debate at the
Lansing Virtual
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7th place as a team!







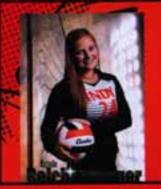
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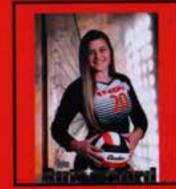
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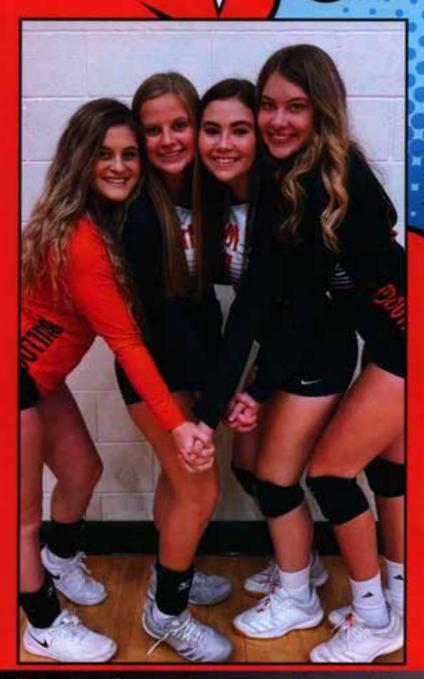
Richelle Reichenberger



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Kayley



I don't focus on what I'm up against. I focus on my goals and I try to ignore the rest.

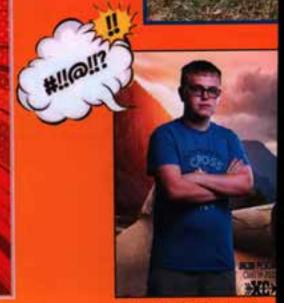
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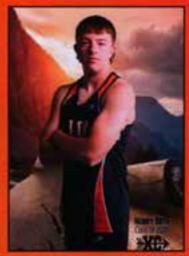
COUNTRY

Cross country this year had plenty of super moments. This year, due to Covid-19, some meets were harder to compete in than others. Teammates were quaratined, meets got cancelled, and some kids even tested postive for Coronavirus! Overall. the cross country team did their best with what they had and were as fast as fightning during every race they competed in!

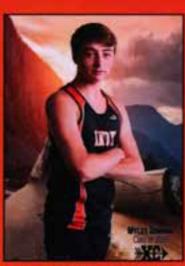


Jacob Peshka was the manager of the IHS Cros Country team this year.





Kenny Roth, a senior this year, ran at windsweeping speeds!



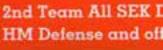
Myles Dunham finished strong, making it all the way to regionals this year!



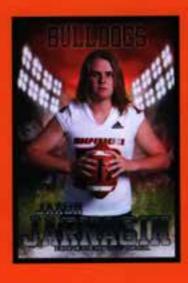
Alexis Allen was the only female senior this year, but she still kept up with the boysl

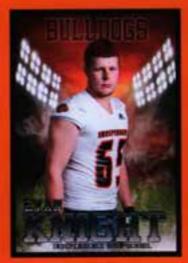
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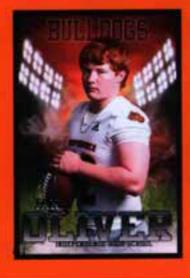


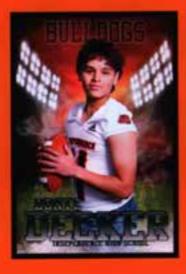






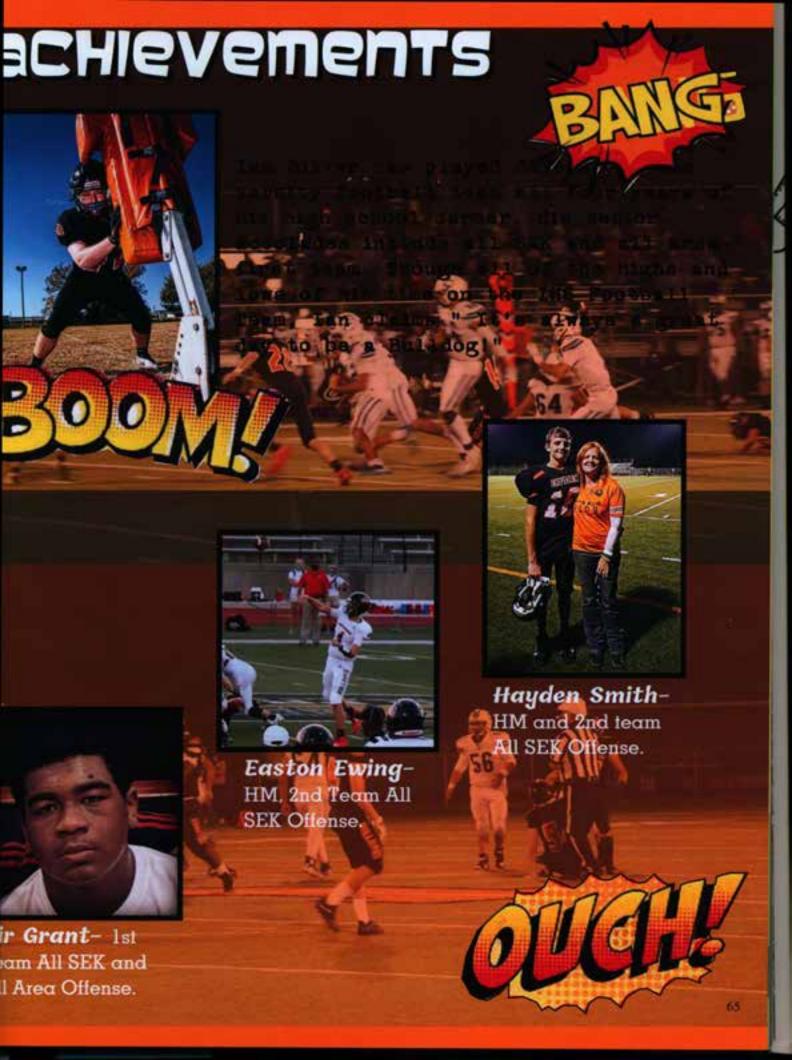












achievements Hayden Smith-HM and 2nd team All SEK Offense. Easton Ewing-HM, 2nd Team All SEK Offense. ir Grant- 1st am All SEK and ll Area Offense.

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girls' tennis

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This year may have been full of unpredictable events, but the Lady Bulldogs stayed in tradition of sweeping the tennis league! The girls won SEK easily, with six girls placing in the top. The Lady Bulldogs were also regional champions for the 10th consecutive year in a row! They also did extremely well at state, with three girls placing.

Abby Viele (10) placed 8th at state in singles and Tia Gregory (12) and Piper Marquez (12) earned 5th in doubles. In addition to placing at state, Tia and Piper both earned a spot on the 100 wins list! Overall, all of the get of the Lady Bulldogs did amazing.



"It was a very emotional year, with all the quarantines, but our team responded. I am so proud of all the girls for how they responded, that's how I know they'll be great after high school!"

-Coach Carnes



SEK Champions

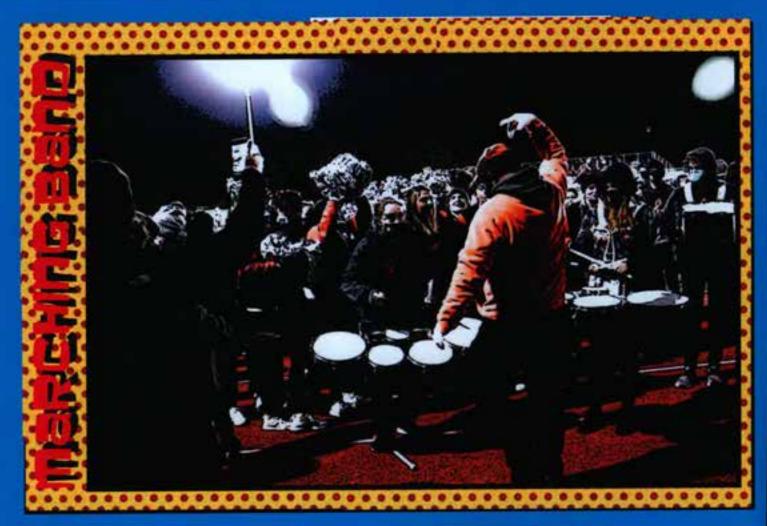
- 1S- Ellie Kippenberger (9)
- 3rd
- 2S- Kristina Morrison (12) - 3rd
- 1D- Mercy Smith (11) /Browyn O'Malley (12) -Champs!
- 2D- Tia Gregory (12) /Blair Dodson (12) - Champs!!





Regional Champions 1S- Abby Veile (10) 2nd

- 1D- Tia Gregory (12) /Blair Dodson (12) -Champs!!
- 2D- Kristina Morrison (12) / Mercy Smith (11) -2nd









While performing the band is required to wear a face mask when not playing and do their best at social distancing to help stop the spread of COVID-19. For most of the season the band members rocked their own custom bulldog band mask.

This year The Bulldog Marching Band had a very calm season due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Normally, the band's schedule is packed with events to participate in. Including, parades, competitions, and other miscellaneous events in the surrounding area. Whereas this season, the band was only able to perform at home football games and a few community parades. Though these events may seem small, they spotlight the "superheros" our band has been through this difficult time. They all worked together and showed the true face behind this pandemic.



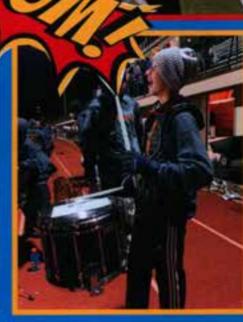


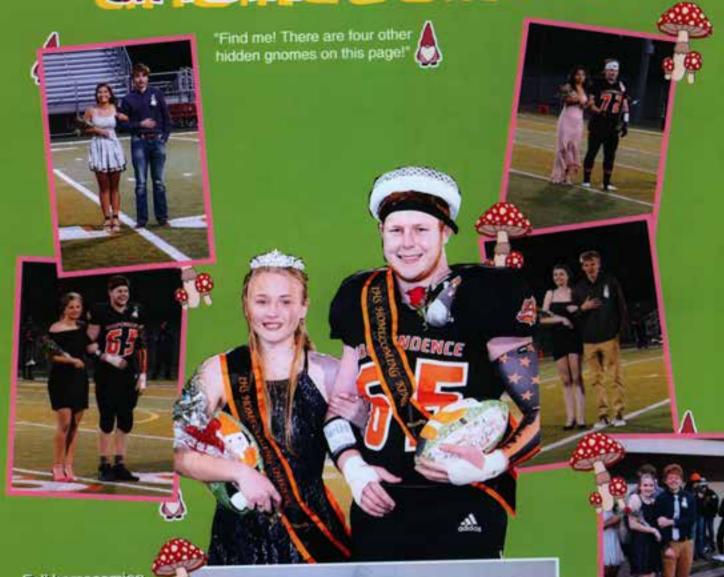




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Fall Homecoming is Ghomecoming is



Fall homecoming candidates sprouted up like flowers in a garden. The girl candidates were: Maurin Coltraine. Piper Marquez, Daphne Munoz. Fichelle Flichenberger, and Lux Wright. The boy candidates were: Venice Delamarter. Myles Dunham, Caleb Johnston, Evan Knight and Ian Oliver.



