

IMHS Alumni & Friends Newsletter



Zambon Decorating Company has donated a large statue of a football player to Iron Mountain High School. The football player, originally a San Francisco '49er, was spotted in a storage room at Zambon Decorating by Bill Revord who suggested the possibility of a donation. After some work by the Art Club, the football player has been transformed into a Mountaineer. The refurbished statue now has a new home in the Izzo-Mariucci Commons area where he will be permanently on display.

Dear Alumni and Friends:

We are off and running with another school year well underway! It is hard to believe we have already completed our first quarter of the 08-09 year. Our students are well-established in their routines and our seniors have been meeting with college representatives, started visiting colleges and making plans for the next level in their educational careers.

Good news from the State of Michigan! The Iron Mountain Public Schools have received the letter grade of "A" for each of our elementary, middle school and high school buildings. This is a tribute to our hard working staff, dedicated students and parents who continue to stay involved in their children's education. You can be assured our students continue to receive a first class education in this district. The letter grades are determined through a specific criteria with the results of the MEAP tests being the major factor in the assessment.

We continue to receive donations for our "Take A Seat" fundraiser for our auditorium seats. We are pleased to announce that we have sold approximately 40% of the seats thus far. We are hoping to move our sales into the 80-90% range in order to start the project during the summer of 2009. If you are starting to think of holiday gift-giving, this would be an outstanding way to honor a loved one! We greatly appreciate your support on this project.

Sincerely,

Denny Chartier

To purchase a seat or for more information, contact Debi at 906-779-2600

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"Take A Seat" Mini Trivia Winner

**Congratulations
to Renee
(Pilon) Wil-
son!**

**New Contest
On Page 4!**

Every one of you is important in helping to make Iron Mountain High School's "Take A Seat" fundraiser a success. We want to recognize you for the amazing support and for what has been achieved in such a short period of time. Every person who has been involved deserves part of the recognition and credit for our progress.

We would like to express a very special thank you to those who give purchased seats. These generous and caring individuals and families make it possible to do more than we ever dreamed, but we have a long way to go to reach our goal, so please continue your support!



TAKE A SEAT PATRONS

Agnessi	Danielson	Marchetti	Rogers
Alleva	Donahue	Mariucci	Rossato
Amicangelo	Eutizzi	McClure	Ryan
Anderson	Finn	McConaughy	Sandona
Andreoli	Fitzgibbon	McCraw	Santini
Arnold	Fleury	Melendes	Schinderle
Bartolameolli	Formolo	Miller	Scholke
Bartoletti	Fortier	Mindok	Schultz
Berg	Frankini	Mouw	Shefchik
Bird	Franson	Neitzel	Simon
Booth	Fuse	Nelson	Simone
Boyce	Gauthier	Nepper	Spigarelli
Bruce	Grenier	Noel	Strang
Buchanan	Groeneveld	Notheis	Swanson
Carollo	Hamm	Olivanti	Swartout
Carslon	Hogberg	Palmer	Thomas
Cecconi	Hoppenrath	Paoli	Tirschel
Cerasoli	Itzov	Payne	Tomassoni
Chartier	Jacob	Peck	Truscott
Cini	Jacobs	Person	Uren
Ciocheto	Johnson	Peruchini	Valiquette
Clarke	Klug	Pesavento	Vardian
Class of 42	Knapp	Poppy	Verette
Class of 52	Kukuk	Posthumus	Vornkahl
Class of 68	Lake	Pozza	Walts
Cohodes	Laurila	Pretschold	Weber
Colassaco	Leonard	Rigoni	Zigman
Conn	Liscomb	Rigoni-Harper	<i>Grand Total :</i>
Cowell	Luciani	Ring	<i><u>222 Seats Sold</u></i>
	Manahan	Robertson	<i><u>\$47,505.00</u></i>

My Mother, Idea Burkart, Lover of Community

Submitted By Jeanne Williams

June 5, 2008 – My mother, Idea Burkart, lifelong resident of Iron Mountain, passed away at the age of 99 years “young.”

