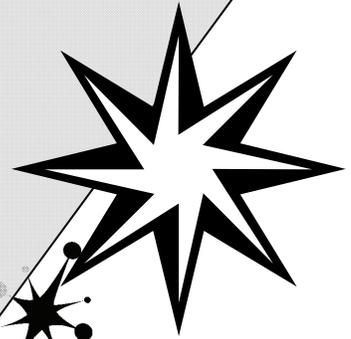


IMHS

Alumni and Friends

Newsletter



Our Auditorium

Winter-Spring 2008



The Iron Mountain High School Auditorium has a long and glorious history. It has been available for school and public functions continually just shy of 100 years. Not many high school auditoriums in the entire good ol' U.S.A can make that claim.

Every high school student who ever attended IMHS has memories of it, many of them vivid and personal. All participants in the bands, choruses, high school plays (including the backstage crews), and the orchestra, when we had one, can tell their own stories.

Sometimes, the barely acceptable or somewhat unacceptable shenanigans they pulled during practice, or during breaks in practice, made for the best stories as many can attest. Whether you're a recent or decades-ago graduate, you all remember episodes that are now happy memories.

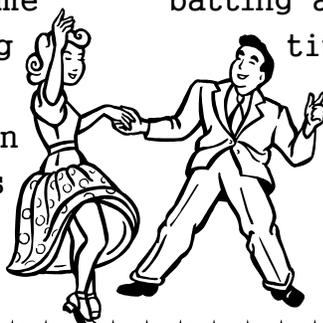
It would be impossible for any one person to do a complete history of the auditorium because no one now living has lived long enough. There are no accurate records of the many thousands of performances, both school and non-school, that have taken place.

Radio Commentator Paul Harvey, who is now 89 years old and still active, gave a rousing anti-communist speech to a standing ovation in 1951 in our auditorium, when he was 32 years old and already nationally famous on ABC News radio. He started the speech with a loud, booming "Good evening, Americans" that startled the audience.

Long-time Detroit Tigers broadcaster Harry Heilemann, who is also enshrined in the baseball Hall of Fame, appeared in our auditorium the same year. He had a lifetime batting average of .342 and won four American League batting titles during his 1914-29 career with the Tigers.

Everybody in Iron Mountain knew of him at the time because most of the city's baseball fans were Tiger fans.

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For many years the Lions Club put on spectacular musical shows called The Lion's Roar. The talent pool was made up entirely of the many skilled local musicians and singers. Each yearly performance had a new theme. The late Dan Croci was the director for many years.

The students have put on many memorable Broadway musicals and dramas over the years, and still do, ably assisted by willing and imaginative teacher-directors who get their satisfaction from the performance of their charges. It certainly isn't for the money, which, if divided by the hours they put in, is clearly a violation of the minimum wage laws.

In the big band era, quite a number of those famous bands also made appearances. Many other unusually talented groups appeared when the Community Concert series was held in the auditorium.

Many "spit-and-polish" military bands, in full dress uniform, have received standing ovations. Their great music, including rousing marches and patriotic songs has reduced audiences to tears and made them proud to be Americans and have men and women of such talent and dedication in our military.

For many years, high school graduations were held in the auditorium. The increasing demand for more seats, so more relatives and friends of the graduates could attend, forced a move to the gym with its much larger capacity.

There have been many unusual lecture series and assemblies and at least one "off the balcony" performance. A 1940 graduate, Demetra Corombos, had graduated from the University of Chicago in 1944 and headed west. There, she took up mountain climbing.

She came back around 1947 and was asked to give a lecture on climbing. She gave a lecture and then some. She tied a rope high on the balcony and anchored it in the middle of the stage. She then did a very fast slide down the rope over the heads of the gasping students. It was the talk of the school for weeks.

A little known fact to more recent generations is that there is a smaller pull out-stage right below the main stage at floor level. It's still there, but hasn't been used for so many years it's all but forgotten.

For the first sixty or more years, the original wood seats remained in place - through World War I, the Great Depression, World War II and years after. Eventually, far more comfortable and larger seats were installed. The capacity was reduced slightly, but comfort and viewing increased dramatically.