The winners of Fall Homecoming 2021 were Queen Maurin Coltraine and King Evan Knight.

Job Well Done, Bulldogs!



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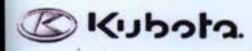
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First Row: Isaiah Pollard, Saxton Renfro, Kohen Wright, Landon Miller, Josh Lawrie, Mason Gibbons, Hunter Eytcheson. Second Row: Eli Walters, Jude Stafford, Ethan Line, Braden Brimm, Cooper Anderson, Adam Bruce, Gustavo Prieto.

Third Row: Emma Short - Manager,
Dalton White, Zach Hawley, James
Blex, Sir Grant, Gunar Allen,
Bria Schrant - Manager.
Fourth Row: Jake Garris
Jaycob Russell, Remington
Easley, Wyatt Shaffer, Isaiah
Melugin.

Not Pictured: Hayden
Campbell, Kain
Clark, Jack
Fairbank, Gabriel
Jaimes,
Byon Johnson, Jan

Johnson, Dillon Kuchn, Tyson Martinez, Malcolm

Malcolm Miller.

First Row: Leah Barwick. Alexis Allen. Arviess Montoya, Sophia Smith Second Row: Zoe Mitchell. Kelly Newton. Eva Thompson. Lexie Reed. Third Row: Cami Lewis, Sarah Lasater, Riley Salisbury, Kyla Lewis, Annabelle Francoeur. Not Pictured: Elizabeth Gutierrez, Summer Hise, Vatalia Robertson, Hailey Neil.



82-83

First Row: Mariah Ballinger, Rhylic Powell, Rylee Rutherford, Richelle Reichenberger, Kayley Thorpe. Second Row: Ana Esquivel -Manager, Mercy Smith, Madison Ballinger, Makenzee Monroy. Rylie Reichenberger, Karma Roth, Abby Veile. Third Row: Molly Waters-Manager, Kyra Barker, Camdyn Eytcheson, Caitlyn Felton, Tionne Johnson. Alexandra Jones, Hunter Winebrenner, Addison Lanning - Manager. Not Pictured: Hailey Staver, Aubree Bainum. Makara McPherson. Manily Brumley Manager.





First Row: Logan Wood, Hayden Smith. Lucas Smith, Charlie Tucker, Travareus Wilson, Jaxon Paige, Calch Johnston, Easton Ewing, Davis Merrick, Cooper Smith. Second Row: MaTaya McPherson - Manager, Keely Cline - Manager, Jim Blaes Couch, Nick Hart - Coach, Jimmy Unruh, Isaac Dozier, Max Paderbaugh, Jamason Jarnagin. John Palovchik, Jase Mayers, Brad Smith- Couch, Melayne Berube -Manager, Karlie Clarkson - Manager, Not Pictured: Brandon Oliver, Sky Newland, Brecken Bertie. Freshman: Natuthan Wedel: Dustin Fischer-Asgari, Camdan Julian, Carson Merrick, Fucker Gregory, Willie Hayes, Aiden Denney, Nate Davis, Hayden Simmons.





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First Row: Anthony Siebels, Jackson Horning, Venice Delamarter, James Schroeder, Wyatt Small.

Wyatt Small.
Second Row: Tristen
Cushing, Easton O'Kane,
Jerry Mattes, Dominique
Mendoza, Owen Clapp.
Third Row: Anthony
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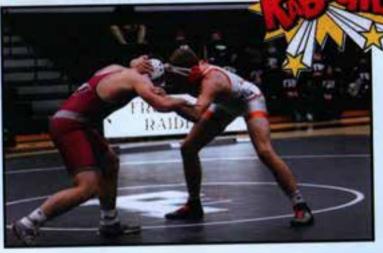
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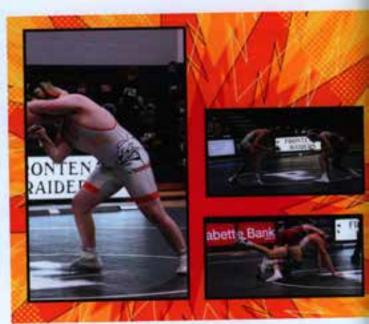
First Team All SEK Kohen Wright (9) Cooper Anderson (11) Gunar Allen (10)

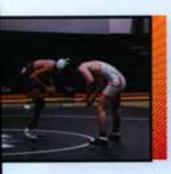
Honorable Mentions Braden Brimm (12) Saxton Renfro (9)



The IHS Bulldog Boys Wrestling team had another successful year. This year was unlike any other, but the boys stuck to their tradition: winning. Senior Braden Brimm was a state qualifier for the second year in a row while Kohen Wright made his first appearance at state as a freshman. While neither placed, they still did a great job and made it far into the competition. Both Cooper Anderson (11) and Saxton Renfro (9) earned fifth place at sub-state. Everyone on the team worked hard

and overall did great.







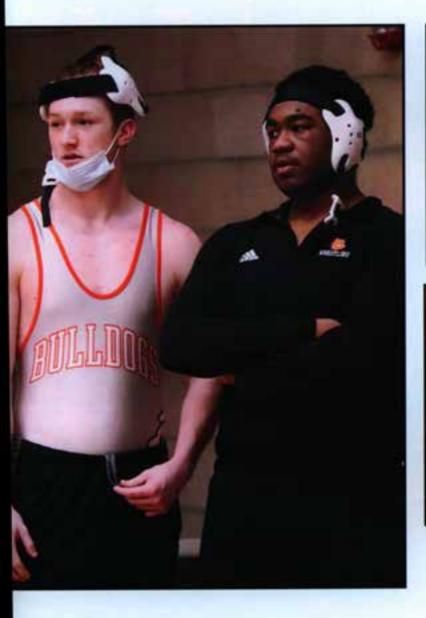






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Miss Beauty



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Miss Personality



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Contestant 16



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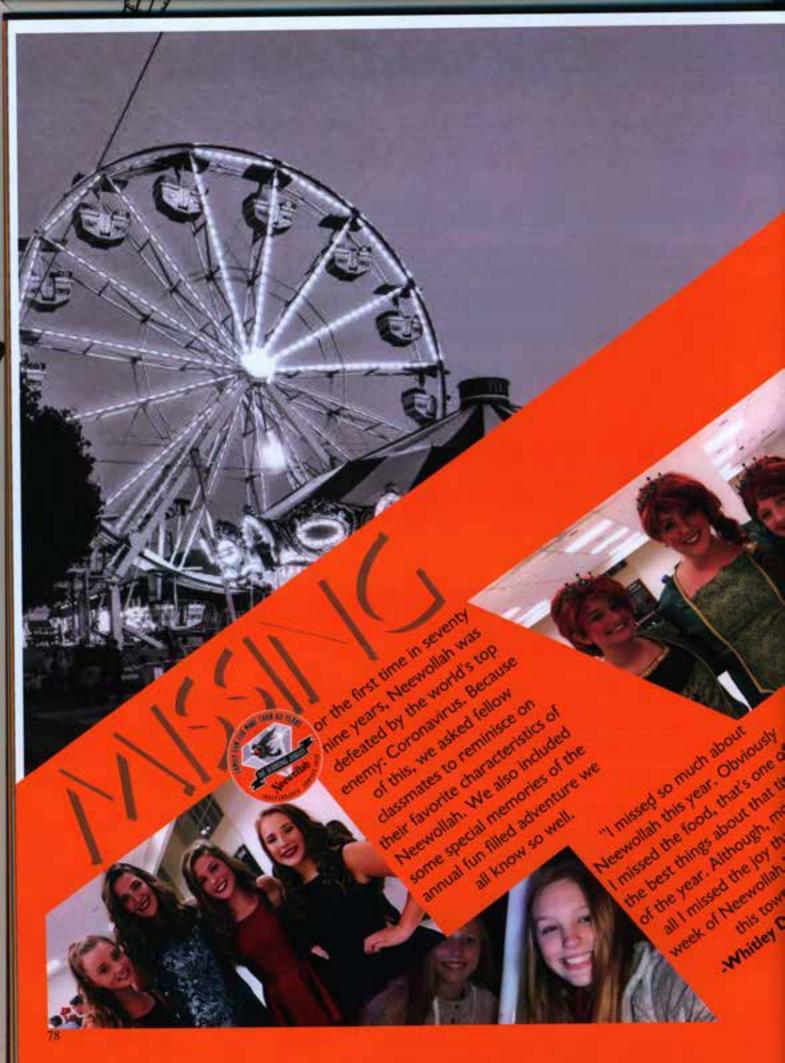
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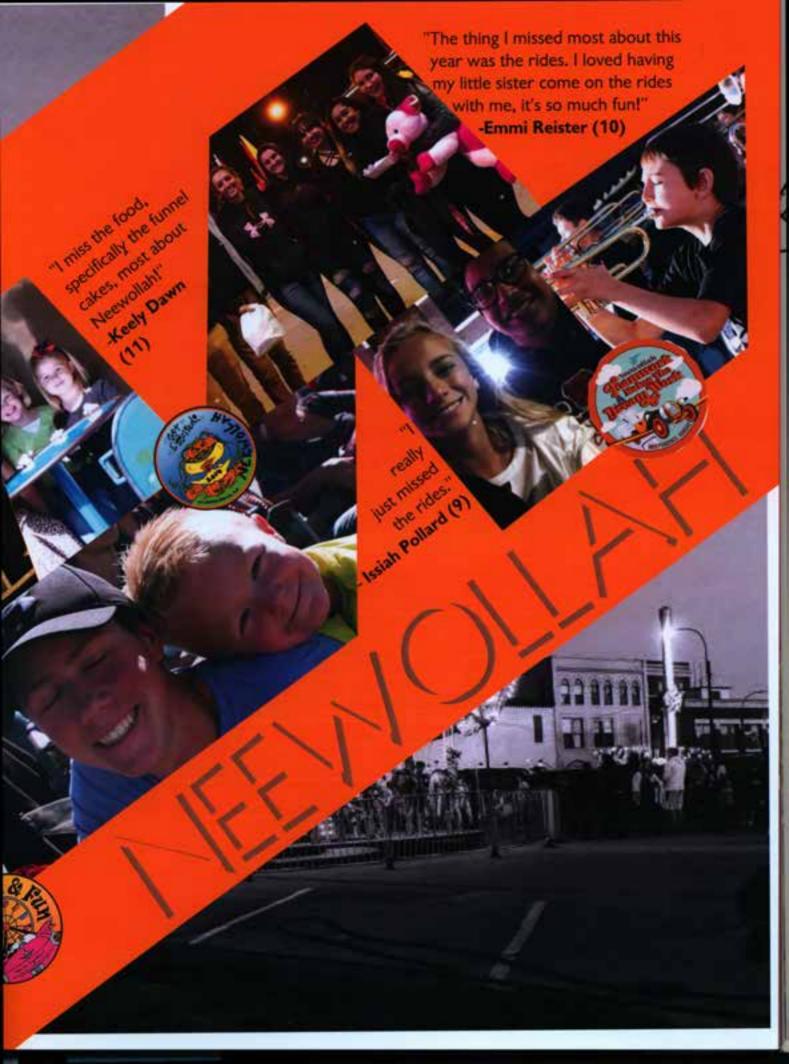
First Row: Ryan Stoner, Dominique Mendoza, and Ian Pralle. Second Row: Travareus Wilson, Sam Grice, Evan Knight, and Landon Hines.

