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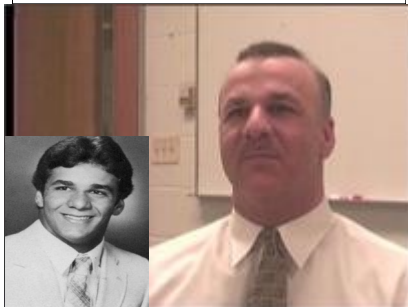
IM Board of Education Chooses New Superintendent

The new superintendent to guide the Iron Mountain Public Schools was unanimously approved by the Board of Education during a special meeting.

The name is familiar in educational circles with the position being offered to Tom Jayne. Jayne is currently the superintendent of the Forest Park School District.

He will take over the duties of superintendent of schools on July 1, following the retirement of current Superintendent Scott McClure on June 30.

Jayne is familiar with the Iron Mountain School District, having graduated from IMHS in 1981. He



received his bachelor's degree from Northern Michigan University in criminal justice and secondary education in 1988 and his master's degree in administration.

"I am pleased to be chosen as the next educational leader for the Iron Mountain Schools. I am humbled by this selection. I want to help continue the progress made in the district and along with the board, staff, and community, move forward to make the students ready for the 21st century workforce," Jayne said.

He added that his philosophy during the past eight years as superintendent of the Forest Park School District is that his door is always open. "I extend that same philosophy to the Iron Mountain School District community. I will listen to the community and get back to you—I really mean that my door is open."

Jayne said that he is also dedicated to the Dickinson-Iron Intermediate School district and to the Iron Moun-

tain community noting he is a "Mountaineer at heart."

"I believe the business community is an untapped resource and we can use their participation to help us succeed. We need to partner with the business community to find out the future skills needed so we can keep our youth in our area. I look forward to working with the community on this," he said.

Jayne also stressed the importance of being able to communicate especially when making tough decisions and explaining those decisions. He feels that school districts and leaders are going to have to embrace change in order to move forward. "And together, we can't fail," he said.

The school board feels that Tom has the experience that is necessary to lead this school district. He has integrity, high moral standards, good communication

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What are you doing now?

We invite all alumni to share a high school memory about themselves, a faculty member or friend or an update of what you are doing now for another edition. Send stories to : Alumni, 217 Izzo-Mariucci Way, Iron Mountain, Michigan, 49801 or you can email them to alumni@imschools.org.

1956 Grad traveled to Iran

In 2010 I spent two weeks in Iran. After landing in Tehran I flew to Shiraz with a side visit to Persepolis which dates back to Cyrus, Darius and Xerxes. From there I went by bus to Yazd, Isfahan, Masouleh, Ramsar, Rasht and back to Tehran. Masouleh in the Alborz mountains is an old city in which my front yard is the roof of your house.

Anywhere from sixty to seventy per cent of the inhabitants of Iran are under the age of thirty. As a result most of this demographic speaks English. Everywhere I went young people would come up to me and ask if I was from Germany, England, Canada, Australia, etc. When I told them Los Angeles, California, United States of America they were shocked and usually responded with "Amrika?" This incredulous look and question was followed by other questions such as "how do you like our country and why did you decide to come here". Living in Los An-

geles I have many Persian friends and as a result I have studied Persian culture and history and those were the reasons I gave for my visit.

The Iranian people of all ages were very friendly and accommodating. As with all countries I have visited over the years I learned some basic Farsi before and during my trip. Because English is so widely spoken I rarely had to use it but I did anyway so that I could dispel any perceptions of the arrogant, ugly American.

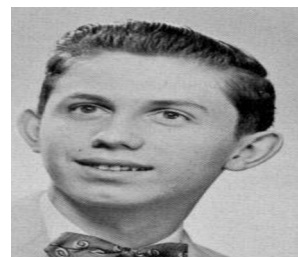
The food was great with lots of lamb, rice and vegetables. Their yogurt drink, dough pronounced dew, was great and surprisingly the marinated garlic was delightful. No alcoholic beverage is legally (key word) available in Iran.

The traffic and driving habits in Tehran was to say the least unbelievable and that is coming from someone very familiar with

Los Angeles traffic. Yet I saw very few accidents.