Where did Idea’s unusual name come from? In the early 1900s Idea’s Italian father was actively involved in workers’ rights reforms in Europe. It was a revolutionary “idea” that workers did indeed have rights. Thus, the daughter of Valerio Calvino was named Idea. The spirit that would become a proud American was born.

Many words are descriptive of my mother. She was loving, kind, family-centered, intelligent, creative, imaginative, social, and active; she possessed great resolve and strength, and she was pretty! Her beauty of character and gentle ways touched many hearts. Always ready to share her smile and sense of humor, she was one for whom laughter came easily. She was a positive thinker, concerned about people around her and her community.

Above all, Idea loved her community, Iron Mountain, Michigan, and education. She was valedictorian of her IMHS graduating class of 1926, earning the distinction of district contest winner and state champion in shorthand and typewriting. Throughout her life, her Underwood typewriter, purchased used at Standard Printing for \$15, was the most used item in our household. It was her sturdy servant for many years as Idea typed away, accomplishing her volunteer work for the Michigan Congress of Parents and Teachers, first as Iron Mountain PTA Council president and then as District Director, Regional Vice President and chairman of state Founders Day, Preschool and High School Service, and Program committees. Her presentation of leadership training workshops in PTA spanned 25 years of service.

Idea’s love of community extended to our Dickinson County Library and its services. She assisted in reorganizing the Friends of the Library, served as an officer and co-chaired successful millage elections. Being an avid reader all her life, she was current with national and world events and ready to converse and share her opinions. She possessed an unending thirst for life and knowledge.

As a member of St. Mary & St. Joseph Church and its Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus, Idea exemplified an honest work ethic, including prayer and faith in God modeled in real life, leaving investments in Christian training and a priceless Christian legacy to her family. As wife of Bill Burkart for 64 years, she cared for family members with love and concern.

Possessing the gift of making others feel special, people instantly felt her warmth and friendship upon meeting her. She was truly more concerned about others than herself, bringing sunshine into their lives.

An excellent communicator, a conversationalist, a storyteller, an avid correspondent, a sympathetic listener, a cheerful, supportive individual, a non-complainer, a calming influence in times of life crises, a community advocate, this was a very special lady, my mother, Idea Burkart.



1926



Where Are They Now?

Anna Holster-Iron Mountain High School Class of 1999
Bachelor Of Science in Social Policy-Northwestern University 2003
Master of Social Policy-University of Pennsylvania-2006
Pursuing a PhD in Public Policy at George Washington University
New Executive Director at the Center for Inquiry DC
August 13, 2008

The Center for Inquiry is very pleased to announce Anna Holster as the new Executive Director of the DC branch.

Ms. Holster hopes to build upon the outreach and understanding already being developed through CFI and is thoroughly committed to the success of the organization, both locally and nationally. She has had a longstanding commitment to secular humanist values, social justice and human rights.

Ms. Holster is a PhD Candidate in Public Policy at George Washington University with a concentration in Race, Ethnicity, and Public Policy. She also possesses a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Pennsylvania with a Policy & Research focus, where she was the 2006 recipient of the Black Men at Penn Combating American Racism Award. She received her Bachelor of Science in Education and Social Policy degree from Northwestern University with undergraduate leadership honors.

Ms. Holster most recently worked as a Public Policy Analyst for DC Action for Children. Her previous experience includes positions at Philadelphia Safe & Sound; the Southeastern Pennsylvania Office of Children, Youth, and Families; the University of Pennsylvania Medical School; the University of Pennsylvania School of Design; and the Child and Family Services agencies in both Chicago and Philadelphia.