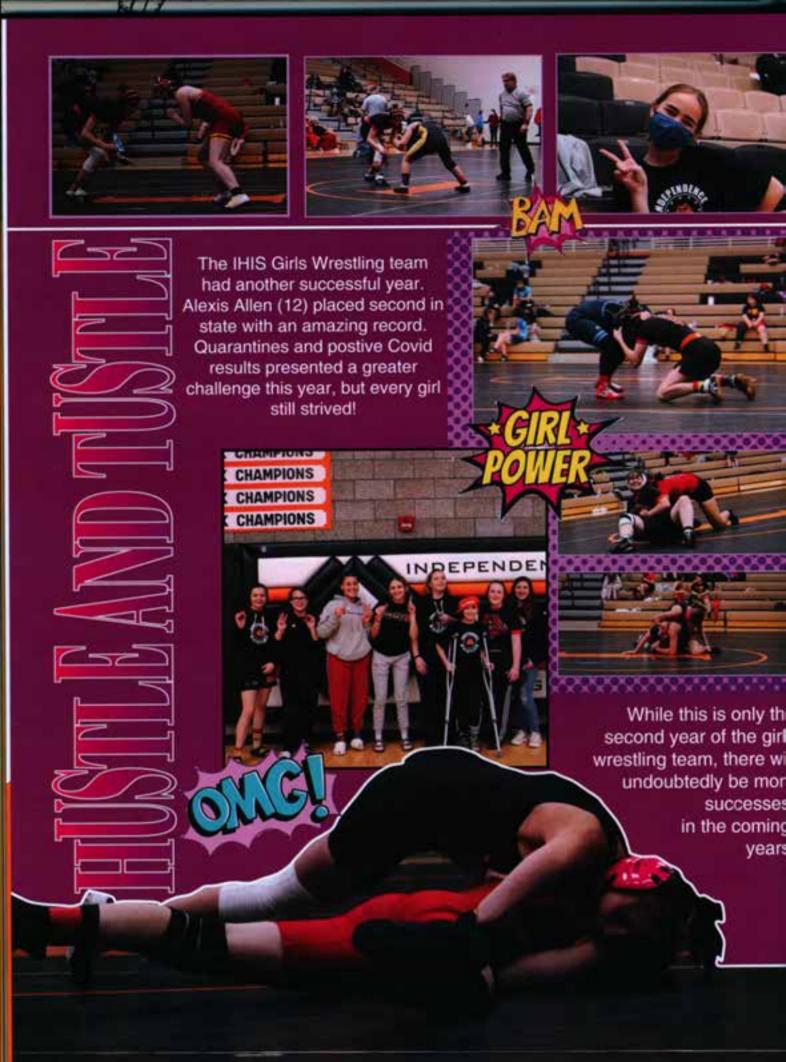


First Row: Ashlyn Bales, Rylle Reichenberger, Savannah Groff, Isabel Ayala, and Lyndi Easter. Second Row: Kaylea Goad, Lauryn Chism, Alexandria Rodriquez, Berea Dill, and Bria Shrant.









Winter Homecoming is OUT OF THIS WORLD

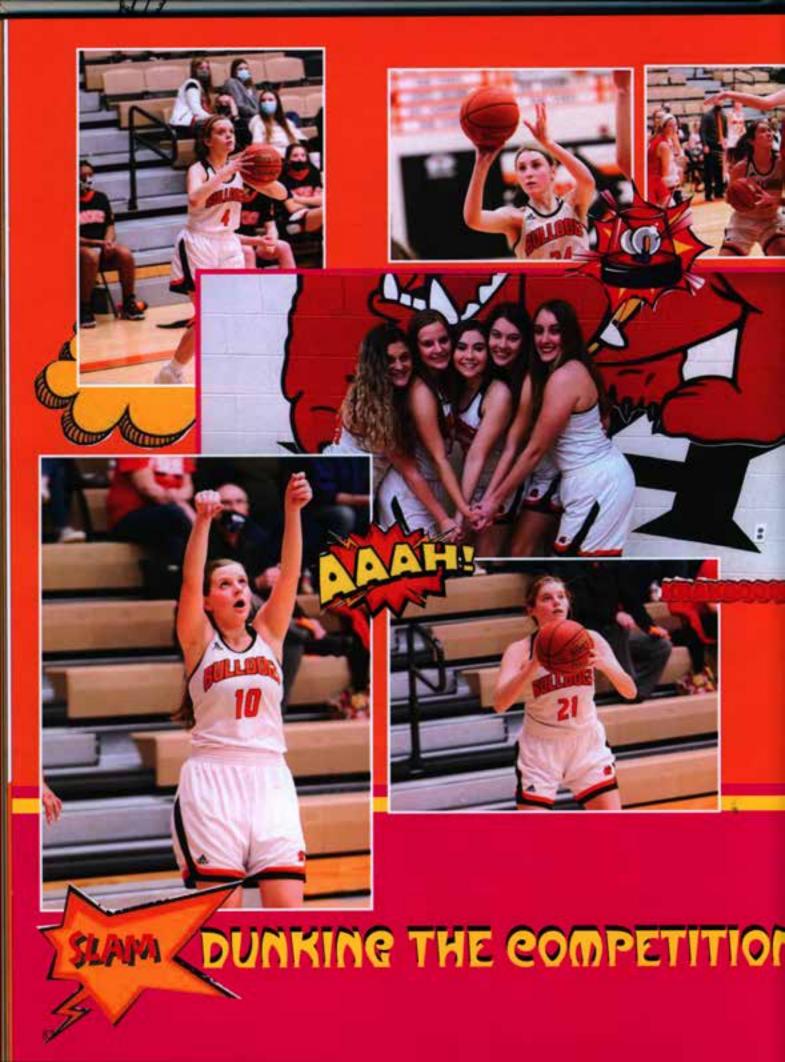




Vinter homecoming candidates consisted of many stars of IHS. The .girl candidates were: Alexis Allen. Gracie King, Gabbi Muninger, Browyn O'Malley, and ayley Thorpe. The boy candidates were: Joey Kyle, Malachi Packard. Jacob Peshka Sustavo Prieto and Fravareus Wilson.



The winners of Winter Homecoming 2021 were Queen Alexis Allen and King Trayareus Wilson.



The IHS Girls Basketball team went above and beyond this year. During the season, there was much uncertainty surrounding whether or not there could be an audience or not. Even though the IHS student section could not be filled, there was still plenty of support and super spirit for the girls!

Girls basketball ended their season with a record of 9-10.

Abby Viele (10) made the first all SEK team, with Kayley Thorpe (12) being an honorable mention. The team did not make it to state this year but they still had an amazing season. The five seniors (Mariah Ballinger, Rhylie Powell, Richell Reichenberger, Rylee Rutherford, and Kayley Thorpe) will all be missed by the underclassmen of the basketball team. The future for the team is still exciting and we can't wait to see what will come next!



Kayley Thorpe (12) splashing a three point basket at an intense home game.



Abby Viele (10) shooting an easy layup to gain points for her team.



Senior Rhylie Powell (12) is seen being a great asset to the team by forcing her way to the basket.







and her Co-Captains!





Abby Shelton (9) kicking 1 high for the first home game.









OFFICERS

Captains-Diane Unruh and Brynn Bertie Ist Lieutenant-Jaycee Watts 2nd Lieutenant-Sophie Peters





This year the Diamond Dogs
Dance Team had to practice
social distancing for the
COVID-19 pandemic. They took
a huge leap by having zero
seniors to lead the team this
year. The Juniors became real
superheros and stepped up for
the underclassmen. Through
all of the hardships they
were faced with they still
came out and nailed all of
their performances.







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Post Season Achievements

Easton Ewing (10) gained a spot on the first team all SEK for his outstanding offensive and defensive style. Earning 65 blocks and a 49% score rate, Easton was definitely a great asset to the team!















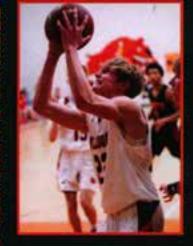
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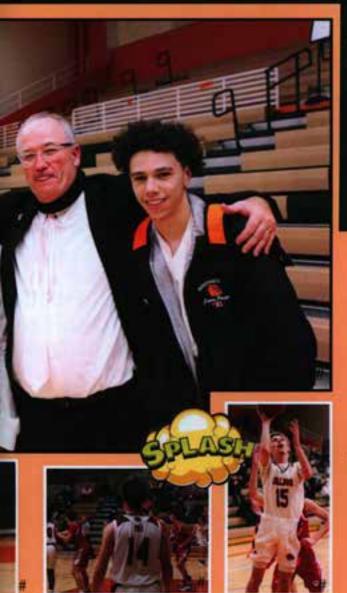
Caleb Johnston Jaxon Paige Travareus Wilson MaTaya McPherson (Manager)











To Eat On The Court!

The bulldog basketball team only consisted of three seniors this year, with lots of underclassmen having varsity and junior varsity positions. Although the season started rough with so much inexperience, there was extreme growth throughout the team and each player grew tremendously. Their record was 5-16, but the team was undefeated in improvement. This year was especially different because of the pandemic, but the team still tried their best and made it work!

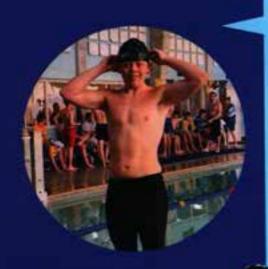
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The Independence High School boys swim team had lots of laughs this year and lots of wins. They ended their season with a third place finish in the league!