Many other changes, large and small, have been made over the years. Now, more are needed. That grand old auditorium is not obsolete, but it does need some work.

We all have heard the old saying "If only the walls could talk, what stories they could tell." Hundreds of performances in the auditorium were under the direction of Wally Swanson. If only Wally was still with us, he could add so much more to the history of this Iron Mountain treasure.

Contributed by Ted Corumbos



A Neat Offer!

Help us to save paper and postage! Sign up for the electronic version of our "Alumni and Friends Newsletter"! Just send an email to alumni@imschools.org and put subscribe in the subject line!

Thank you^{*}...

Our Newsletter publication relies tremendously on the support and donations of Iron Mountain Alumni, Thanks to all who have helped out! If you would like to make a donation toward future issues, checks can be made payable to: IMHS Alumni & Friends Newsletter. Send all donations to: IMHS Alumni & Friends Newsletter, P.O. Box 280, Iron Mountain, MI 49801.

Listed by graduation year:

- **Ralph Swanson 1938**
- **Orvil Ostberg 1939**
- **Francis Formolo 1940 (In Memory of Miss Helming)**
- **Cynthia A. (Alexander) Carlson 1942**
- **Frank McKinnon 1942**
- **Louis 1945 and Joan 1944 Pucci**
- **Joseph Rizzardi 1946**
- **Roland Mariucci 1947**
- **Dorothy (Carrigg) Boener 1947**
- **Marjorie (Thiesen) Nelson 1947**
- **Joyce (LeDuc) Martin 1947**
- **Joseph Negro 1948**
- **Rodney 1949 & Arlene 1952 Walter**
- **Shirley McLeod 1949**
- **David Hanna 1951**
- **Bonnie Glidden Buchanan 1958**
- **Bruce L. Gall 1959**
- **Peter Jenson 1971**
- **Lawrence Krause 1981**
- **Julie Whayne 1981 (In Memory of Mark Fagan) 1977)**

Thanks to Bob and Monica Mortel (In Memory of Iron Mountain Graduate, Sue Mortl) for sponsoring a needy Iron Mountain Schools family this Christmas.

Mountaineer Trivia



Members of the court are from left to right: Mary Strellick, Alene Blomquist, Donna Oradei, Nina Hansen, Mary Harris, Janice Coyne, Carol Spigarelli, Kathy Leardi, Carol Corcoran, Marybelle O'Donnell, John Rosala, Paul Blazier, Mike Quilliam, Dennis Douglas, Jack Beauchamp, Bob Bevard, Bob Haliman, Mike Schroeder, Dave Lindholm, Anthony Lorenzi.

1. This senior hop was themed "Wonderland by Night." What year was it?



2. The year was 1954. He was the Student Council President. What is his name?



3. These senior class officers of 1960: Alice Menucci-Vice-President. Jim Webb-Treasurer. and Jancie Glideen-President. confer with their advisor. Who is he?

4. This ski team placed first for boys & girls teams in the U.P.. What year was it?



Row I, left to right: Jim Zacks, Mickey Perino, Steve Clement, Linda Channing, Dan Carlson. Row II: Albert Johnson, John McEachiran, Cristine Nelson, David Johnson, Lynn Johnson, Bob Justus, Mike Erickson, Carol Underhill, Coach Schneeberg, Jerry Zacks.