Ms. Holster's ongoing and completed research projects include studies of the tribal court model; religious discrimination against Native American inmates; Census undercounting and congressional malapportionment; political motivation in the creation of the War on Drugs campaign; reentry services for juvenile offenders; youth aging out of foster care in the District of Columbia; anti-death penalty advocacy; medical effects of exposure to Perfluooctanoic Acid; and spatial and residential trends in the Seventh Ward of Philadelphia.

Ms. Holster has been active in the Institute on American Racism; Northwestern University Conference on Human Rights; Generation MIX; Women of Color at Penn Day; Campus Coalition Against Trafficking; and as a conflict resolution mentor.



Anna was the 2006 recipient of the Black Men at Penn Combating American Racism Award and an invited speaker at the Institute on American Racism and the Northwestern University Conference on Human Rights. UCLA Law School is publishing a book including a chapter co-written by Anna. She lives in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia with her daughter Janae, a kindergartener at Douglas MacArthur Elementary School. Anna's mother, Betsy Holster was an art teacher at Iron Mountain High School for many years and is currently a professor at California State University at Fullerton. Ms. Holster recalls enjoying Mrs. Yake's calculus class and drama cast parties on Mrs. Ryan's farm.

TRIVIA CONTEST-Earliest Postmark Wins A Mountaineer Prize!

What is the current number of auditorium seats sold at the time of this mailing?

What team did the Mountaineer Football Statue originally represent?

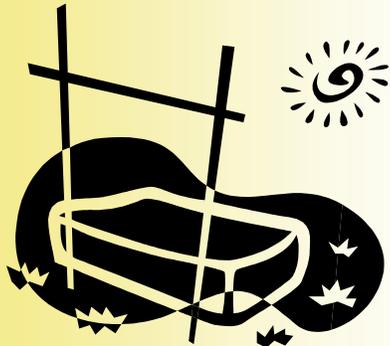
Mail to: Alumni Trivia, 300 West B Street, Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Class of 1989 Reunion • Save The Date!!!! -July 24th & 25th 2009

Please contact Chris Branz-Karman @ branzkarman@gmail.com for more information!



2008 Spring Sports



GIRLS' TRACK

Mid Pen Champions

School Records:

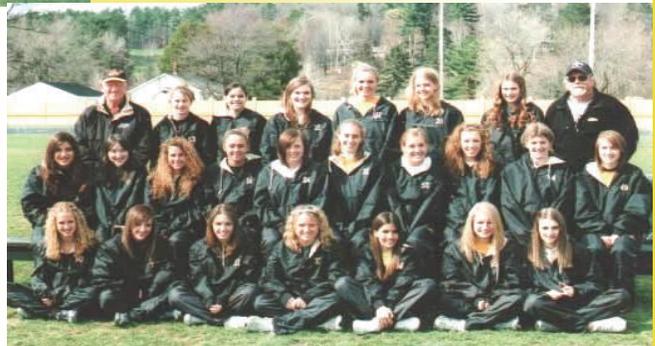
100 Meter Dash

400 Meter Relay

Long Jump

800 Meter Relay

All UP Track Team-800 Meter Relay Team



BOYS' TENNIS

2nd Place UP DIV II Finals

#3 Singles UP Champ

#3 Doubles UP Champions

#4 Doubles UP Champions



Alumni Generations

Julia (Anegon) Cini (1)	1949	Louis Verrette (1)	1930
Louis Cini (1)	1950	William Verrette (2)	1957
Mark Cini (2)	1972	Thomas Verrette (3)	1983
Michael Cini (3)	2000		
Anne Spigarelli (1)	1940	Marjorie (Querio) Stephens (1)	1943
Kathy (Spigarelli) Thekan (2)	1972	Diane (Stephens) Schabo (2)	1965
Bridgette Inglese (3)	1994	Kelly (Schabo) Gaucher (3)	1990
Mark Agnessi (1)	1947	Dee Noskey (1)	1947
Jean (Agnessi) Groeneveld (2)	1982	Suzanne Noskey (2)	1966
Joel Groeneveld (3)	2006	Kristine (Noskey) Gauthier (3)	1970
		Mark Noskey (3)	1973
		Cindy (Noskey) Adrian (3)	1975
Clarice Almone (1)	1959		
Steve Branz (2)	1984	Cecil Langren (1)	1917
Samantha Branz (3)	2008	Vivien (Langren) Koffman (2)	1959
		Carrie Koffman (3)	1986
Lois (Witte) Larson (1)	1945	Dan Koffman (3)	1989
Lynn (Larson) Sand (2)	1967		
David Sand (2)	1967	Archie Betti (1)	1947
Sarah (Sand) Wenzel (3)	1995	Greta (Anderson) Betti (1)	1953
Amy Sand (3)	2000	Patricia (Betti) Ebertsch (2)	1979
		Joseph Ebertsch (3)	2003
Rugean (McDonnell) Fraker (1)	1935	Jason Ebertsch (3)	2007
Dennis Fraker (2)	1965		
Emily (Fraker) Brown (3)	1996	Louise (Lindholm) Johnson (1)	1923
Ian Fraker (3)	2002	Charlene (Johnson) Qualley (2)	1952
		Craig Qualley (3)	1979
Laurette (Henrickson) Trevillian (1)	1936	Jon Qualley (4)	2007
Ward Trevillian (2)	1961		
Joyce (Chellew) Trevillian (2)	1966	Betty (LaRouche) Pirlot (1)	1942
Colleen (Trevillian) Driscoll (3)	1989	Linda (Pirlot) Coe (2)	1972
Tami (Trevillian) Slagle (3)	1990	Brad Coe (3)	2000
Irma (DiUlio) Sherman (1)	1939	Betty (Carlson) Dahlgren (1)	1957
Rick Sherman (2)	1968	Debbie (Dahlgren) Tompkins (2)	1983
Joshua Sherman (3)	1993	Jessica Tompkins (3)	2008
Iam Sherman (3)	2007		
Robert Bell (1)	1933	Jerome Miller (1)	1933
William Bell (2)	1962	Mary (Gregory) Miller (1)	1937
Deena (Bell) Pietrantonio (3)	1990	Barbara (Miller) Kramer (2)	1965
Lorrie (Bell) Vross (3)	1992	Kathleen (Miller) Yaggie (2)	1968