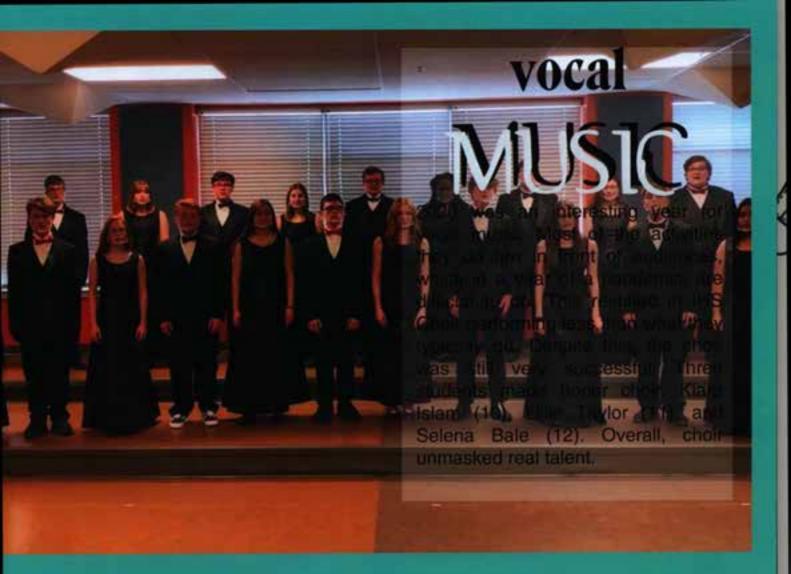








"Swimming is honestly the best sport I have experienced. It is very laid back but also challenging and it's all about improving yourself rather than comparing yourself to others. You want to beat your best time, always getting better. I did not regret one second of it. I made great bonds with both fellow seniors and underclassmen and I loved my coach. Overall, it was a great sport and anyone who enjoys being in a pool and likes to work to improve themselves should join."







The girls and boys of the Independence Cheerleading Team went through many obstacles this year in order to continue to cheer. With Covd-19 prevalent, the IHS Cheer Team was unable to stunt or tumble for the entire fall season. With that in mind, they still flipped through this year as happy and cheerful as ever! Captains Maurin Coltraine (12), Kristina Morrison (12), and Mallory Bloomfiled (11) have led the team through a great season. All in all, the Independence Cheerleading team had super spirit!



captains

"The first high school activity I ever joined was cheer. I honestly can't imagine what my high school experience would be like without it. I have made friends and memories that I know will last a lifetime."

- Kristina Morrison, Captain

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"Cheering is a sport. Watching these girls work so incredibly hard has taught me that. They have to memorize chants, steps and have to learn routines in short amounts of time. They have to have the strength to lift p and throw people up into the air. Watching these ladies grow has been an absolute joy and I will cherish every memory I have with them."

-Coach Jefferson







PEP BAND





Thia year the Class of 2021 band seniors were unable to attend their big Disney World Senior trip due to **COVID-19** postponing it. Instead, they had one last trip together in Branson, Missouri! A day was spent in Silver Dollar City and an evening having lots of fun at the go kart track. The band will be attending Disney to march in the parade in the spring of 2022.

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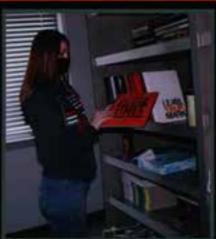
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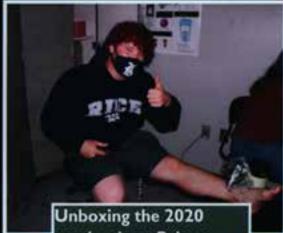


The staff designing he 2021 yearbook!

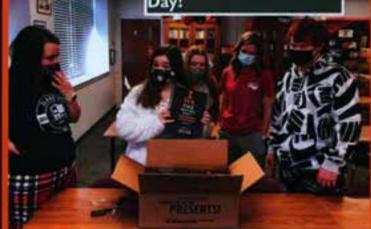






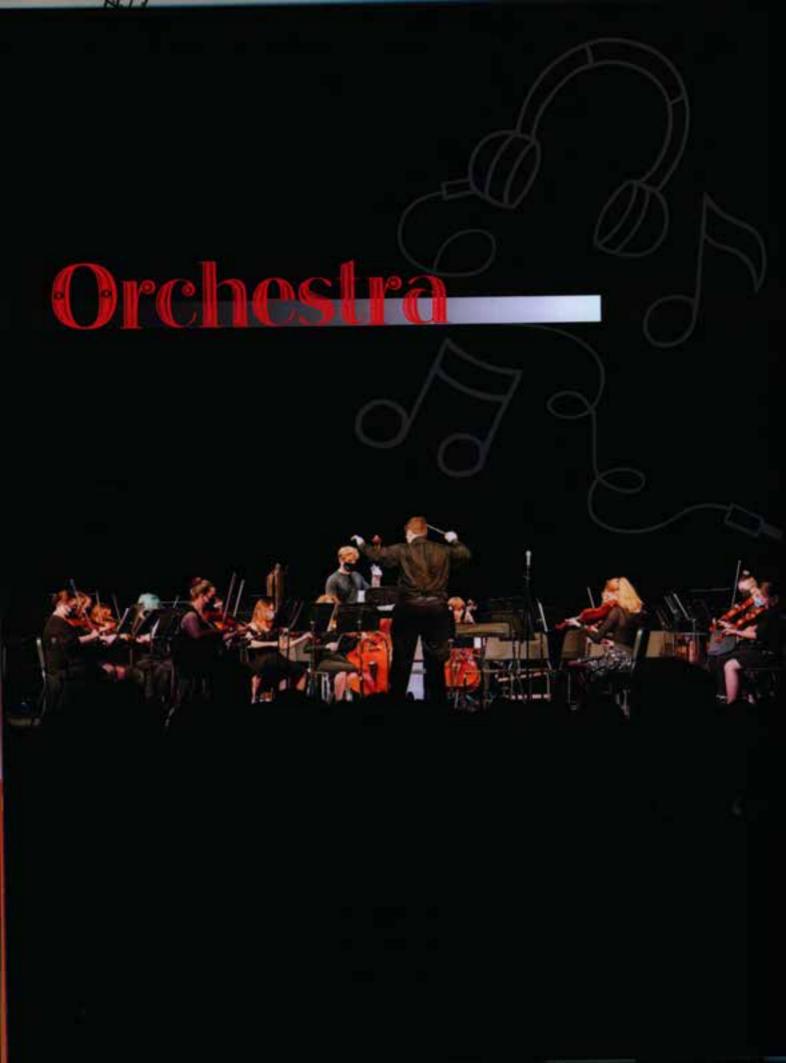


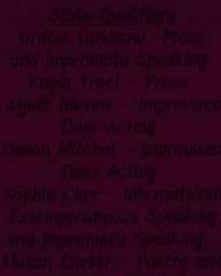
Unboxing the 2020 yearbook on Pajama Day!



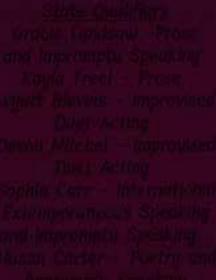
Celebrating Caitlyn's 18th birthday at El Pueblito.













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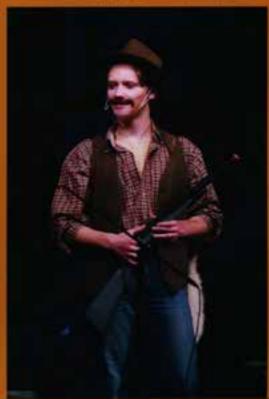












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Hitting it OUT OF the park!

Builded baseball faced many challenges in the 2021 season Quarantines and constant crasy weather resulted in rescheduled games, cancelled lineups, and a smaller team. Despite this, the team had great improvement throughout the season. The building season record was 9.8 There were six seniors on the team, so next year the coach will have big clears to fill





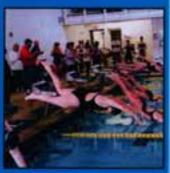


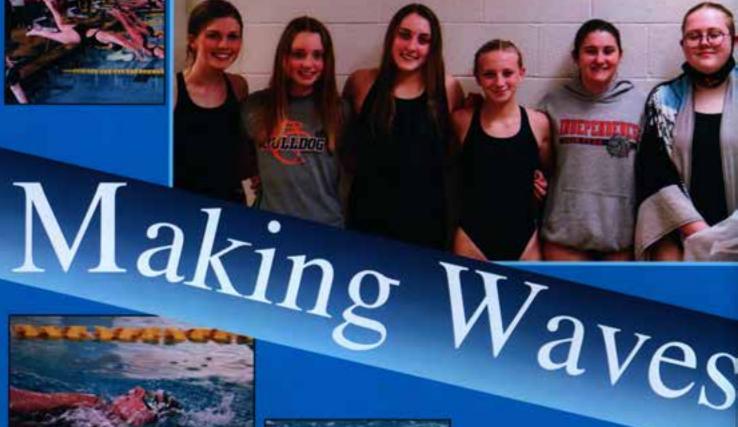












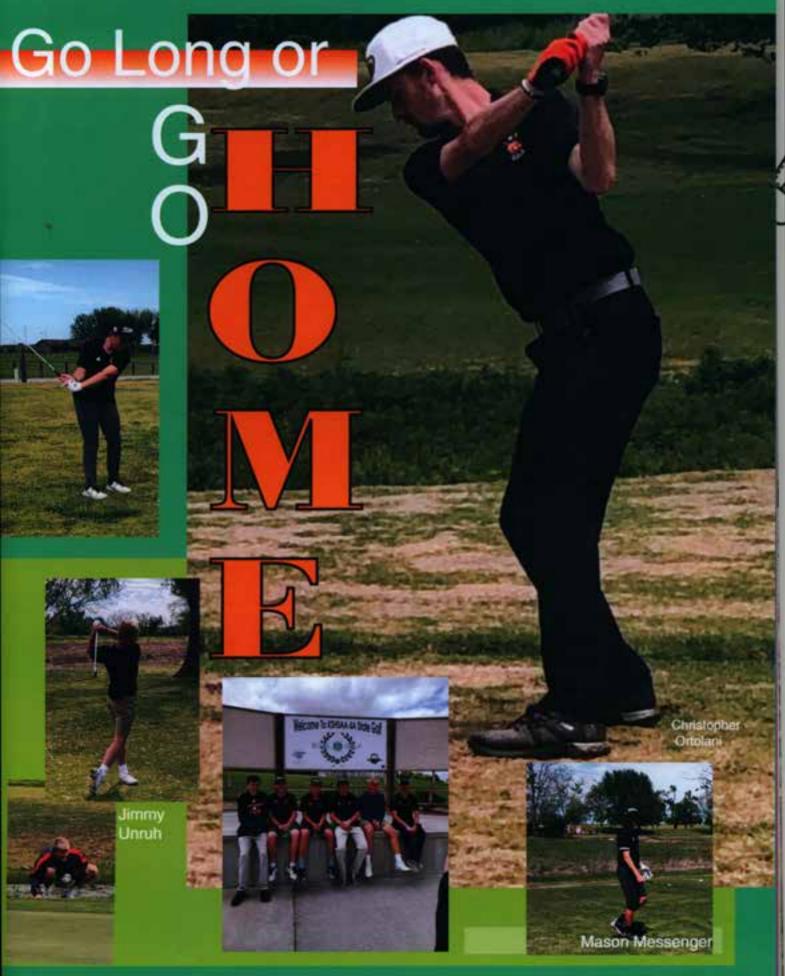








Lady Bulldogs placed third at league and brought home several medals. The team accomplished so many things this year including placing first at 5 meets and third at two. The girls have also worked to improve their times tremendously since the beginning of the season. The lady swim team was extremely close to qualifying for state as well



