

IMHS Alumni & Friends

Newsletter Fall 2011



What did you do this summer?

Remember when you were a kid and returned to school after your summer vacation and this was always the first question asked of you!!! Well, see what some of our Iron Mountain High School students did over their summer break.

Ms. Audrey Trujillo, a junior at Iron Mountain High School, spent two weeks this summer participating in an all-expense paid scholarship trip from Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to the Black Hills in South Dakota. This program is made possible through a grant provided by Lake Superior State University. This is the second year that an Iron Mountain student has been chosen to attend. GRANITE (Geological Reasoning and Natives Investigating the Earth) promotes the study of the Earth and career opportunities within the geosciences. Geology instructors, high school teachers, and Native American experts guided this summer field excursion, where students studied interesting geologic sites including many that are important to local Native American communities. Their stops included beautiful locations such as Devil's Tower, Bear Butte, the Badlands, Mt. Rushmore, and a variety of other interesting sites. Students spend much of the day hiking and their nights camping in tents under the stars. Participants learned how their lives and communities are affected by geology and gained hands-on science experience. It may even have stimulated and encouraged some students to study natural science in college.

Ms. Alexis Truscott and Ms. Marissa Pickett, both seniors at Iron Mountain High School were selected to attend Girls' State, which is a week-long mock government program held on the campus of Michigan State University. This program is sponsored through a scholarship by our local American Legion Auxiliary. They joined 289 other females who were divided up into counties and cities, where they had to elect a city council, city manager and mayor, city assessor, a treasurer, a clerk, and various directors. For the county, girls were elected to fill the positions of county commission, district court, probate and circuit court judges, and various other positions. For the state overall, elections were held for the House of Representatives, Senate, Secretary of State, Supreme Court Justices, Lieutenant Governor, and Governor. Alexis admitted that she was apprehensive about the program because she's not that passionate about government or politics, but she stated that she had an amazing week and held the position of city assessor and treasurer. She had considerable responsibilities in these positions, as she had to calculate revenues for the new fiscal year, along with making sure the tax values were correct. Later in the week, Alexis was elected to the House of Representatives. She worked with 23 other girls and the Senate and Lobbyists to come up with bills, send them to committee, work on them, and brought them back to the floor as a whole to amend and pass. In the end, Alexis was really surprised that she enjoyed this learning experience so

much and enthusiastically recommends it to others. Marissa also described her Girls' State experience as very educational, but with a fun twist. "I met girls that I will never forget and keep in touch with them for many, many years," she stated.

Mr. Nick Markell, a senior at Iron Mountain High School, was selected to attend Boys' State, which is also a week-long mock government program, sponsored by our local American Legion. Boys' State was held on the campus of Northwood University with over 250 boys attending. The purpose of the program is to inform young students what really takes place in a fully functional government unit. Nick held the position of "House Representative," which consisted of 32 people, eight from each of four counties. The House was broken up into committees, and Nick was named to be "Head" of the Education Committee. They were also taught what the Speaker of the House position does and exactly how bills are passed into laws, how others are vetoed, and what role Congress plays in the process. Nick has kept in touch with many of the students he met at Boys' State. He states, "I would highly encourage anybody and everybody to go to this program; it was well organized, fun, and the meals weren't bad either!" Nick also stated, "This program changed my life for the better."

Ms. Megan Balkum, Ms. Chasidy Marr, Ms. Britney Pyne, sophomores and **Ms. Hayley Braun**, senior at Iron Mountain High School, earned scholarships to attend the Inland Seas Education Association's Young Women in Science Program, sponsored through our local Zonta Club. These young ladies spent two days and one night aboard the Schooner, *Inland Seas*, sailing out of Escanaba, Michigan. They each had the opportunity to participate and experience the science, culture, and history of the Great Lakes. The girls were split into two groups and assigned a research project of aquatic studies of the Great Lakes. Each project consisted of taking water samples, going through data tables and packets of information, and then finally preparing their research findings. The girls also learned how to maneuver the ship with the captain and crew and had a chance to sail the tall ship, learning that certain sails are used to change direction, etc. The participants from IMHS will be attending a luncheon at the Chippewa Club, sponsored by the Zonta Organization, where they will give a brief presentation of their experience. Over the years, Iron Mountain High School has had the opportunity to send many young women to this very worthwhile program and all have enjoyed the experience immensely. Go to www.schoolship.org to check out the details and see what students are learning!