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Anna (Walker) Ganz (1)	1944	Lorraine (Santi) Keller (1)	1945
Lori (Ganz) Mellon (2)	1978	Kathy (Phillion) Ayers (2)	1967
Travis Mellon (3)	2002	Dewey Ellis (3)	1986
Brigette Mellon (3)	2005		
Abraham Spigarelli (1)	1946	Mildred (Shea) LaJeunesse (1)	1932
Debby (Spigarelli) Lomax (2)	1975	Joseph LaJuenesse (1)	1933
Kelly (Evosevich) Poupore (3)	1997	Mary (LaJuenesse) Rossato (2)	1956
Scott Evosevich (3)	2001	Anne Rossato (3)	1979
		John Rossato (3)	
		Jane Rossato (3)	
Ernest Mariucci (1)	1939	Peter Rossato (3)	1985
Anna (Agnessi) Mariucci(1)	1941	Jason Rossato (4)	1999
Patricia (Mariucci) Blomquist (2)	1969	Matt Rossato (4)	2001
Sara Blomquist (3)	2003		
Jennifer Blomquist (3)	2005	Roger Nyquist (1)	1929
		Sharon (Nyquist) Frievalt (2)	1952
Norma (Romagnoli) Simone (1)	1941	Vickie (Frievalt) Jenshale (3)	1972
Nick Simone Jr. (2)	1972	Jamie Jenshale (4)	2000
Elissa Simone (3)	2005		
		Cloe Trudell (1)	1922
John Elmer (1)	1950	Dorothy Trudell (1)	1925
Betty (Pastori) Elmer (1)	1951	Edith Trudell (1)	1927
Jeana (Elmer) Simone (2)	1973	Verna Trudell (1)	1929
Elissa Simone (3)	2005	Lorraine Trudell (1)	1931
		Joseph Trudell (1)	1933
Jeane (Lambert) Perla (1)	1939	Genevieve (Trudell) Nepper (1)	1938
Janet (Perla) Terwilliger (2)	1968	Joyce Trudell (1)	1943
Marisa (Fontecchio) Bartels (3)	1993	Gary Nepper (2)	1960
Christine Fontecchio (3)	1996	Thomas Nepper (2)	1961
		Tina Maria Nepper (2)	1966
Bruce Romagnoli (1)	1955	Carole Nepper (2)	1968
Dianne (Dufresne) Romagnoli-Izzo (1)	1959	Stephanie Nepper (2)	1969
Dino Romagnoli (2)	1979	Jeffrey Nepper (2)	1971
Tia Romagnoli (3)	2007	Dennis Nepper (2)	1974
		Ronald Nepper (2)	1978
Joe Rigoni (1)	1926	Brett Nepper (3)	1997
Avis (Anderson) Rigoni (1)	1927	Stephanie Nepper (3)	2004
Robert Rigoni (2)	1954		
Jean (Harper) Rigoni (2)	1964	Erminio Raffin (1)	1928
		Joseph Santi (2)	1953
David Rigoni (3)	1977	Janice (Raffin) Santi (2)	1955
Doug Rigoni (3)	1979	Duane Santi (3)	1974
Diane (Rigoni) Newkirk (3)	1982	Margaret (Santi) Voland (3)	1976
Christopher Rigoni (4)	2004	Jolene (Santi) Costello (3)	1977
Steven Rigoni (4)	2006		

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Anthony Santi	1979	James Harris (1)	1953
David Santi (3)	1984	Dianne (Derk) Harris (1)	1954
Angeline (Santi) Peitchard (4)	1996	Howard Timothy Harris (2)	
Gina (Santi) Brooks (4)	1998	Kathie Harris	
Maria Santi (4)	2000	Chris Harris	2006
Emmett Johnson (1)	1931	Elizabeth (Miller) DeFiore (1)	1924
David Johnson (2)	1959	Elisa (DeFiore) Farrington (2)	1951
Peter Johnson (2)	1965	Denise Christensen (3)	1976
Jaye (Johnson) Conn (2)	1970	Brandon Hall (4)	2000
Michael Johnson (2)	1972		
Christy Johnson (3)	1987	Margaret (Skoglund) Uren (1)	1929
Larry Johnson (3)	1994	Carol (Uren) Schettler (2)	1951
Carlton Pollard (1)	1960	Robert Schettler (3)	1975
Judy (Crantz) Pollard (1)	1963	Thomas Schettler (3)	1979
Joyce (Pollard) Bashaw (2)	1986	Sandra (Schettler) Finch (3)	1983
Melissa Bashaw (3)	2008		
Alice (Ring) Person (1)	1951	Marjorie (Theisen) Nelson (1)	1947
Ray Person (1)	1952	Susan (Nelson) Higgins (2)	1970
Debra (Person) Krokstrom (2)	1975	Nicholas Nelson (2)	1972
Michelle (Person) Sparks (3)	1995	Ricky Nelson (2)	1973
Ann (Negro) Miller (1)	1920	Jay (Nelson) Skorich (2)	1975
Shirley (Miller) Mande (2)	1950	Ray Nelson (2)	1977
Lynn (Mande) Rollins (3)	1989	Carrie (Nelson) Mellinger (2)	1983
John Mande (3)	1990	Adam Nelson (3)	1998
Margaret Mande (3)	1994	Ashley Nicole Nelson (3)	2001
Marjorie (Holtien) McCallum (1)	1939		
Henry Holtien (1)	1941		
Allyn Holtien (1)	1949		
Larry Holtien (2)	1957		
Pat (McCallum) Trempe (2)	1963		
Dan McCallum (2)	1966		
Debbie (McCallum) Knutson (2)	1972		
Christine (Holtien) Schultz (3)	1984		
David Holtien (3)	1985		
Traci (Holtien) Watson (3)	1988		
Evelyn (Crago) Swanson (1)	1925		
Sharon (Swanson) Koller (2)	1953		
Craig Koller (3)	1975		
Kim (Koller) Ristau (3)	1977		



