



A Load of Bull



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In the Know

The Food Pantry by Madison Given and Forest Rhoades

Independence High School's food pantry was created by our very own lunch lady, Kelly Gardner. Kelly thought of this idea with the help of a friend. Her friend works for a school that does a charity called the Backpack Program, founded to give students the food they need over the weekend. Kelly wanted to bring this program to Independence High School, and the idea soon expanded into the IHS food pantry!

The food pantry is open from 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. to all students and staff who need it. In the food pantry there are a lot of helpful items, such as canned foods, hygiene products, and other types of necessities. You need a staff member to let you in, then you sign a paper reporting that you were in there and got what you needed. (Your signature helps show that the food pantry is meeting a need and helps keep the program going.)

The food pantry serves teens who need help with basic necessities at home.

Pick 10! by Katelyn Peterson

Pick 10! Sounds like a weird thing, right? If you like sports (or just randomly guessing), then Pick 10! is for you.

Mr. D. (Eric DuPuis) runs this little sports game at Independence High School. Pick 10! is a community building activity at IHS, just a little competition to add to our fun, exciting environment. But if a student just wants to make guesses and try for prizes, that's fine as well.

If you would like to participate in Pick 10!, go to Mr. D and get your Pick 10! Card for the week. The new Pick 10! Cards are available every Tuesday. Pick your winners in the week's ten most interesting sports matchups, and get your card back to Mr. D. by the end of the day on Thursday. The next week, the students and staff members with the top scores will receive prizes!

This week's Pick 10! Leaders among students are Tyler Duysen, Tyrell Jepson, BrieAhna DeRoche, Waulker Fowlers, and Sierra Ramos. The leading staff members are Rose, Dan, and Mark.

This week's Pick 10! Card features College Football along with NFL Football. It also includes Major League Baseball and FIFA Fútbol (Soccer). Later in the year, there will be College Basketball, NBA Basketball, Triple Crown Races, and the Winter Olympics.

So go get your card and get to picking your ten!

Name Our Paper!

Many years ago, a beloved IHS teacher, the grand old veteran Richard Baugh, and his students published a school newspaper called "A Load of Bull." In homage to the cherished traditions of Independence High School, we have titled the inaugural issue of this publication with the honored sobriquet.

But this is a working title. What will we finally call our school newspaper? You can have a say.

At the back of this paper, find your "Name the School Newspaper" ballot. Make your vote and return the ballot to the newspaper office (Mr. D. in Room 1) before our next issue is published. Then read our next issue to find out what title the people have chosen!

IHS After School Program

by Richard Jepson and Kaiden Riddle

The goals of the IHS After School Program are to "teach kids life skills that will help them in the real world" and to "help them earn extra credits so they can graduate early, or on time if they are behind."

Principal Mark Kartchner runs the program from 3:00 to 5:00. Josh Torngren helps out with everything, and Adriana Saldana, the mother of one of our students, also assists with the program.

The program started seven years ago when IHS acquired the 21st Century Grant for the school district to start an after school program. Mark and Josh wrote and presented the proposal, which was approved. They have been running the program ever since.

If students are interested, they just need to ask Josh or Mark for the application and fill it out. Students must be able to show up at least 2-3 times a week. Every Monday through Thursday, from 3:00 to 4:00, students have time to play sports, play video games, do homework, and talk to friends. It's a time for students to do whatever they need to.

Then from 4:00 to 5:00, there's a planned activity like swimming, bowling, rock climbing, and many others. Students from Blackfoot High School also attend the program, and Yvonne Sebastian, a teacher from BHS comes to tutor students in math and English.

"It's a good way for kids to catch up on credits and just have fun," says Josh.

Block 3 at IHS

October (Block 3)

M	T	W	R	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20

October 6: Inservice, No School

Classes

Baguley, Lance: English 9A	Hong, Lesa: Business Math A
DuPuis, Bonny: Child Develop	Jex, Rose: U.S. History 1B
DuPuis, Eric: English 11B	Price, Becky: Phys Science A
Grimes, Dan: Government A	Torngren, Josh: 8 th Grade

Good Friends at IHS

Tubing With David Sanchez by Adrian Solis

David's big summer adventure began like any other day: video games, breakfast with the family, good morning – you know, normal conversations.