Ms. Allison Jastremski, a junior at Iron Mountain High School, was selected to attend the Wisconsin

Leadership Seminar (WILS), sponsored by our local Kiwanis Club and Women's Club. This high energy weekend program is held on the campus of Carroll University, in Waukesha, Wisconsin, with over 200 sophomore young ladies attending. This program identifies outstanding high school sophomores and provides this opportunity to help recognize their leadership potential. Students that are selected to attend have demonstrated themselves as responsible citizens in their communities and schools. The program consists of team-building activities, motivational speakers, community service, talent show, small group discussions, and much more. WILS is set up to provide recognition and growth opportunities to students who act positively and acknowledge that their contributions are valued now and in the future. As Alli stated, "WILS was honestly the best time of my life! If I could go back, I would in a heart beat. I made so many friends that I will forever be close with! I would definitely take advantage of this opportunity again."

Ms. Grace VanLaanen, a senior at IMHS, had the opportunity to be one of a select group of students chosen to participate in a Study Abroad program through Hillsdale College this summer. The focus of the trip was Winston Churchill and his role in World War II. Grace spent three days on the campus of Hillsdale, receiving lectures on WWII, discussing Winston Churchill, and analyzing his speeches. Nearly 4,000 miles and eight hours later, the group landed in Paris and then flew to London. Grace spent three days in England, touring Churchill's home and sites related to Churchill and WWII. She was able to see Blenheim Palace, which is the palace of the Duke of Marlborough and Churchill's birthplace; she also visited Churchill's gravesite, London museums, the Imperial War Museum, Trafalgar Square, Big Ben, the Changing of the Guard, Covent Garden, Leicester Square, and Piccadilly Circus. The group then boarded a ferry in Portsmouth and made the overnight journey to Saint Malo, which is a beautiful walled city on the northern coast of France. The next four days were spent traveling along the French coastline, where they toured the beaches of Normandy and saw the Pegasus Bridge, Pointe du Hoc, the American Cemetery in Normandy, and the Normandy memorial in Caen. Since the group was in France for Bastille Day (July 14), they viewed the fireworks from the top of a chateau in Caen. The last two days of her trip were spent in Paris, where she climbed the Eiffel Tower, visited the Louvre, and L'arc de Triomphe, and toured Notre Dame Cathedral and Sacré-Coeur Basilica.

As you can see, we have many great leadership opportunities at Iron Mountain High School, and we were very well represented by these model students. POSITIVE THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT IMHS!



Fall/Winter Newsletter 2011:

As the new Superintendent of the Iron Mountain Public Schools I would like to welcome all the Alumni and Friends to the 2011-2012 school year.

I am pleased to report that having been on the job three months now, I am very impressed with the day to day effort, pride, and dedication carried out by the entire IMPS staff as well as our many volunteer organizations. Their efforts are very appreciated and continually focused on maintaining and improving the teaching and learning for all of our students as we try to meet the needs of the 21st Century.

One such effort this year is being carried out by our Academic Booster Club (The ABC). The club currently has raised about \$170,000 over the past several years and is hoping to raise an additional \$30,000 this school year. If this goal is attained, it would enable the ABC club to establish an endowment fund of \$200,000 thus making it possible to halt all further fund raising efforts. Once the endowment goal is reached and established the ABC Club will be able to award about \$10,000 a year to the school's academic needs such as technology and curriculum. If you would like to contribute to this goal, please make a donation to the IMHS Academic Booster Club, P.O. Box 563, Iron Mountain, MI 49801.

Another effort aimed at preserving the Iron Mountain Public Schools' pride and tradition that has been underway for some time now is the goal to raise enough money to replace all the seats in the beautiful and historical high school auditorium. To date, our generous Alumni have donated enough money to purchase 302 seats in their and/or their family's name. There remains room to purchase an additional 392 seats. The costs to purchase a seat range from \$175 to \$200.