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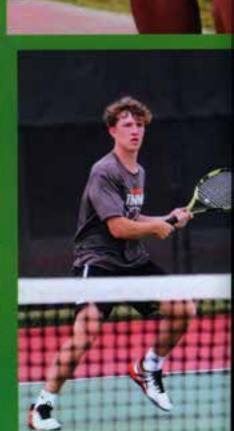


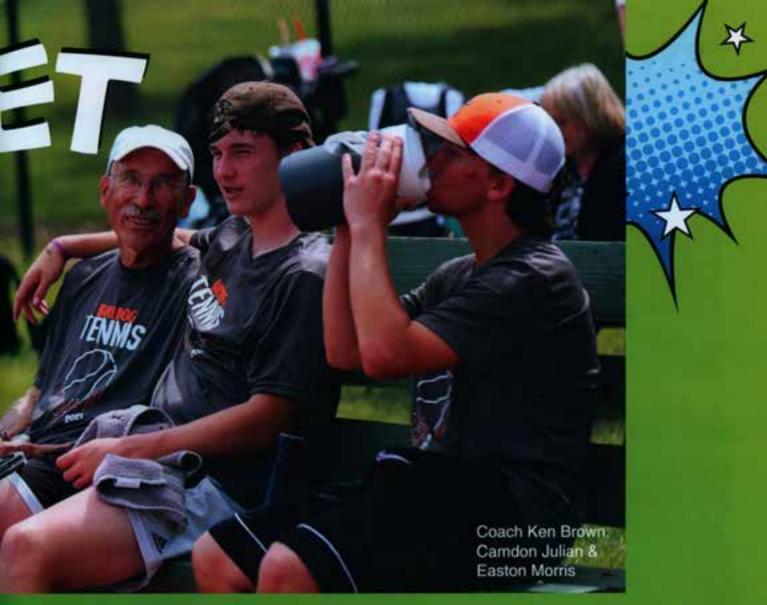
Ryan Stoner, Tristen Cushing, Brecken Bertie, & Tucker Gregory at the Circle Invitational Team Champions.



Above: Kale Groff claims the title of 4A State Singles Champ.

Left: Sam Grice battles in a tough singles match.





Brecken Bertie hits his signature down-the-line winner.



Ryan Stoner sends a backhand down the line.

Left: Assistant Coach Gina McLenon (left) gives Ryan Stoner (middle) and Brecken Bertie (right) advice on a crossover.



Kale Groff shakes hands with his opponent after earning another win.

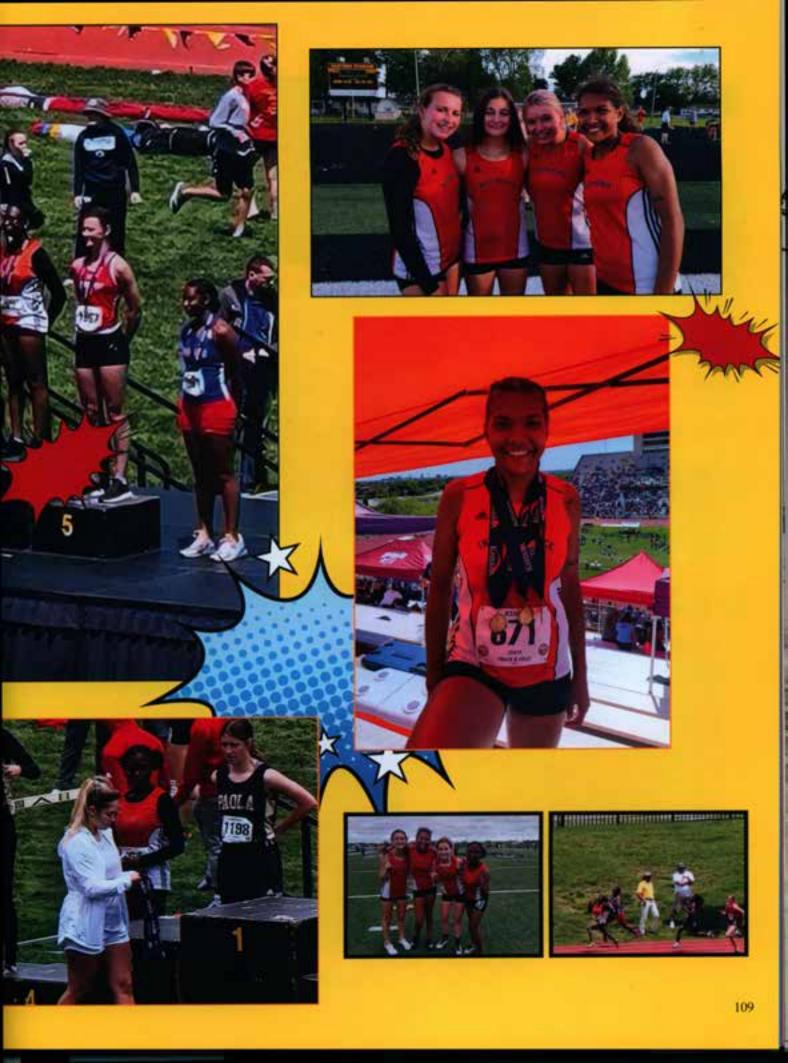
IN THE FAST LANE











Seniors







Jessica Meadows







Richelle Reichenberger



Kayley Thorpe









Covering new ground



The Lady Bulldog softball
team was filled with
promising players who
improved tremendously
throughout the season. The
five seniors led the team
both on the field and off.
While Covid-19 resulted in
some players having to
isolate and miss games, the
team still prevailed! Their
end record was 12-9. The
team made it to regionals
and won their first game but
unfortunately lost their
second, ending the season
for the year.









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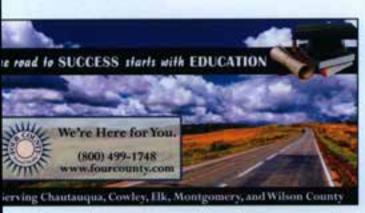


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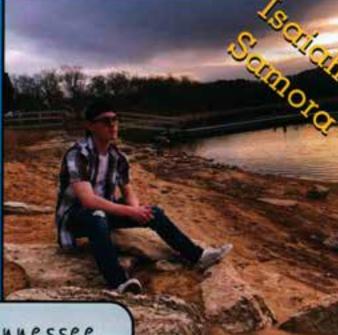
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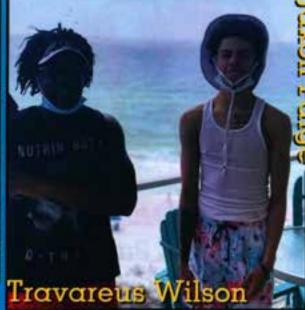


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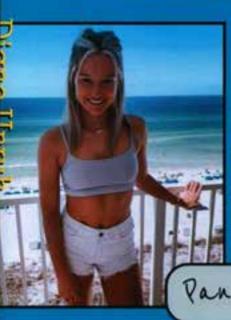








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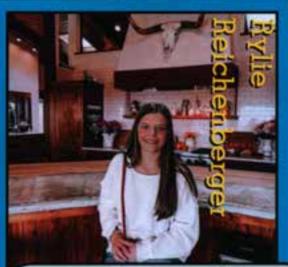
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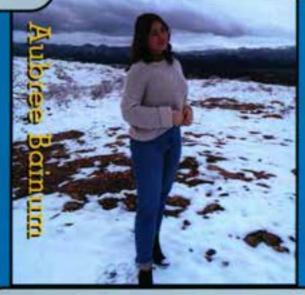
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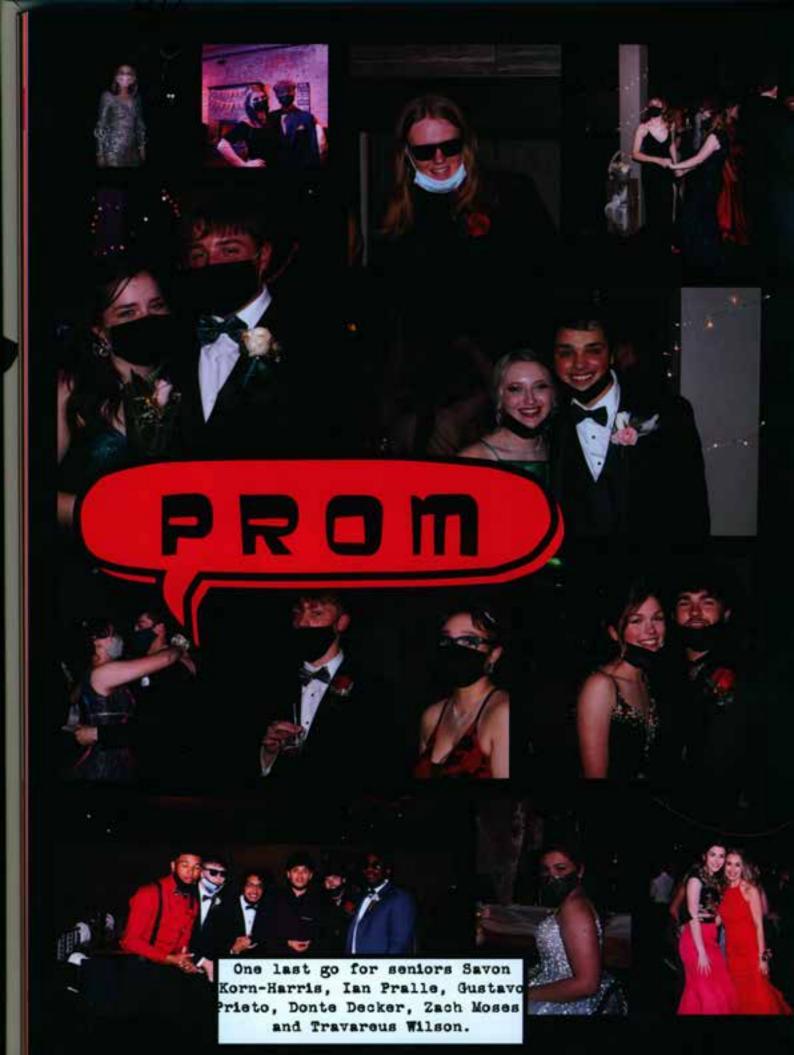
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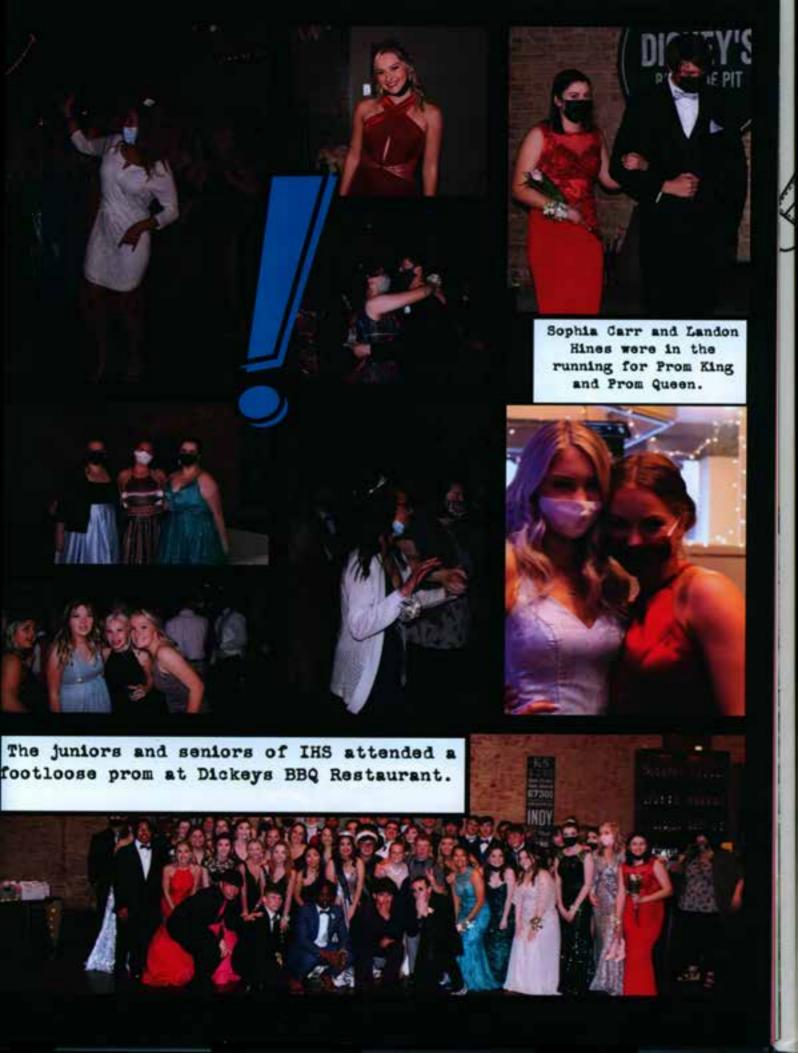