"So what we are doing today?" asked David, and his mother told him: all the family and friends are going to Lava Hot Springs!

As soon as David saw the water slide and the river flowing with excitement, "I couldn't wait to go and touch the water!"

They rented floaties, two single tubes, and a four-person tube, and then they finally got into the water.

"It was cold! The water looked olive green, and there were a lot of rapids... they were fast, and exciting, and frantic!"

A New State by Christa Shumaker

A new state for a new student. Jorge Torres first came to Idaho after living in Salmas, California for nine years. This is his first block at IHS.

"I was scared to start at Independence High School. I didn't know any English before coming here. But I've made friends. I really like Independence High School. People are nice, teachers are great. I am able to make good grades here, and that's one step closer to graduating."

Jorge is dedicated to getting that diploma. He's a senior, and he'll be graduating this year.

Summer, Fall, and Winter by Richard Jepson

Karson Kluvers is sixteen years old and has been going to Independence High School for about two years. He is a junior, and he is planning on graduating as soon as possible.

He went to Washington this summer to see the ocean, and he went fishing many times – all through the summer!



Karson Kluvers

Every year he goes to the Shilo Inn for Thanksgiving because they have a buffet. He goes with his mom in the morning and with his dad in the evening!

Over Christmas break, he plans to do all the snowboarding he can.

Karson's unusual goal: he wants to write a book that is exactly 477 pages long!

Loving It by Sierra Ramos

Kaiden Riddle is a junior at Independence High School. He has been here for "technically" three years. He will be graduating this year, which is a year early for him.

Kaiden is passionate about band. He volunteered at a corn booth at the Eastern Idaho State Fair to raise money for the BHS band. The smells in there would get real intense.

"Soooo much butter!" as Kaiden describes it.

He worked two shifts in one day! If that doesn't show his passion for band, I don't know what would.

Kaiden has been a part of the band for six years now. "Band is an adventure that everyone should experience in their life," he says.

He loves band because he loves music.

"Music is, I feel, the ultimate expression of emotions."

Gatorade and... Uh... Butt by Amity Mullins



Zach Burnett

Zach Burnett is sixteen, and he has attended Independence High School for four weeks now.

Zach played basketball for Hillcrest High School in his freshman year.

"It's definitely a bigger challenge playing ball here with peers, than in a competitive basketball league. But it's still pretty fun!"

His freshman team won 13 games and lost 3. What was it like?

"It was competitive! People screaming. The taste of Gatorade. The smell of... Well, it was sweaty. It smelled like butt!"

To this day, playing basketball is Zach's passion.

A Tragic Story by Kaiden Riddle

Sierra Ramos works at Fresh Lime, because her friend Karla got her the job in August of 2016. Sierra had actually met Karla the year before at the stand.

One day last September, Sierra and her friend Monica were working at the stand, waiting for Karla who was two hours overdue for her shift. Their friend Maria arrived to give them the terrible news.

Karla had been out partying the night before, and her and friends decided to drive home drunk. They were on their way home when they were involved in a car crash. Karla was ejected from the car, and sadly, she passed away.

This year, Sierra is "working at Fresh Lime in memory of Karla".

Author in the Making by Katelyn Peterson

The author in making goes by the name of Madison Given. She is a sophomore at Independence High School. Madison started school at IHS last January. She plans to graduate by June of 2019, which will be a whole year earlier than her original graduation date.

Madison has written and published some of her own books! She started writing them in Seventh Grade. She began with short stories, and they developed into books.

Currently, she is in the middle of writing two books. One is a sequel to the book *Invisible*, which is called *Healing the Lost*. The other is a fanfiction on Wattpad.

Altogether Madison has written twelve books: nine digitally and three by hand (these three aren't published yet).

One of her books stars a character by the name of Myra. In *The Life of Myra*, Myra fights to adjust to the supernatural changes in her life while she tries to find herself and her family.