Before closing, I would also like to thank all of our Alumni who have taken the time to write in and express their true appreciation of the Alumni and Friends Newsletter. I enjoy your comments and words of encouragement. I would also like to express my gratitude towards all those Alumni who have also enclosed a generous donation in their correspondence. These contributions are used to help produce the newsletter.

It is my pleasure and honor to be able to serve you and the Iron Mountain Public School District in these challenging, but exciting times. Please feel free to call, email, and/or stop by my office if I can help you in any way. Thank you for your interest and support of the Iron Mountain Public Schools.

My door is always open,

Tom Jayne

Superintendent

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Thank you to the following donors who have contributed to the **Iron Mountain High School "General" Scholarship fund** for the 2010-11 school year, totaling \$5,185.00. Many of these are repeat contributors and without support each year, we could not make the scholarship awards that we are able to. The class of 2011 was awarded \$10,000 in General Scholarships.

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FROM OUR MAILBAG...

Enjoy the newsletter. Keep up the good work. [Fay Stevenson—'51](#)

I just received the Iron Mountain newsletter and it prompted me to send you the news of my mother's passing, even though it was a few months ago. Jeanne Trudell Burns passed away on September 2, 2010 from complications related to a stroke. She was 84 years old. I'm afraid I don't know the exact year of her graduation but I do know she and my father attended many reunions over the years and she always spoke of her high school days with great fondness. As her daughter I always enjoyed stories of study hall in the castle. [Sue Nelson](#)

Enclosed is a donation for the reminiscence newsletter. I wouldn't trade my IMHS days for anything. The friends and great times there will be with me forever. Thanks for bringing those memories back. Looking forward to our 55 year reunion in September. [Lou DeCarlo—'56](#)

I enjoy your newsletter very much, enclosed is a donation to use as you see fit. Keep them coming. [Rudy Mosca—'45](#)

Thanks for the effort. It is a wonderful way of keeping in touch. [Graham McNamee—'53](#)

Appreciate the newsletter from IM High School. I graduated in 1945. [Don Carlson—'45](#)

I enjoy your letters. Brings back old memories. Thanks. [David Badini—'73](#)

Our class of '42 is down to very few at last count so it is nice to see familiar names in your newsletter. We have 3 daughters Deborah '66, Meredith '70, Marsha '71 Carlson all grads of IMHS. They all make it back for most class reunions and make it every summer to this area. [Cynthia Alexander Carlson—'42](#)

I enjoy your newsletter. I retired as a banker after 44 years four years ago. We spend 1/2 our time in Milwaukee and 1/2 in Sarasota, FL. Keep up the good work. [Roger Dirksen—'57](#)

I really enjoy reading the newsletter. Thank you. [Maria Ochetti Riddell—'57](#)

Keep up the good work. [Rose Mary \(Schupp\) Copet—'65](#)

Most interesting newsletters. [Ronald Goeddaeus—'58](#)

Thanks for your hard work. [Bruce Dishnow—'72](#)

Thanks for the newsletter. I too love it like so many other people do. [Kathy Cowell—'71](#)

I was in the class of 1954 and really enjoy receiving the paper. [Jan Kerrigan—'54](#)

Great Job!! [Susie Fox Neitzel—'52](#)

I enjoy the IMHS news updates and "blasts from the past." Thanks! [Deborah Giancola Trombly—'79](#)

I enjoy your newsletter [Alene Flom—'42](#)

I love getting the IMHS newsletter and I forward it on to my brothers, as well. [Marianne Wood—'64](#)

Bravo! Thank you for always refreshing my happiest of school memories! [Loryce Johnson Detra—'52](#)

I am writing from the Wisconsin Health & Regional Vent Ctr. in Chippewa Falls, WI. I have lived here 11 years and rec'd your newsletter most of that time. Thank you! I was unable to attend the high school because of disability, so do not know the alumni to speak of but I appreciate you thinking of me. Good Luck to all. [Nancy Larson—'61](#)

I enjoy reading about all of the things going on in the Iron Mountain Community. I graduated with the class of 1943, attended and graduated from MSU, Class of 1948. I majored in dietetics and much of my career was spent in the school lunch program in Cincinnati, OH. I retired from that school system in 1982. At that time I was the associate director of Food Service. I have lived in Bradenton FL since 1991 and I summer at a cottage in Kentucky. [Betty Secaur—'43](#)