Answers: 1. 1962 2. Ray Clemo 3. Mr. Nelson 4. 1959

Auditorium* Trivia



1. On May 25th, 1940, the Upper Peninsula Band Festival was hosted in our auditorium. Who was the Band Director?



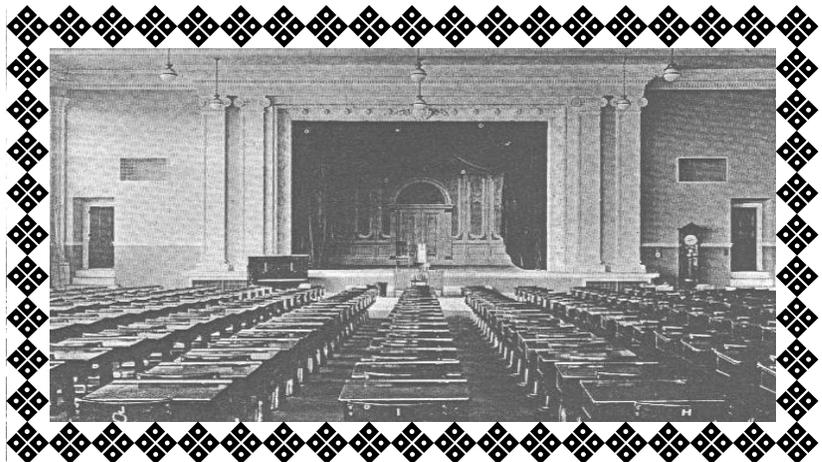
2. Much of the success of every production on the IMHS stage in 1953 was due to the work of this backstage crew. Who were they?



3. Piano soloists Linnea Salmeen and Pauline Rigotti practice for Ensemble Festival at Marquette. What year was it?



4. At one time the auditorium had individual desks instead of seats. Can you guess what year it was?



Answers: 1. Mr. Uhlinger 2. Calvin Rusford, Joe Sacchetti, Bill Trudell, Larry Flaminio, Dale McNamee, Bill Laydon, Jerry Bianco, Albert Basso, Ronald Ackerman, Len Tremain, Terry Sullivan 3. 1962 4. 1917

From the Mailbag...

Dear Editors,

It was such a treat to read your little newsletter. Names and people were like ghosts from the past. We (1942) just had our 65th class reunion that Betty Simon organizes every five years. Our turn out was pretty good, but getting the reservations in was very nerve racking, because she had put down \$250 for the Country Club and it didn't seem as though we'd make the 25 minimum until the last week.

Frank McKinnon, Shirley Lindholm, Betty Ebel, Ben Swanson, Don Chandler and Ralph and I sat at our table. As it turned out I wish that we had come earlier for the mixer because I really didn't have enough time to visit before the dinner and program.

Part of the nice things that happen when you stay in this area is occasionally meeting old I.M.H.S. friends in the grocery store or drug store or about town. On occasion I have just asked "who are you?" when I can't remember someone's name.

Thank you for your time and effort: I hope you can continue your newsletter.

Cynthia (Alexander) Carlson—Class of 1942

Just Finished reading the Fall 2007 Alumni issue and thoroughly enjoyed it, as I have past issues. I was particularly impressed with the 2007 graduates scholarship "record" of over \$2 million dollars. Outstanding!

Dave Hanna—Class of 1951

Dear Friends,

For a number of years now I have received your wonderful newsletter and it has reflected the quality generated by the school system of that wonderful city where I was born and received a quality education, as were my ten brothers and two sisters who attended your school. Results speak for themselves. All completed high school, five graduated from college and two have received post-graduate degrees. All have lead fine lives.

My recollections of the Iron Mountain schools have always been how outstanding the teachers were. They were greatly under-paid and over-performers. In my case, I wish to single out Miss Helming for having a great influence on me in my life after High School. We can be confident that she is up above looking on and encouraging excellence. In showing my gratitude for the learning outcome that she generated, I would like to make a donation in her name to help support more publications.

Keep thinking all those good thoughts. All in the education field have influences that cannot be measured by wealth alone.

Francis W. Formolo—Class of 1940

Thought that you might be interested to know that an element of your most recent newsletter found it's way into mine.

Although Dr. Jacobs was not my family doctor, he did perform the "mass physicals" in grades as early as fifth for football and basketball that I benefited from.

Thanks for the newsletter and the good material.

Dave Williams—Class of 1972



Miss Helming

Mailbag Continued...