Wow! It has been brought to our attention that Lucile Grimmond (class of **1924**) is our earliest surviving alumni! Congratulation Lucille!

Scholarship News

When AJ Kent passed away in February of 2008, it was his wish for people to make donations in his memory to the Student Activity Fund at IMHS to support student participation in athletic camps.

AJ had a special place in his heart for IM football and tennis, activities in which his children, Adam and Laura, participated.

Donations in memory of AJ totaled more than \$3000.00 to date.

This past spring, the first 4 awards were made to:

Nick Harris, NMU FB Camp

Erin Sanford, MTU BBall Camp

Alex Lanthier, NMU FB Camp

Jordyn Dumais, NMU BBall camp

Thank you to the following donors who made monetary contributions to the **General Scholarship Fund** for the 2007/08 school year, **totaling over \$8,000.00!**

Therese (Bonen) Porta (Class of 1946) and Charles Porta (Class of 1944)

Class of 1963 (in memory of Ken Lagina, Margaret Scott Keel & Mary Peters Fabry)

Class of 2007

Mike Pretschold (Class of 1959)

Bonnie Buchanan (in honor of Julie Verrette)

Tina (Dulan) Freeman (in memory of Henry Dulan, Class of 1940)

Class of 1957 (in memory of Russell Colantonio & Donald Brockington)

William and Joanne Konopacke (Class of 1944)

Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (in memory of Robert Menghini)

Dr. Peter Jacobs (Class of 1979)

John Pesavento (Class of 1939)

Lorraine (Schinderle) Jacobs and Paul Jacobs (Class of 1951)

Francis Campra (Class of 1958)

Macy's matching fund (donation through Francis Campra)

Marian Berg (Class of 1972)

Iron Mountain High School Student Council (in honor of 2007/08 Board of Education)

Roland Mariucci (Class of 1947)

Beatrice Blomquist (in memory of Olaf Blomquist)

Elizabeth (Hosking) Glass and Robert Glass (Class of 1963)

Robert J. Anders (Class of 1963)

Susan (Carollo) Fox (Class of 1963)

Ralph L. Kramer (Class of 1963)

Karla M. Kazianka (Class of 1963)

David Lindholm (Class of 1963)

Jean Lauger Becker (Class of 1963 – in memory of Mary Jo Angera)

All donations, large or small continue to support higher education for the students of Iron Mountain High School and are greatly appreciated. **Contributions of \$100 or more are recognized with their name engraved on our General Scholarship plaque.** Donations can be given in memory/honor of classmates, parents, siblings, teachers, friends and even special life events. Currently, names are being added to the sixth plaque.

If you are interested in making a donation to the General Scholarship fund or learning more about the Iron Mountain High School Scholarship Program, please contact Mel Laydon at 779-2610 or laydonm@imschools.org for additional information. Donations can be mailed to Scholarship Administrator, Iron Mountain High School, 300 West B Street, Iron Mountain, MI 49801.

From the Mailbag.....

Hello Auditorium Fundraisers:

Cornelius Peck was very proud of being a graduate of IMHS, and always interested in the newsletter you sent him. After he died last month, I found this newsletter featuring the auditorium project. I know Cornelius would be pleased to have his name on a plaque at his beloved Alma mater.

Sincerely,

Gloria Peck (Wife of 58 Years!)