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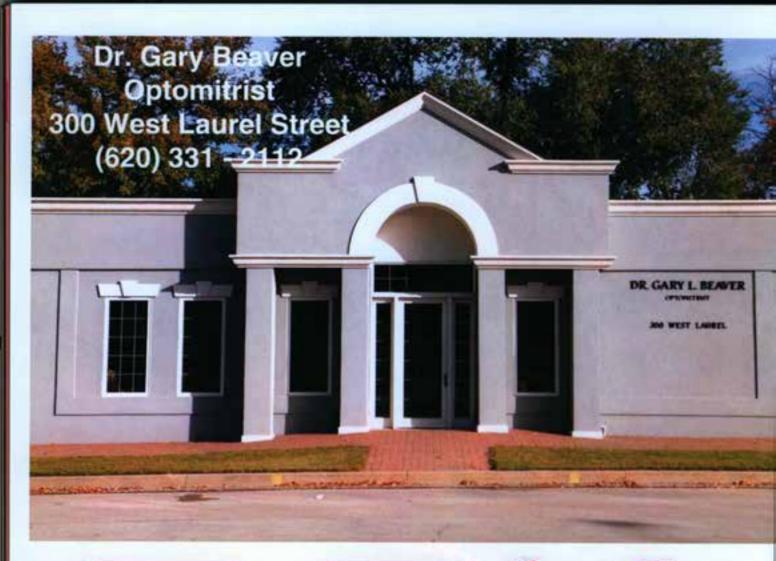






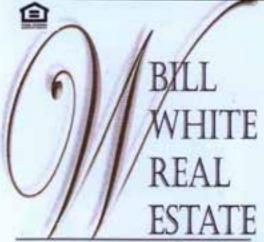






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Collin,



You have grown so much in the last 19 years and it has been a blessing to watch you grow! Your PawPaw would be so proud of you! Congrats, Colls!



Love, The Whole Dang Family







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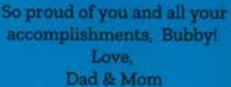
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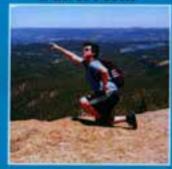




The steps of a man are established by the Lord, and He delights in his way.

When he falls, he will not be hurled headlong, because the Lord is the One who holds his hand. Psalm 37:23-24









The end of something is usually a beginning of something clse, always look ahead. You make me very proud! And ramember, "dreams don't work until you do" Love you very much, Mom.

Times won't always be easy, but I know you will persevere.
Love, Dad.

"If there is no struggle, there is no progress".
-Frederick Douglas

You are a bright star, always look for the light within you...... The whole Family loves you

Thank you







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My Love,
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Start each day by
following your dreams
and living life! We are
very proud of you. Keep
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God bless you always.
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Tia & Sophia







for made its congrests to an amazing student and a wonderful daughter. I'm so proud of all that you have accomplished, and can wait to see what you do next.

Love Mom



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Richelle Reichenberger



Richelle,

We are so proud of the amazing young lady you have become. Our hearts are full of pride and joy. We are excited for you to enter the next phase of your life's journey. Always believe in yourself and keep your faith and trust in God.



We Love You!! Mom, Dad, Rylie and Reece

LUX WRIGHT







Luxy Lane
You are my hero Luxy Lane,
So happy with your super brain.
One day I think you'll be President,
Or find cures for maignant things.
The world is yours, so is my heart,
SO funny, free, and crazy smart.
A giant L across your chest,
Trading a cape for a summer dress.
Saving daddy everyday,

Love you!

You are my hero, Luxy Lane.

HAILEY AND CORRISA

BOYDER From Everybody



Hard working gals.

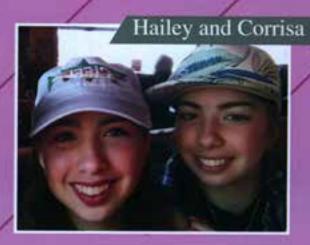
Corissa and Hailey.

You both have grown into such beautiful young ladies and have made us so proud. Watching you both grow up and listening to your plans and dreams over the years has been a blessing to your grandparents. The world is yours now, we are excited to to see where your adventures take you. We love you to the moon and back. Always and forever, PaPa Johnny, Grandma DeDe and Great Grandma Bonnie



From Dad:

I could not be more proud of you. You be thave grown into amazing young women and I am homored to be your father. Watching you grow up the last eighteen years has been one of the greatest experiences in my life and I am so excited to continue to watch you grow and blossom. The both of you have been through so much but it has turned you into strong, capable yourgladies. I love you both so, so much and will be there to support you in your lives. All my love, Dad



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The sophistication!



Wedding time!

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Hailey and Corissa,
BEHIND YOU, all your memories.
BEFORE YOU, all your dreams.
AROUND YOU, all who love you.
WITHIN YOU, all you need.
NEXT TO YOU, your sister, best friend, and lifelong supporter.
Go confidently in the direction of your dreams! Live the lives you have imagined. We want you to believe deep in your hearts that you are capable of anything you put your minds to.

Young beauties.





My girls, you have been a blessing since your dad brought you into my life. Raising and watching you grow has been troly amazing. You have struggled and overcome so much in the last 6 years and 8 just proves you can do anything! I'm so proud of the women you have become and so look forward to watching you on your nest journey and adventure in life. Follow your draams and reach for the stars and remember, I love you both very much and will ALWAYS be here for sport!! Lave Meen

Dress-up fun.



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Behind you: All your memories Before you: All your dreams Around you: All who love you Within you: All you need

We love you and are so proud of you!

Love.

Mom. Dad. Brin & Braelyn



Congrats to the Class of 2021!

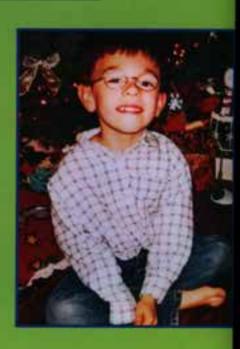
In an unprecedented year, you all succeeded above and beyond the limits that were put on you! Keep doing great and have amazing futures.

-IHS Admin

Issiah Samora



Congratulations Isaiah!
You are the best son and
friend I could ever ask for and
I am so proud of you.
I know you will have an
amazing future and I can't
wait to see what you
accomplish.
Always remember... you are
the captain of your ship.
I love you,
Mom





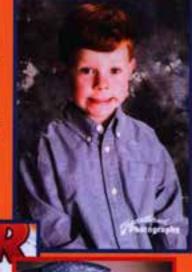
EVAN KNIGHT

We are so thankful God chose to bring a sweet red-headed boy into our lives. Your compassion and care for others never ceases to amaze us and your incredible sense of humor keeps us laughing and wondering what you'll think of next. Keep loving God and loving others and you will make an enormous impact on our world.

Jeremiah 1:19.

Love,

Mom and Dad



















You've been the best caboose! Your family loves you and is so proud! Go chase the life you are dreaming of!

Hom.

Piper



Marquez

It sure has been a tremendous ride. From the first time we held you in our arms from the sight of you walking across that stage! From one special moment to the next! Learning all along the way the lessons that will be needed to advance to your place in the world. Piper, you have blessed us with much more than we would have ever wished for... It is now your time to go and explore life and make your place as only you can spread joy and happiness to all that you come in contact with.

We love you, Piper!!

Mom, Dad, Sierra, Rindy, and Qwynn



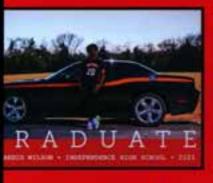




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TO THE KID WHO HAS CONTINUALLY SURPRISED ! THROUGHOUT THE YEAR IAN YOU MARCH TO TH BEAT OF NO ONE'S DRUM BUT YOUR OWN YOU A A LOYAL FRIEND, A LOVE OF DOGS, A DEEP THINKE AND ABOVE ALL A CHOS CHILD OF GOD. WE LOV YOU, ARE SO PROUD OF OU, AND CAN'T WAIT SEE THE PLANS THAT GO HAS FOR YOU! LOVE MOM DAD AND JOSH



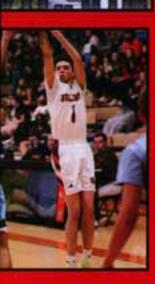






Jaxon & Jado





Jaxon,

It has been our honor and pleasure to watch you from the stands. We will always be your biggest fans.