Dear Alumni Friends:

Thank you for publishing and sending the IMHS Alumni & Friends Newsletter. Reading the article gives remembrance of many years ago when I was a student (graduating class of 1961). The Mountaineer trivia in the fall 2007 issue asks the name of the principal of the Iron Mountain High School in 1958. I remember Miss Caroline Hofer very well: she was a wonderful teacher, administrator and respected by everyone. I am enclosing a poem I wrote about Miss Hofer which was entered in a Houston poetry contest for the category titled "An apple for the teacher". She was very strict, a disciplinarian, one who loved the students and dedicated her life to teaching. Her leadership example, along with the other team of teachers, instilled in us responsibility, motivation and setting high the goals set before us.



Miss Hofer

Everyone in the school thought she
was strict

Her demeanor was always the same
Boys who misbehaved were fearful
As they plotted who us they could
blame

Miss Hofer was so dedicated
Placed each student under her wing
Graduating senior or freshman
Their concerns to her they could
bring

Her role as teacher and principal
Reached far beyond walls of our
school

Even dealing with dignitaries
She taught by and lived the Golden
Rule

Loud speaker announcements each
morning

Started with a heartfelt prayer
Followed by Pledge of Allegiance
Asking God for his tender care

If women students came wearing jeans
Or skirts two inches above the knee
They were sent home for proper attire
Her goal to ensure their dignity

We learned more than reading and
writing

Encouraged to accomplish each goal
Disciplined to always go higher
Plus nurturing future of our soul

It's forty years since graduation
Her memory still rings clear in my
mind

Dedication set by example
Model in teaching one of kind

Future day for a grand reunion
Many high school classmates will be
there

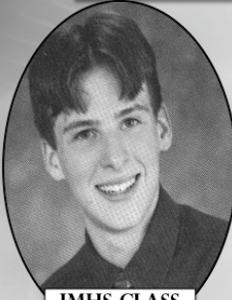
In heaven we will be rejoicing
Because a teacher took the time to
care

**Marcia Meelli
Waldbillig (1961)**



Where Are We Now?

"Where are they now?"



IMHS CLASS
OF 1998

DAVID TRUMBELL

graduated from IMHS
in 1998.

He received a degree
in Computer Science
from Michigan Tech
University. Dave has been
living and working in
Chicago since his college
graduation.

He is presently employed by the Chicago
Trading Company (CTC) in Application
Support. He married Chicago native Faye
Sair in 2007, and will soon be moving to
London for 2-3 years where they will be
working for their companies.



DAVID TRUMBELL

IMHS Class of 1998
Michigan Tech University
2002

Parents:
Frank and Betsy Trumbell

"Where are they now?"



IMHS CLASS
OF 1967



James Archie

graduated from
IMHS in 1967 and was the
first recipient of the
Flanagan Scholarship.
He went to MSU, the
U of Oklahoma, and earned
his Ph.D in 1980 from
SUNY at Stony Brook.

He taught for 10 yrs. at the
Univ. of Hawaii and is now
teaching in Long Beach, CA.

He teaches statistics for biologists,
ecology and herpetology. He also is doing
research on ecological and evolutionary
genetics of lizards.