Dear IMHS Alumni and Friends Editor:

I am enclosing the form on having three generations of IMHS graduates. Grandma Ann Miller attended IMHS and graduated. However, my mom (Shirley), thought that back then high school only went until 10th grade so we hope we have the year correct. I so hope we may have a fourth generation graduating from IMHS. We just need to work on me moving back to Iron Mountain with my 6 year old daughter or having the community start praying for my newly married brother to start having children soon ☺.

I so enjoy your newsletter. It brings back so many wonderful memories. I can not believe Mr. Percolosi retired. I had him as a health teacher and he was fabulous. I think my sister, Meg, also had him as an instructor from driver education. Perhaps he can give her a refreshers course. However, she flies planes now so I don't get on her as much about her driving.

What more can be said about Dr. Jacobs than those positive comments already received and probably much more articulate than myself. It is not easy to find a great family doctor like him! You sure don't find them down here below the bridge! I still remember going to him when I hurt my foot a week before the U.P. Cross Country Finals and how he was bound and determined to make me better in a week to run. I was able to compete in the finals and at the finish line was given information on running for Lake Superior State University, which I did attend on a Cross Country and Track scholarship. I also remember him making a house call, on my birthday, in which my brother John decided to fall on the ice, on the way home from school, and had a concussion. Again Dr. Jacobs helped make him better so my party could continue. It sure beat having my party in the Emergency Room. If you see Dr. Jacobs tell him thanks again and Go Blue!

Keep up the great work and enclosed is a donation to help keep the process rolling and filled with ink. Take care.

Yours truly,

Lynn Mande-Rollins, Class of 1989

IMHS Alumni and Friends:

I have read each edition most carefully—so far haven't found the year 1936—am I the last? I celebrated 90 on 4/12, 4 sons, 13 grandchildren and 16 greats. Presently living in beautiful Grand Haven, MI—thinking about a move to Sun City AZ—oldest son and his 2 sons and families there. Winter here 2007-08, I didn't enjoy. Keep busy volunteering at Library and Sr. Center, teaching beginning Bridge, attempt some golf. Have Cousins in IM. Hope this brings more '36 classmates out.

Best- Doris Kelsey

Really enjoy reading your newsletter. I enjoyed my brief time at IMHS and still keep in touch with a few old class mates. Keep up the good work.

Victor Quinn

To: The staff who publish the IMHS Alumni and Friends Newsletter

From: Sister Monica Laughlin (Mary Monica) Class of 1940

Thank you very much for your newsletters. I'm happy to see that so many alums are as convinced as I am of the superior quality of the teaching at Iron Mountain High, and delighted that the auditorium will get a face-lift.

I will remember the desks in the auditorium—we were all arranged alphabetically. Ray Juth, who was killed at Pearl Harbor just a couple of years later, sat in front of me. It was both "home-room" and "study hall".

It was good to see a picture of T. Ray Uhlinger—a fine musician and a great teacher. He was responsible for my getting a scholarship to the summer band camp at Ann Arbor—a summer that substantially set me on the musical path I've pursued.

I'd like to add another instance to Ted Corombus's article on events held in the auditorium. It concerns his sister, Demetria (or Jenny as we called her then—I don't know why) who was an outstanding debate and oratory student. There had been a not-very-complimentary article in the Iron Mountain News editorials about what poor education students had nowadays, so somehow the editor got invited to come and debate it in a public forum. I can still remember how Demetria convinced him otherwise in no uncertain terms!

Keep up your great work!

Sincerely,

Sr. Margaret James Laughlin

From the Mailbag Continued

I enjoy the newsletter very much. I remember a few times that Miss. Hofer kept us after class for talking. At that time the auditorium was the seniors homeroom and kept us until 5:00 p.m. or so.