I read the English language "Tehran News" while I was there. Some of the coverage from my perspective was slanted which made me wonder how much of our news reporting is equally biased?

I am attaching a photo of me with a mullah in Isfahan, with five Kurds from northwest Iran and four architecture students in



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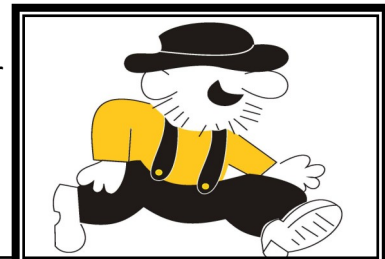
We Say Good Bye and Good Luck to a Dear Friend

The Alumni Coordinator, Kim Jacobs, says good bye to Iron Mountain Public Schools to start a new adventure in her life. She was a huge part of the Technology Department and the Alumni and Friends Newsletter not to mention the other multiple duties she had in the district. On March 25, 2011 Kim left Iron Mountain to start a new position, in a new state, with a new company. She will be greatly missed by everyone!

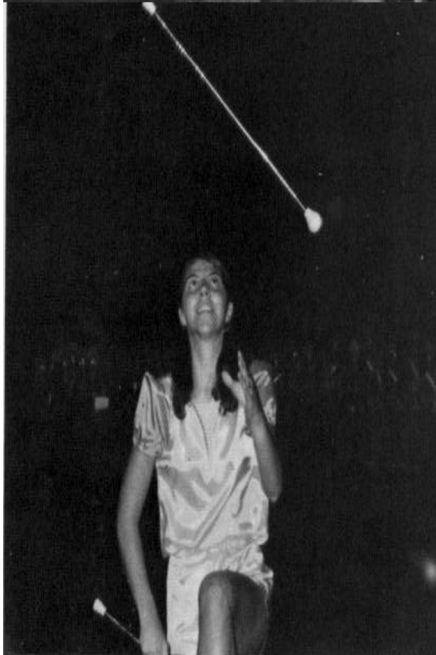
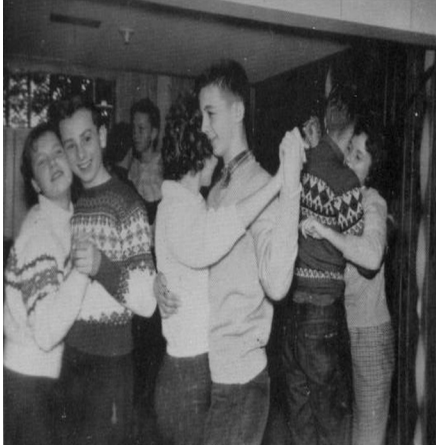
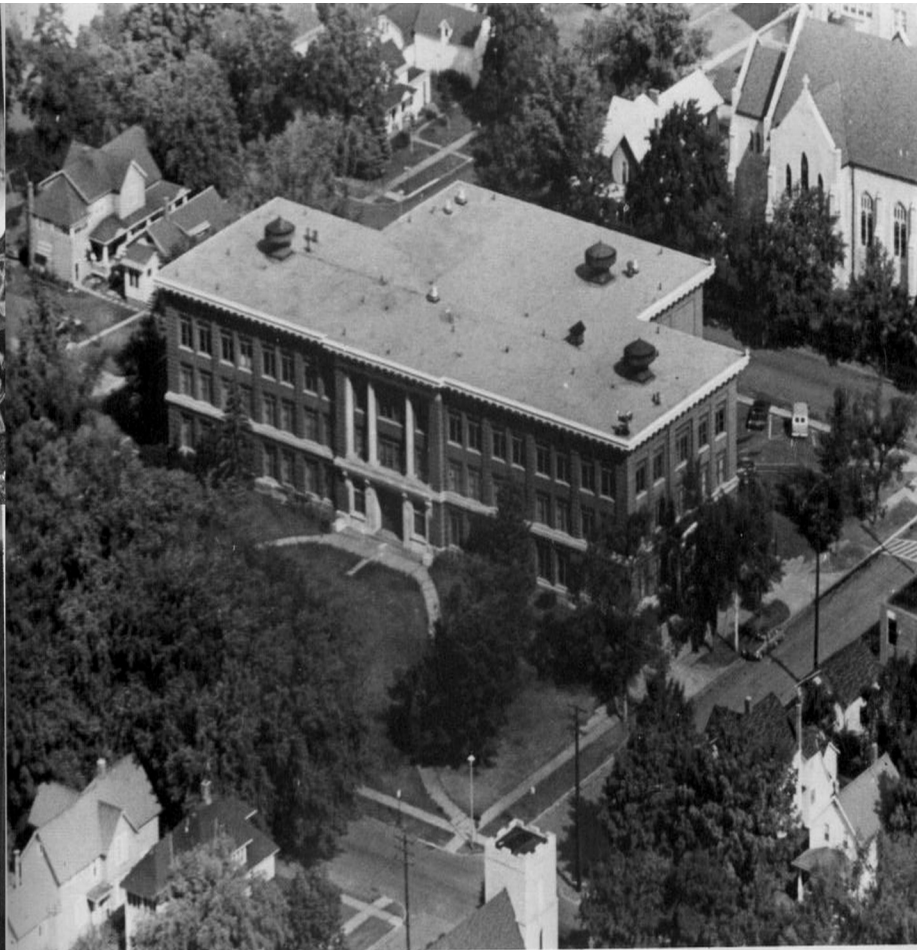
“The resignation of Kim Jacobs is a huge loss to the students, staff, and administration of the Iron Mt. Public Schools. Kim's knowledge and expertise in the ever-changing field of technology is second to none! Regardless of the problem, Kim would promptly find the solution. She would always keep current with equipment and technology trends and never left a task unfinished. She has a strong work ethic and was often the first person to arrive at school in the morning. When budget restraints became inevitable, she willingly accepted additional duties which were asked of her including the creation of the alumni and friends newsletter, school TV channel, and taking on the advising of the video club. Our district moved forward in the field of technology due to Kim's efforts and recommendations. She will be missed by all. We wish her the best of luck as she pursues new directions in her career.” Denny Chartier, Superintendent (Retired), Iron Mountain Public Schools