As Madison says, "There is always room for more." So expect more books to come!

Lagoon Adventure by David Sanchez



Adrian Solis

Adrian Solis from Shelley is a junior at IHS. He expects to graduate in 2019.

Over the summer, Adrian went to Lagoon Amusement Park in Utah with his family.

Adrian loved all the rides.

"My favorite ride was the Cannonball," he said. "It was amazing, the best ride ever!"

Lagoon was a treat for all the senses, it seems.

"It smelled like fresh ocean. It was so hot, and you could smell the food, like churros, hotdogs... You could hear a lot of screaming and yelling of excitement!"



Roller Coasters at Lagoon Amusement Park

Mavs Got Talent

Katelyn's Art by Madison Given

Katelyn Peterson lives in Blackfoot, Idaho and has been going to Independence High School since the October of 2016. She is a Junior and plans on graduating this school year. This is one year early for her. She is working as hard as she can to have a good future.

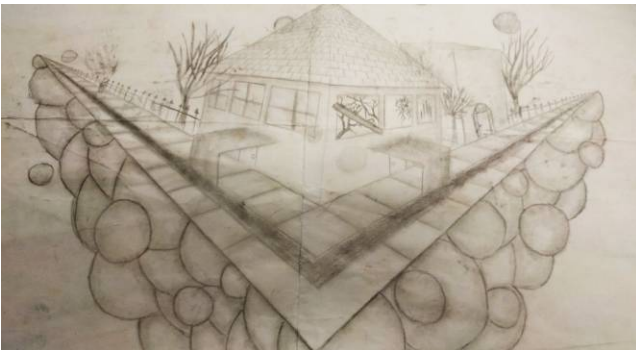
Katelyn has a love for anything art. Her favorite things to draw are portraits. She tells me that they make her "very very frustrated". That she has trouble getting the proportions right, but the end result is what makes her feel accomplished. "It gives me a sense of accomplishment" she says. She also likes water colors and spray painting. Water colors because of the pastel colors she can use, and spray painting because it is "fun and messy". The reason she likes art so much is the fact that it helps her with her depression.

Talent Wanted!

Got a talent you want to publish? Every block, Mavs Got Talent wants to share examples of student art, writing, poetry... anything you can type or take a good picture of!

Please let our editors know if you have something to share.

Come on! Don't be shy. How about a picture of you doing that smokin' hot dance move?



Original Art Pieces by Katelyn Peterson – Thanks to You, Katelyn for Sharing Your Talent With Us!

Catching Up With Our Graduates

Megan Farish – Freshman Again! by Sierra Ramos

Megan Farish, now of ISU, graduated from Independence in 2017. Megan is going to college to be a criminal psychologist. She started applying for every college she was eligible for, and even some that she wasn't, before she was even graduated. She applied for scholarships too, and Megan was awarded the prestigious Road Scholarship at Idaho State University! The secret to her success?

"I pretty much just worked my butt off!" she says.

College life is definitely exhausting. Megan says the work is really hard, but that it only motivates her to do more work. She is currently taking sociology, philosophy, Careers in Psychology, English, and Intro to Psych. Megan says that college is nothing like she expected it to be, but it's everything and more.

"If anyone is considering college, it is most definitely worth looking into!"

Getting to Know Our Staff

Megann Lawhon, Title I Paraeducator
by Zach Burnett and Sunnee Evening



Megann Lawhon

Megann has been a paraeducator for almost four years.

"The best part of teaching," Megann says, "I like when I'm working with someone and they completely understand everything!"

Megann has a family of two: her and her husband. Her five-year goal is working towards a big house.

Her hobbies are baking, cooking, and photography.

A couple years ago, Megann lived on the Hawaiian island of Kauia. Her ex-husband was a welder who worked at a power and recycling plant.

"it was an interesting experience, and way different on the island than what it's like in Idaho!"

Becky Price, Science Teacher
by Kendra Erhart and David Sanchez



Becky Price With Christa Shumaker

Becky is a science teacher at Independence High School, where she's taught for 25 years. She really enjoys teaching life science! She loves teaching the kids and seeing the different personalities and backgrounds.