IMHS Academic BOOSTER CLUB

P.O. Box 563

Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Dear Fellow Supporter of Academic Excellence:

The Iron Mountain High School Academic Booster Club is one of the oldest clubs of its type in the State of Michigan. The purpose of our fundraiser is to support our mission of increasing the level of academic excellence at Iron Mountain High School. Each fall for the past 14 years we have hosted a fundraiser that consists of a dinner, silent auction, raffle, and live music. This year’s event was held October 22nd at Pine Grove Country Club. Its theme was “**Technology: Past, Present, and Future.**” Have you ever used a Royal typewriter? Played Pong? Used a Slide Rule? Participants saw the technology they grew up with and helped us bring the technology of the future to the students of IMHS.

The club has conceived an ambitious goal this year. **We would like to raise \$30,000!!!** If we raise this amount, we will reach our goal of having an endowment of \$200,000 dollars that will be used in perpetuity without any further fundraising!

For the past 15 years we have consistently funded the purchase of equipment and technology while simultaneously depositing a significant portion of the money raised into a restricted endowment. With your help, this year we hope to reach our goal of becoming self-sustaining while focusing our efforts more on promoting academics and scholarly thinking.

THERE WILL BE NO MORE FUNDRAISING IF WE REACH OUR GOAL THIS YEAR!!!

Please consider making a donation that will allow us to continue the valuable work of enhancing the education of the young adults of Dickinson County. Anything that you can do will be greatly appreciated. You can mail your check to the address shown above.

Since the IMHS ABC is a 501c 3 registered non-profit organization (Tax ID 38-3319555), your donation may even be tax deductible, so those of you who are looking at your year end tax liabilities, please consider making a donation to the IMHS Academic Booster Club this year. Your donation will live on forever!

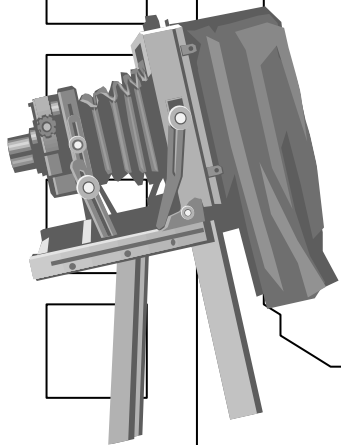
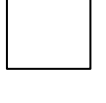
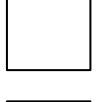
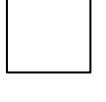
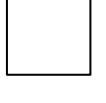
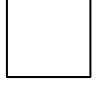
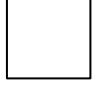
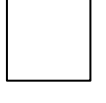
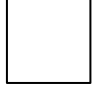
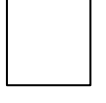
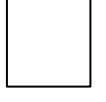
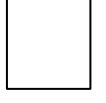
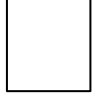
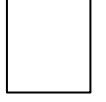
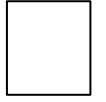
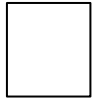
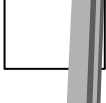
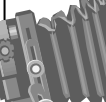
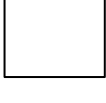
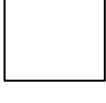
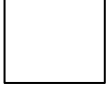
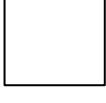
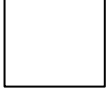
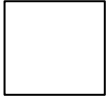
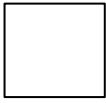
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If you have any questions, please call Naida Weinert at 906-779-2600 and she will be happy to assist you.



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We are looking for volunteers and donations for the beautification of our school grounds. Retired Superintendent Scott McClure and his wife Lynn have spent this summer keeping the grounds around the high school campus and football stadium trimmed and well cared for. They have spent time working at planting flowers, weeding, watering, grass cutting, etc. Iron Mountain Public Schools could use more help in this area. We are hoping to get the Alumni and Friends of this district to join in. We could really use mulch for around the landscaping. This has not been replenished for some years now. Anything you are willing to contribute will be GREATLY appreciated!

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