Kim Jacobs started at the Iron Mountain Public Schools in 1996 as an Educational Assistant and High School Library Assistant. In 1999 she started in the Technology Department as the Technical Support Specialist. She worked tirelessly alongside the Technology Director, Kris Khor. The 2 of them are solely responsible for all the technology in the district. In 2009 Kim became the Alumni Coordinator along with continuing her Technology Department work. The Alumni and Friends Newsletter has been published throughout the past few years because of the dedication of Kim and the help of a few others.

“Kim and I worked together for about 12 years and during that time, I not only had the privilege of being her co-worker, but she also became one of my dearest friends. I have never met anyone with her level of dedication. She would find a solution to the issue at hand and didn't rest until she did (I called her McGyver many times). Always willing to take on new tasks and then performing them to the best of her ability demonstrated her worth ethic. Kim and I worked on many different projects together, and we



Classes of '62, '72, '82, and '92: Take A Stroll Down Memory Lane Before Your Next Reunion.....





VERSO PAPER ASSOCIATE DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to IMHS David Bonanti

Verso Paper has partnered with Kennebec Valley Community College (KVCC) and Bay College to deliver educational opportunities through a KVCC Pulp and Paper Technology Associate Degree Program which will better prepare future Verso Paper mill employees for a challenging and rewarding work experience with Verso Paper.

The program is available to graduating high school students within a 50 mile radius that are selected by Verso Paper through an application process. This program covers the cost of full tuition and the cost of books up to \$500 per academic year, and provides the participant with full-time summer employment following graduation from high school and between the first and second academic collegiate school years. Upon completion of the program the participant will have a full-time employment position with Verso Paper, once a position becomes available. In exchange for receipt of the benefits, each participant agrees to work as a full-time Verso Paper mill employee for a period of three years beginning on his/her hire date into a full-time position, assuming that the hire date is within one year of completion of the program.

All participants must follow the program's course schedule, which includes fall and spring semesters and a summer work program. All participants must begin the program the fall semester following their high school graduation date, and must complete all educational requirements within two academic years of the program start date.