Becky was born and raised in Blackfoot. Her parents still live here.

"I am very lucky to still have my parents here with me today." Becky married her high school sweetheart, Dave Price. They have been married for forty years. They have two kids, a son and a daughter.

They have four grandbabies, three girls and a boy. Her husband is self-employed at an asbestos abatement company. Becky and Dave have a yellow lab named Max that they have had for five years now.

Becky is a big outdoors person. She loves going camping, snowmobiling, four wheeling, and bike riding with her family. Her botany class even involves going out for walks.

In five years, Becky plans to be retired, travelling the world, and hanging out with her grandkids and family. She wants to travel to every state in the world.

Heather Higgins, Secretary by Amity Mullins and Jorge Torres

Heather Caryn Higgins, was born on December 5, 1973. She has two biological children, but altogether she has six kids. Her oldest is 23 years old and her youngest is eight. And she already has two grandkids!

This is Heather's third year as the secretary at Independence High School, and she loves it! One of her life time goals is to see all of her kids doing well in school. And by kids, she means her kids at Independence High School too!

What does she do for fun?

"I don't have time for fun!" she tells us.

Well... there are all those crafts. They sound like fun! Heather makes soaps and scrubs, and she makes picture scrapbooks of her family.

She has eleven tattoos, and she loves them. And her favorite baseball team is the Arizona Diamondbacks.

One of Heather's most exciting adventures was glacier cave exploring in Juneau, Alaska.

"It was awesome! It was beautiful! The color blue was beautiful! It was so smooth-looking, like silk. And surprisingly, it wasn't as cold as you would imagine, like not even as cold as a freezer."

Cool experience!

What They're Reading

(Wondering what to read next? Take a recommendation from...)

Nanette: **Anne of Green Gables** by L.M. Montgomery

Everyone's favorite redhead, the spunky Anne Shirley, begins her adventures at Green Gables, a farm outside Avonlea, Prince Edward Island. When the freckled girl realizes that the elderly Cuthberts wanted to adopt a boy instead, she begins to try to win them over.

Lance: **Shōgun** by James Clavell

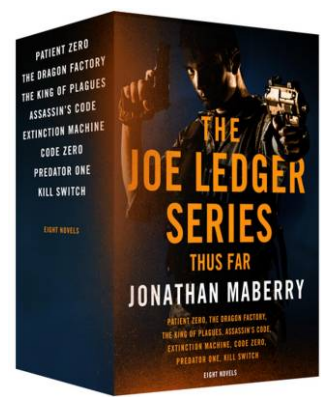
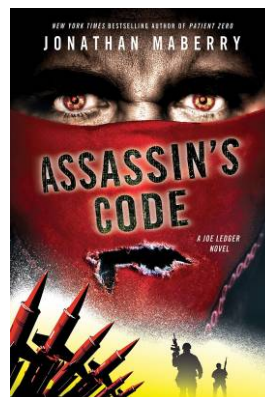
A bold English adventurer. An invincible Japanese warlord. A beautiful woman torn between two ways of life, two ways of love. All brought together in an extraordinary saga of a time and a place aflame with conflict, passion, ambition, lust, and the struggle for power.

Lesa H.: **The Hole in Our Gospel** by Richard Stearns

Is our faith just about going to church, studying the Bible and avoiding the most serious sins--or does God expect more? Have we embraced the whole gospel or a gospel with a hole in it? Ten years ago, Rich Stearns came face-to-face with that question as he sat in a mud hut in Rakai, Uganda, listening to the heartbreaking story of an orphaned child.

Josh: **Assassin's Code** by Jonathan Maberry

In Assassin's Code, the fourth book in New York Times bestselling author Jonathan Maberry's Joe Ledger series, Joe Ledger and the DMS go on a relentless chase to stop an ancient order of killers from plunging the entire world into Holy War.



Becky: **A Man Called Ove** by Fredrik Backman

A grumpy yet loveable man finds his solitary world turned on its head when a boisterous young family moves in next door. Meet Ove. He's a curmudgeon, the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse.