Now go take on the world! Love,

Mom & Dad

Jada.

From the day you were born you have been my joy and I'm so proud of the man you're becoming. Even though your father is not here I know he is so proud of You.

Congratulations! Time To Do Big Things

LOVE, MOM

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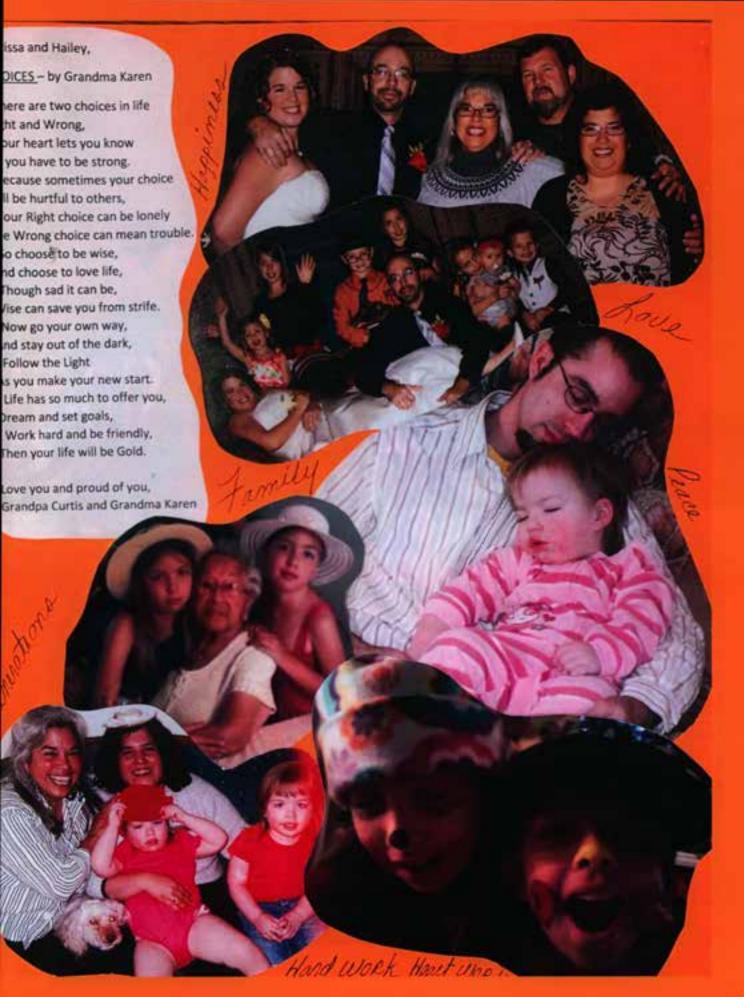


From birth to graduation you have been a blessing to your family, friends and community! We are looking forward to seeing what you are going to accomplish in your next chapters of life, whatever it is we know that you will handle it with grace and dignity and we are sure you will rock your next adventure attending Kansas State University and the adult world in general!

We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments and blessed to call you daughter, sister, and friend! We love you to the moon and back! Love, Mom, Dad, Andrew, Alex and extended family! Congrats to you and your classmates on graduation!







Ryan,
You can achieve
whatever you want in
life. All you have to do
is believe you can, and
we believe in you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Emma







RYAN STONE



Senior Yearbook Staff

Thank you to our editors in chief! I appreciate your leadership and dedication this year! I wish you the best of luck in the

future! V Harris







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SENIOR KICKBALL





















Valedictorian



"Cliches are cliches for a reason: they're right." -Leah Barwick



"Now that we are graduating, we can look forward to what life has in store for us next, but living in the present and valuing what is in front of us is paramount."

-Lux Wright





Salutatorian



Browyn O'Malley, Runner Up



Alexis Allen, Runner Up



Richelle Reichenberger, Runner Up



Runner Up



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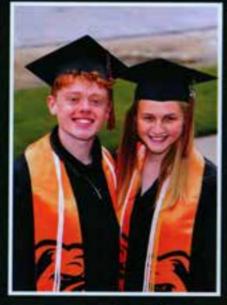
Runner Up

Piper Marquez **KSHSAA** Citizenship Award Winner Kathryn Kidd Scholarship

















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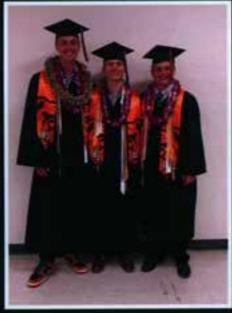




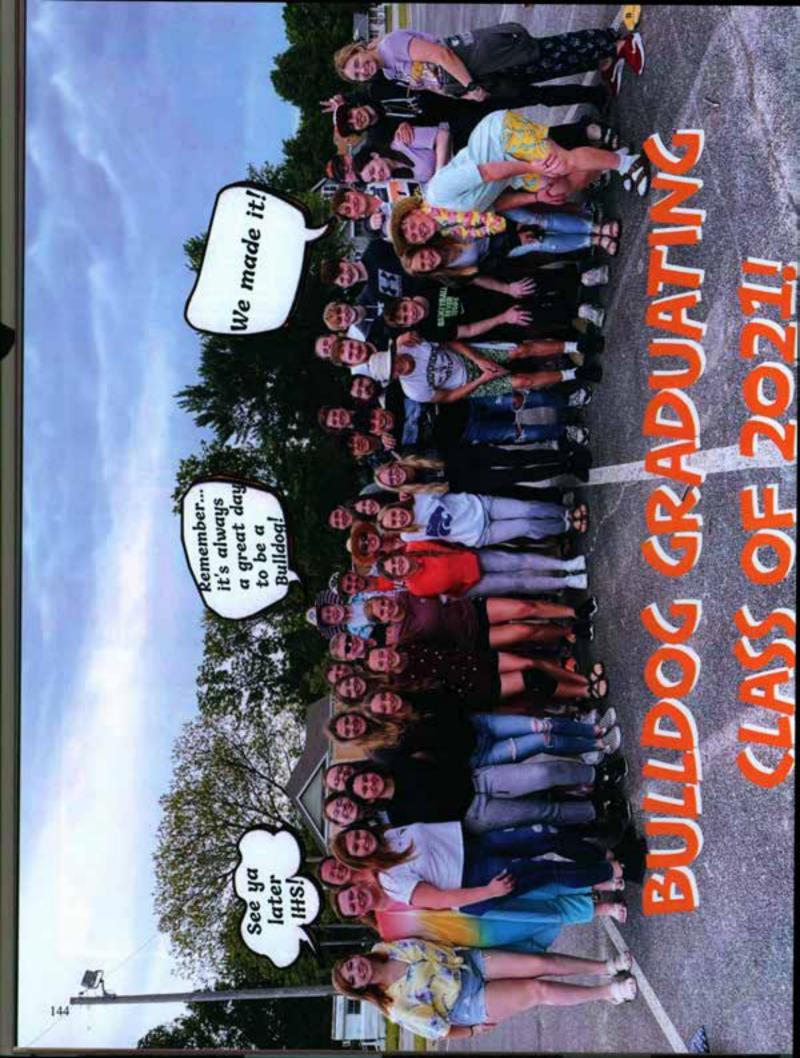












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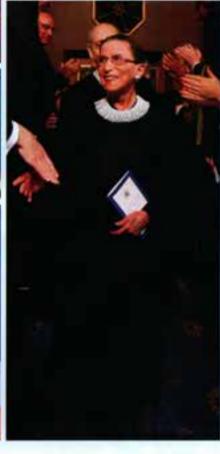












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Changing of the Times.

A new law signed by Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves bans the Confederate emblem from appearing on the flag.

Field Day, Major League Soccer (MLS) becomes the first pro team sport in the U.S. to return to the field during the COVID-19 pandemic by kicking off its MLS is Back tournament.



Swift Reaction. Taylor Swift releases her eighth studio album, "Folklore," her first Indie genre album. Photo credit: Newscom

Check, Please. The last federal unemployment assistance checks from the CARES Act go out after Congress fails to reach an agreement on an extension.



Visual Masterpiece. Beyonce's "Black is King" visual album drops on Disney+, a companion piece to her 2019 album, "The Gift." Photo credit: Newscom

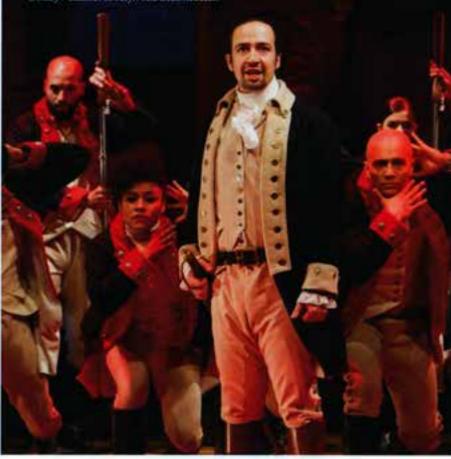
President West?

Rapper Kanye West announces via Twitter on the 4th of July that he will run for president as an independent. The controversial musician only made it on the ballot in a hundful of states. Most political analysts viewed his campaign as a stunt to promote his munic. Photo credit Newscor





Miranda stands center stage during a performance of his hit Brondway musical Hamilton. The musical told the story of Alexander Hamilton, one of America's founding fathers. Thousands of new fans discovered Hamilton after a movie version of the show, featuring Miranda and the original cast, was released on the Disney+ channel in July, Photo credit Newscom





A Rising Movement, Black Lives Matter protests break out across the nation after George Floyd's death in police custody in Minneapolis. Floyd's death, which followed the deaths of Ahmand Arbery and Breonna Taylor, sparked national outrage. Controversy arose, however, as some protests turned violent with looting and destruction of businesses. Photo credit Newscom

Just Passing Through.