JAMES ARCHIE
IMHS 1967
Michigan State Univ.
University of Oklahoma
SUNY - 1980

07-08 IMHS Sports Accomplishments



2007-08 Iron Mountain High School Sports Accomplishments

Girls' Tennis Team -

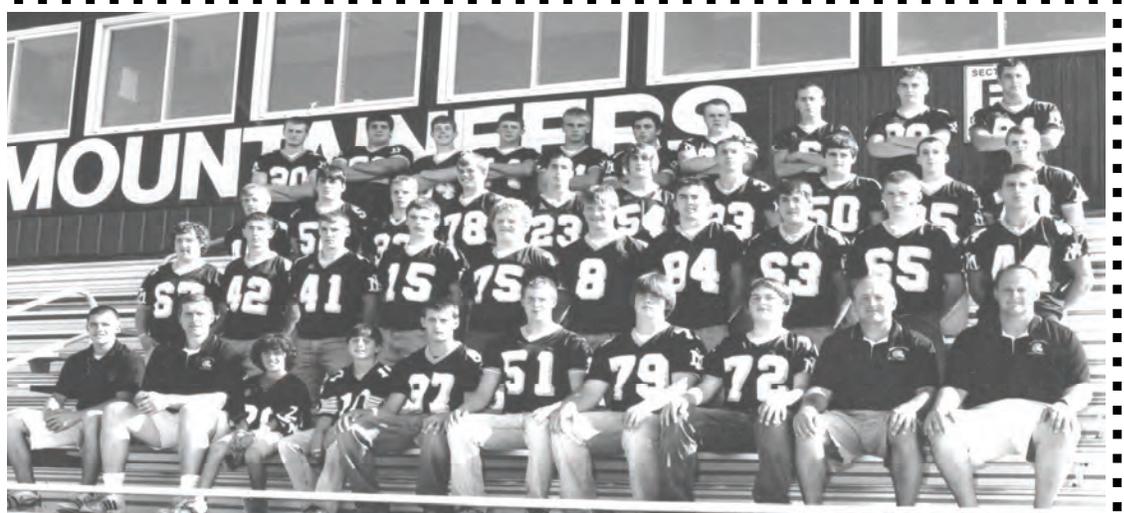
- Mid Peninsula Champions

Varsity Volleyball

- MPC Champions
- District Champions

Varsity Football -

- Mid-Pen Champions
- District Champion
- MPC Record 7-0
- Overall Record 8-1 (for regular season)
- Overall Record 10-2 (including play-offs)



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1. "That's tough"

Students: — —

Have a wonderful time

Dancing at the

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Ree-Varse Fashioned
HOSIERY

Fugere's

STUDENTS

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Best's Printing Co.

"Look pretty, please!
—and you will, if it's
a Dress from
\$3.00 to \$7.85

Confield Apparel Shop



Spring is here

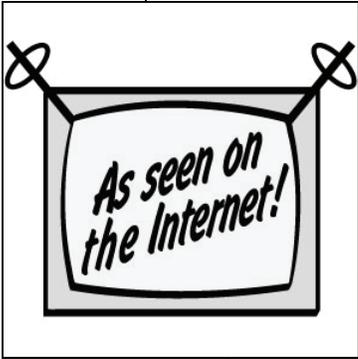
Da Bells Are on Da Wing
Listen Close Like
An' You'll Hear Dem Sing

"Get Them Fixed at

IZZO'S

Advertisements from a 1940's issue of "The Mountaineer."

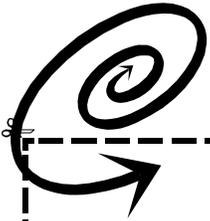
The IMHS Alumni and Friends Newsletter would like to acknowledge our oldest subscriber, Mrs. Bella (Goulette) Turk—Class of 1926!



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Attention!

If you have three or more generations of IMHS graduates in your family, please fill out and mail the form below for a future article.

Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____ Grad. Year _____

Mail to: IMHS Alumni
300 West B. St.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Superintendent News

Dear Alumni and Friends:

I am so proud to announce how successful our Alumni and Friends Newsletter has become. We have received numerous notes, email, letters and donations expressing appreciation for our publication. It is heartwarming to read the many fine comments and memories so many have of their days at IMHS. We continue to strive for excellence and maintain the high standards in helping our students reach their goals and find success in their educational experience.

Our auditorium restoration is off and running! Long overdue for a major renovation, plans are moving forward to keep the traditional feel to the space yet update the fifty year old furnishings. Our fundraising committee is in place and planning to bring you the long awaited information in our next issue. Our "Take a Seat" fundraiser will hopefully generate donations to reach our goal. Donations will be able to be made by mail or online in the near future. As it looks right now 700 new seats will be placed in our auditorium and we hope to sell all of them to our Alumni and Friends. Your "Take A Seat" purchase will not only help defray costs but can be dedicated to a loved one, with an engraved brass plate on the arm rest of the chair in their memory or honor. Our goal is to start putting in the new seats in June of 2009. Together we can make this dream a reality! Thank you for all you do to keep Mountaineer Memories alive and future generations of alumni proud to be IMHS graduates!

Sincerely,

Denny Chartier

Superintendent



Iron Mountain High School

"Take A Seat Fundraiser"

Coming Soon!