Eric: **The Glass Lake** by Maeve Binchy

Kit McMahon lives in the small Irish town of Lough Glass, where everyone knows everyone; children who walk to school together grow up and become sweethearts and marry, people gossip and grumble and dream their lives away. For it is a place where change comes slowly. One day, Kit's mother disappears and the town gossips run wild with stories.

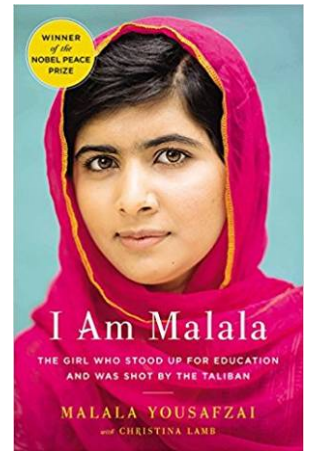
Megann: **Oliver Twist** by Charles Dickens

"Let him feel that he is one of us; once fill his mind with the idea that he has been a thief, and he's ours, - ours for his life." The story of the orphan Oliver, who runs away from the workhouse only to be taken in by a den of thieves, shocked readers when it was first published.

Dan: **I Am Malala**

by Malala Yousafzai

When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. On Tuesday, October 9, 2012, when she was fifteen, she almost paid the ultimate price.



This issue's "What They're Reading" Compiled by Justin Huber

Block 3: Special Days to Note

October 3

Happy Birthday to Thanksgiving

The event you think of as the first Thanksgiving never happened. (Sorry.)

If you're thinking of the first great harvest festival on the North Atlantic coast, well the native tribes were doing that for centuries before Europeans ever arrived.

If you're thinking of the first time the English settlers sat down to a feast with the native tribes, well no one quite knows when that was.

The first major harvest feast (three days) involving large numbers of English settlers and native tribesmen was after the harvest season of 1621. This is the event most Americans think of as the first Thanksgiving, but this was no publicly proclaimed holiday and certainly no annual national event.

The first publicly proclaimed Day of Thanksgiving was fifty years later in 1676, but no one likes to remember this one. The Governor of Massachusetts issued this proclamation to thank God (and this is specifically stated in writing) for wiping out those pesky native tribes, the same ones who had saved the English colonies from starvation and sat down to a harvest feast with them a couple generations earlier.

It was President George Washington who (on this date in 1789) first declared a national Thanksgiving holiday – though even then, it was not an annual event. Thanksgiving was celebrated now and then in the years after Washington but didn't become the holiday we recognize until 1863.

In that year, the nation was embroiled in civil war, and President Lincoln made the holiday an annual celebration in hopes of bringing the people of the nation together. But it wasn't until an Act of Congress in 1941 that the date was fixed to the one we know: the fourth Thursday in November.

October 8

Happy Native Americans Day (Indigenous Peoples Day)!

Today marks the earliest date in a year that Columbus Day can fall, (though this year the date is actually October 9), so today is the first of a two-part discussion about Columbus Day and why Native Americans Day (Indigenous Peoples Day) is an infinitely preferable observance.

First: why not Columbus Day? We've celebrated it for generations. Why change it now?

Generations of Americans were raised with the textbook Columbus story: a man of vision, a daring plan, a triumph against all odds! This version of the story ends in 1492, when Columbus lands on American shores with a tearful prayer of thanks to God and the symphony plays the grand finale. (Textbooks are improving. Maybe yours did a little better.)

What most Americans don't know is what happened after 1492.

Columbus returned to the Americas in 1493 with far greater force and set up a Spanish gold-mining colony. He demanded that the natives provide his men with everything they wanted: slave labor, food, sex with their women... Any who resisted were instantly mutilated or killed.

As more and more Spanish arrived, Columbus rewarded them with native men to mine gold for them and with native women to be their sex slaves. (Columbus observed in a surviving letter to a friend that his men preferred 9-10 year old girls.)

Soon Columbus demanded that the Arawaks spend literally all their time serving Spanish masters, and allowed them no time to even grow food. The natives who weren't worked to death or killed by Spaniards began to starve. (The Nazis would have loved this guy. They would have cheerfully put him in charge of the death camps!)