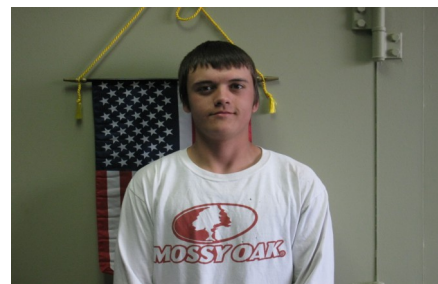
On Wednesday, April 27th a Verso Paper team interviewed high school graduating seniors who applied for the 2011 Verso Associate Degree Scholarship with Bay/KVCC. There was a group interview and a one-on-one interview with each candidate. The students were informed of the educational expectations and procedures and they signed the scholarship agreement. Each student attended a session that Verso calls the Q Worklife Overview to discuss a number of key things that the student should be aware of in terms of working at the mill. The students were given a tour of the mill, had lunch with the interview team, and then left to return to school.

Three students received strong support from the interview team. Alex Paquette of Niagara; Josh McCole of Kingsford; and David Bonanti of Iron Mountain. These three students will be working at the mill during the summers of 2011 and 2012. When they successfully complete their Associate Degree requirements and demonstrate good work performance during their summer work they will be offered full-time employment at Verso Paper mill after their graduation, as practical.

"We enjoyed visiting with David Bonanti at the mill on Wednesday, April 27, 2011. You can be proud of the professionalism he displayed while he was here at the mill. We are pleased to announce that David was identified as one of the students to be selected for the Verso Paper Associate Degree Scholarship. David did a very nice job presenting himself during his interview and appears to be a good fit for Verso Paper." stated Siri Henson from Verso Paper.

David, along with the other participants were evaluated on their application and interview. The key points the interview team looked at were intellectual capacity, communication skills, goals, conscientiousness, teamwork, level of judgment/maturity, leadership potential, and safety awareness.

Congrats to all but especially to our own David Bonanti!





Shown here are students from the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Community Schools Alternative Education Program participating in a school beautiful project.

The Alternative High School is now located at the former East Elementary School Building. The students are growing flowers in the greenhouse, collecting garbage and landscaping around the building. They are working hard and showing a sense of pride in their school's appearance.

The building is also home to the IM-K Community Schools office, Day and Evening Adult Education Classes, GED Preparation and Testing and the Adult Basic Literacy Program. The East Elementary Building allows Community Schools the ability to offer most of their programs under one roof.



Mark Your Calendars!!!!

The 2nd Annual Tom Johnson Memorial Golf Outing Will Be Held July 1st. Watch for details at www.imschools.org.

THANK YOU...

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From the Mailbag.....

Thanks for continuing the interesting newsletter. Pete Disher-'42

Enclosed is a donation. Thanks for all your work. I have such wonderful memories of IMHS! I have been in Denver Co since 1980, but come "home" every summer. Marsha Carlson Hodges-'71

Thanks for the wonderful newsletter. It's time to reminisce! Jeanne (Burkart) Williams-'65

Thank you all for the newsletter. Its wonderful that you are doing it. June (Horn) Brown-'53

Hope a check will help keep the newsletter coming. We would like to have it sent by email to save some postage. Don and Sharon-'51

Enclosed is a donation for the newsletter. Thanks for your work Mike Bergagnini-'60

Please accept the enclosed donation to the alumni news. It is always a welcome treat to read your newsletter. My husband, Dr. Alfred Miller served on school board for twenty five years. The schools were always close to our hearts. Muriel Miller

Enclosed is a small donation to help with the expenses of your alumni news. I love it! 21 or my 93 years were spent in IM. Brother Kenneth and Sister Mary Louise graduated from IMHS. Ken played football. Are there any 1936 alumni left?? My hands are almost useless—Please excuse. And can't see my words. Doris Kelsey-'36

Enclosed is a donation in memory of Gloria Person. I look forward to each issue of the newsletter. Thank you. Kathryn Chapman DeRidder-'44

We enjoy the alumni newsletter. Joe & Marlene Ciochetto-'52

Enclosed is to help defray your costs. I really enjoy reading and thinking about my time at IMHS. Vic Quinn-'64

Enclosed is a donation for the newsletter. We all enjoy reading every issue. Paul Gingrass-'48; Michele-'85; Angela-'87; Todd-'94.

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