*Victor Pangrazzi
Class of 38'*

Alumni and Friends Newsletter staff

*I enjoy reading each issue and I congratulate all involved for publishing such a fine piece of work.
Best regards to all,
Doris Stilwell
IMHS Class of 1942*

*Great Newsletter, enjoy it very much. Keep up the great work.
Rickard A. Olivanti
Class of 1956*

*Dear Friends,
Received the great Newsletter today – it gets better each time! Keep up the good work.
Pat Bond
Class of 1945
We're having our 63rd this year!*

*Dear Friends,
Love to sit and read the Newsletter. So fun to look back and reminisce. Enclosed the four generation list of our family who attended I.M. and grandparents from there too.
Thanks for your hard work.
Sincerely,
Lisa Harrington*

*It is much fun reading the new things going in – even though 1947 seems like a long way back.
Sally Larson 1947*

April 28, 2008

Dear Alumni Newsletter Staff,

I totally enjoy the newsletter and wanted to thank you for doing the piece on me – much to my surprise. My only objection is that the best half of the picture was omitted – apparently from the IMHS TV channel piece as well. Ask them for it and see if you don't agree; it puts the whole thing into perspective.

One thing that I was proud to show my wife and daughter (age 13) last summer during my 40th year class reunion was that my name is still on the top of the list in the school gymnasium of state and UP athletic champions from IMHS (as a member of Kriegel's Krushers). I've now spent more years away from IM than I did growing up in town, but I'm still always proud to tell stories of growing up on the east side and running or biking down the hill and across the tracks to get back to classes after lunch. Many a time our trek was interrupted by stopped railroad trains on the tracks and many a student hopped over the couplings to avoid being late. Some the highlights of growing up in IM were the concert series held in the school auditorium – the Tucson Arizona Boys' Choir comes immediately to mind. I now live in a city with four high schools, each one of which has some 4,000 students. The school system is very proud of having received the Eli Broad prize for urban education systems, all of which goes for college scholarships. Amazingly enough, the IMHS, now with less than 400 students, annually gives as much in scholarships to its graduates than all of the scholarship money from the Broad prize, which seems to be the only source of scholarship money in these giant schools. I only credit this to the high value that the Iron Mountain community and its graduates perceive as the value of the local community of higher education.

*Kind wishes for continued success,
Jim Archie*

Visit www.imschools.org for more school information!

Dear Iron Mountain Friends:

Its 1946—I was a 16 year old orphan in Los Angeles, Ca., when my case worker found that I had an aunt on the north side, in Iron Mountain. Her name was Julia Lampretch. They contacted her, and my aunt said she would take me for my last year of High School.

I arrived there, by train, on Thanksgiving Day. It was snowing. Wow, this was the first time I had ever seen snow. How fantastic!! The next day I was enrolled in Iron Mountain High School.

This was the most rewarding year of my life. It put my whole life into perspective. I was accepted by everyone. The other kids called me “Southern Cal”. They claim I had a southern accent. I thought that they had the accent. The teachers found out that I could sing. They put me in Glee Club, and had me try out for a role in the school musical, “Annie Get Your Gun”. I was made a snow princess for the annual ski jump doings on the mountain. I didn’t have the proper clothing, so the other princesses all loaned me various bits and pieces, like boots, pants, jacket, etc., and I played my part. I got a part time job at WMIQ Radio Station reading children’s stories on Saturday mornings, and casting plays for Saturday night’s “WMIQ Playhouse” I had a full and fun year.

I graduated in 1947, and still have my Yearbook that I take out once in a while and read the encouraging noted from classmates and teachers.

I returned to Los Angeles after graduation, and worked until I got married in 1949 to a soldier. After his discharge he attended the Univ. of Minnesota and became a Doctor. He took me to Iron Mountain’s 20th Class Reunion in 1967. We had four children, seven grandchildren, and six great grandchildren, so far.

I now live in Las Vegas, next door to my son, Dirk. I’m 78 years old, still healthy, and getting along fine.

Thanks for letting me see the other side of life. Everyone in Iron Mountain just made me feel like an ordinary person, who could do everything and anything like everybody else.

Sincerely,

Marie Ravenholt-Class of 1947



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