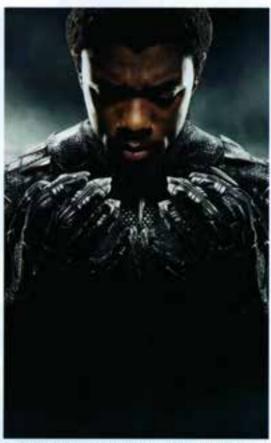
A new comet named NEOWISE passes over Joshua Tree National Park in late July. Astronomers first discovered NEOWISE in the spring. The comet, the brightest since Hale-Bopp in 1997. was visible at night for most of July. Photo credit: Joshua Tree National Park





Beyond Convention. California Senator Kamala Harris makes history as the first woman of color to run for vice president on a major party ticket as she and former Vice President Joe Biden sign ballot paperwork ahead of the Democratic National Convention. The convention was held the week of Aug. 17 as a mostly virtual event due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Republican National Convention was held the week of Aug. 24 with more in-person events, but it was a scaled down convention with many outdoor events, including President Trump speaking on the White House Jawn. Photo credits: Newscom

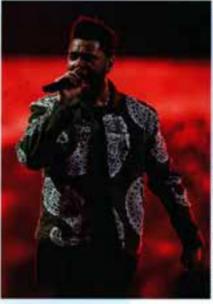
AUGUST



Wakanda Forever. Actor Chadwick Bosemm, who became famous for playing the character Black Panther in the popular Marvel Universe movies, dies on Aug. 28 after a four-year battle with colon cancer. The news of his death was a shock to many as Boseman had managed to keep his illness very private. A public outpouring of condolences and positive memories of Boseman followed the news. Photo credit Newscom



Blast in Beirut. A warehouse storing large amounts of ammonium nitrate at the port of Beirut, Lebanon, exploded on the afternoon of Aug. 4. The blast resulted in at least 200 deaths and more than 6,500 injured. An investigation revealed the explosive material had possibly been stored unsafely in the warehouse for as long as six years. Photo credit Newscom





Quite a Night. Canadian pop star The Weeknd, seen here performing during a 2017 concert in Copenhagen, is a big winner at the MTV Video Music Awards on Aug. 31. The Weeknd won Video of the Year for his song "Blinding Lights," his first time winning an MTV Video award after being nominated in four previous years. Lady Gaga and Ariana Grande also performed at the online awards show, both wearing masks. Photo condits. Neurocom

SEPTEMBER



Musical performances in the live-action remake, a major departure from the 1998 original

Days between the original planned release date, which was delayed due to COVID-19, and its Sept. 4 release on Disney+

Disney's Midan on their streaming channel, Disney+

Burning Up.

Deadly wildfires sweep through the west coast, destroying homes and businesses, claiming lives and sending smoke as far inland as Michigan. The fires in California, Oregon and Washington claimed at least 35 lives and burned more than four million acres. Due to the poor air quality; the Environmental Protection Agency recommended people use N95 respirators to protect themselves, which were already in short supply due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Photo credit Newscom

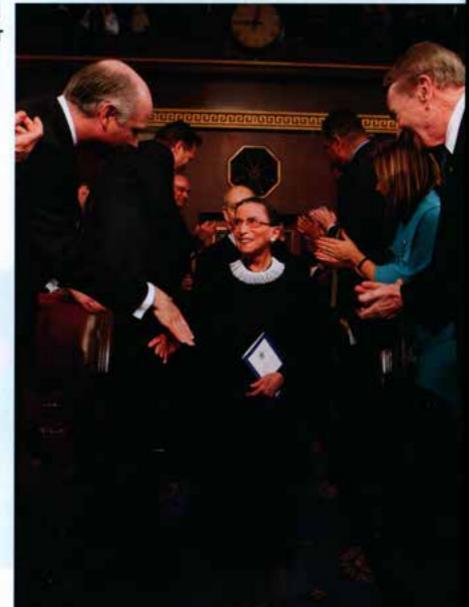


NOTORIOUS **RBG**

The nation mourns Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's death on Sept. 18 at the age of 87 from complications due to metastatic pancreatic cancer. Over the course of her prolific legal career, Ginsburg argued many landmark cases relating to gender discrimination and was nominated to the Supreme Court in 1993. Known for her dissenting opinions and the collars she wore with her robes - especially her dissent collar - Ginsburg gained pop-culture fame and was often referred to as "RBG." She was the first woman to lie in state at the U.S. Capitol, and her death raised heated debate over when a new justice should be confirmed with the election so near. Photo credit: Newscom



Reading, 'riting, Remote Learning. A teacher connects with her students through video chat. Continuing concern about the risks of COVID-19 meant districts pushed back their start dates by weeks. Many schools gave the option for remote learning, in-class learning or some combination of the two, while some parents around the U.S. explored the possibility of homeschooling. Photo credit Phil Roeder





One Tall Reef. Aerial and underwater views show the natural beauty of the Great Barrier Reef in Australia. On Oct. 28, scientists conducting 3D mapping of the area announced they had discovered a section on the northern tip of the Reef that was more than 1,640 feet, or taller than New York City's Empire State Building. The area was a healthy and thriving sea habitat. Photo oredts: Newscom and Mills J. Gale





Be the Judge. Judge Amy Coney Barrett takes the oath of office to the Supreme Court on Oct. 26. After the passing of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg a month earlier, President Donald Trump nominated Coney Barrett as her replacement. The Senate decided to confirm her to the Court, even though it was only one week before the national election. Photo credit Newscon



The Wait is Over. The Los Angeles Dodgers celebrate after winning Game 6 of the 2020 World Series over the Tampa Bay Rays, 3-1, to clinch their first world championship in 32 years. Los Angeles emerged as the winner of the theilling series over Tampa, which saw just about every game go down to the last out to get decided. Outfielder Mookie Betts sprinted home from third base and slid safely into home on an infield ground ball in the 6th inning of Game 6 to give L.A. the lead. Photo credit Newscom





Health Scare. President Donald Trump salutes Marine One after the presidential belicopter returned him to the White House from Walter Reed National Military Medical Center following his weekend hospitalization for COVID-19. Trump announced that he and First Lady Melania Trump had tested positive for the virus on Oct. 3. They received many wishes for a speedy recovery, with balloons seen outside the hospital. Photo credit: Newscom

OCTOBER

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A Sad Record

The U.S. records more than 100,000 coronavirus cases, breaking the single-day record.



Who is Alex Trebek?

Longtime "Jeopardy!" host Alex Trebek dies after a months-long battle with pancreatic cancer at the age of 80. Photo credit: Anders Krusberg Pasbody Amards



Kim Possible

Kim Ng makes history as the first woman to become the general manager of a Major League Baseball team, taking the top post with the Miami Marlins. Photo credit Newscon

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A Sadder Record

The U.S. tops 200,000 COVID-19 cases in a single day.

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Look it Up

Merriam Webster dictionary reveals their 2020 Word of the Year: pandemic.

#FreeBritney. Fans of Britney Spears protest the pop star's continued conservatorship. The 38-year-old lost a court bid to remove her father's control over her estate, which was granted in 2008 after Spears' public mental health crisis. In court, her lawyer said Spears will not perform while her father is in charge. Photo credit Newscore



remember

After unprecedented voter turnout and several days of delay in too-close-to-call swing states, loe Biden and Kamala Harris are named the country's next president and vice president on Nov. 7. Though President Trump had not conceded, Pennsylvania was called for Biden the morning of Saturday, Nov. 7, which gave Biden the Electoral College votes needed to secure the presidency. Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, making history as the first woman, first person of South Asian heritage and first Black vice president elected to office, inspired several viral videos of incredulous little girls saying, "She looks like me!" Photo credit: Navocom









Finally, Some Good News. Two companies make big announcements about their COVID-19 vaccines. Clinical trials showed the vaccine created by Moderna to be 94.5% effective and the Pfizer vaccine to be 95% effective. Both companies expected the Food and Drug Administration to grant their vaccines emergency approval before the end of the year. Photo credit Newscom

NOVEMBER

Mystery Monolith.

An unexplained metal pillar is discovered on remote Utah land owned by the Bureau of Land Management. The illegal structure was removed the night of Nov. 27 by two adventure athletes concerned about the impact crowds would have on the desert ecosystem. Two more monoliths later appeared in Romania and California, and speculation on their source ranged from artists to aliens. Photo credit: Newso



TIME to Celebrate. K-Pop sensation BTS is recognized by TIME magazine as Entertainer of the Year. With 7,777,800 streams, they had the most Spotify streams of any debut song and shattered other records. TIME went on to announce Zoom CEO Eric Yuan as Businessperson of the Year as well as President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris as Person of the Year. Photo credit Newscam



DECEMBER



Forever included. The Pietsburgh Crawfords are among the teams from seven Negro Leagues that will now fall under the umbrella of Major League Baseball. MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred amounced on Dec. 16 that the roughly 3,400 Negro League professionals from 1920-1948 are now recognized as Major League Baseball players. This enhanced status came during the 100th anniversary of the Negro Leagues. Photo credit Newscom



A Holiday Bonus.

Congress passes a \$900 billion stimulus package in December. The package included \$600 direct payments to Americans, extended unemployment benefits and added a range of assistance measures for businesses. schools and vaccine distribution, President Trump and Democrats rallied together to increase the direct payments to \$2,000, but they were unable to get the measure through the Republicancontrolled Senate. Photo



Sister Act. Taylor Swift releases her ninth studio album and second of the year on Dec. 11, Evermore, a sister album to July's Folklore. It was the first time Swift released two albums in one year. All 15 songs made it onto the Hot 100 list. Photo credit Chyma Flock







Modern(a) Medicine.

Registered Nurse Rosalinda Lopez proudly poses after receiving one of the nation's first COVID-19 vaccines. The Food and Drug Administration granted emergency approval to the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine on Dec. 11, and the Moderna vaccine received approval one week later. Healthcare workers and long-term cure residents were among the first to receive inoculation as the vaccine was immediately sent to hospitals across the country. Photo credits: Newscom

JANUARY

witnessed in washington

The news from Washington, D.C., made headlines around the world.



Capitol Chaos

In an attempt to stop the electoral vote certification, a deadly riot unfolds as protesters storm the Capitol. Five people died, including an on-duty police officer. Photo credit Newscom



A Tale of Two Impeachments

In a bipartisan vote, the House of Representatives impeaches President Donald Trump for "incitement of insurrection," accusing him of encouraging his supporters to attack the Capitol building. He was the first U.S. president to be impeached twice.



Final Farewell

President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump leave from the White House to attend a departure ceremony at Joint Base Andrews. Photo condit Newscom



Where's Bernie?

The internet floods with pictures of Senator Bernie Supders in his knitted mittens Photoshopped into hilarious and iconic pop culture images. Sanders used his internet fame to raise money for charities in his home state of Vermont. Photo credit Newscom



Struggling video-game retailer GameStop sees an unexpected 400% gain in shares. A group of Reddit amateur stock traders encouraged members to invest in GameStop when they learned a major hedge fund borrowed shares — a tactic called short selling that depends on a business depreciating in value. GameStop shares skyrocketed in price, while Wall Street hedge funds reported a loss of \$13.1 billion. Proto credit Newscom



Welcoming the 46th

President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris are sworn intooffice on Jan. 20, and Biden signs 17 executive orders the same day. Musical performances by Lady Giga, Jennifer Lopez and Garth Brooks, as well as National Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman's recitation of her original poem "The Hill We Climb," were among the highlights of the ceremony. Former President Donald Trump was not in attendance, the first outgoing president in 152 years to skip the ceremony, though former Vice President Mike Pence did attend.









Roll Tide. Alabama Crimson Tide Wide Receiver Shatarius Williams celebrates following a 52-24 victory over the Ohio State Buckeyes. This was the 18th national title in the Crimson Tide program's history. The game, held Jan. 11 in Miami, Florida, only allowed 16,000 fans to watch from within Hard Rock stadium. Photo credit: Newscom