Within a generation, the Arawak people, once numbering more than a million, spread throughout the Caribbean, were completely annihilated and vanished into history.

Columbus did that.

We Americans don't usually celebrate dictators who enslave, torture, and murder millions. (Imagine Adolf Hitler Day or Genghis Khan Day.) Is it any wonder that many Americans, especially Native Americans, no longer want to honor this man's memory?

Tomorrow: We discuss a better idea – Native Americans Day (Indigenous Peoples Day).

October 9

Happy Native Americans Day (Indigenous Peoples Day)!

OK, so we've learned that Columbus was a vicious man with a heart full of murder and veins full of torture and slavery. Who wants to celebrate this guy? Fortunately, we have a wonderful alternative!

In 1977, at a United Nations conference in Geneva, Switzerland, the idea first appeared of replacing Columbus Day with a day to celebrate the indigenous (native) people of the Americas. The idea was recalled in the Bay Area of California (San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley) in 1992, as the cities approached the quincentennial (500-year anniversary) of Columbus's first voyage. Festivities honoring Columbus were arranged in many American cities, but in the Bay, things took a different turn. Public events excoriated Columbus and the five subsequent centuries of oppression and genocide. Demonstrators protested Columbus parades and even staged a mock trial of Columbus for crimes against humanity!

The movement has since grown into a celebration of our nation's native cultures. Four states and numerous tribes have eliminated Columbus Day, and South Dakota has officially replaced it with Native Americans Day. Many American cities (such as the recent example of Seattle) have followed suit. New York now hosts a Big-Apple-sized Pow-Wow on this day, officiated by the Redhawk Native American Arts Council and featuring over 500 Native American artists, educators, singers, dancers and performing groups from across the Americas!

October 17

Happy Black Poetry Day!

Race-relations is an ongoing area of improvement for our country, and though we've always had eloquent black American writers and poets, they haven't always received the acknowledgement they've deserved. We're beginning to change that. Here are a few wonderful poems from some of our most treasured black American poets to get you started. We hope you'll find many more on your own.

From "Phenomenal Woman"
by Maya Angelou

Pretty women wonder
Where my secret lies.
I'm not cute or built to suit
A fashion model's size
But when I start to tell them,
They think I'm telling lies.
I say,
It's in the reach of my arms,
The span of my hips,
The stride of my step,
The curl of my lips.
I'm a woman
Phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman,
That's me.

"White Comedy" by Benjamin Zephaniah

I waz whitemailed
By a white witch,
Wid white magic
An white lies,
Branded by a white sheep
I slaved as a whitesmith
Near a white spot
Where I suffered whitewater fever.
Whitelisted as a whiteleg
I waz in de white book
As a master of white art,
It waz like white death.

People called me white jack
Some hailed me as a white wog,
So I joined de white watch
Trained as a white guard
Lived off the white economy.
Caught and beaten by de
whiteshirts
I waz condemned to a white mass,
Don't worry,
I shall be writing to de Black House.

From "Ever Since the World Ended"
by Mose Allison

Ever since the world ended,
There's no more black or white.
Ever since we all got blended,
There's no more reason to fuss and
fight.
Dogmas that we once defended
No longer seem worthwhile.
Ever since the world ended,
I face the future with a smile.

"Acceptance" by Langston Hughes

God in His infinite wisdom
Did not make me very wise-
So when my actions are stupid
They hardly take God by surprise

October 21

Happy Sweetest Day!

Sweetest Day began in a few midwestern states in the 1920s and has spread to at least fourteen states in the midwest and northeast. The "Sweetest" refers to the sweetest treats and also the sweetest people in your life. Think of it as a mini-Valentines Day, but with a little less emphasis on your lover and a little more on your family and friends. No pressure to come up with a romantic date idea, just give your mom a box of her favorite chocolates. Atomic Fireballs for your brother. Swedish Fish for your best friend in class... you get the idea.

Buy some candy today and give it to your loved ones to let them know they are the sweetest people in your lives!

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