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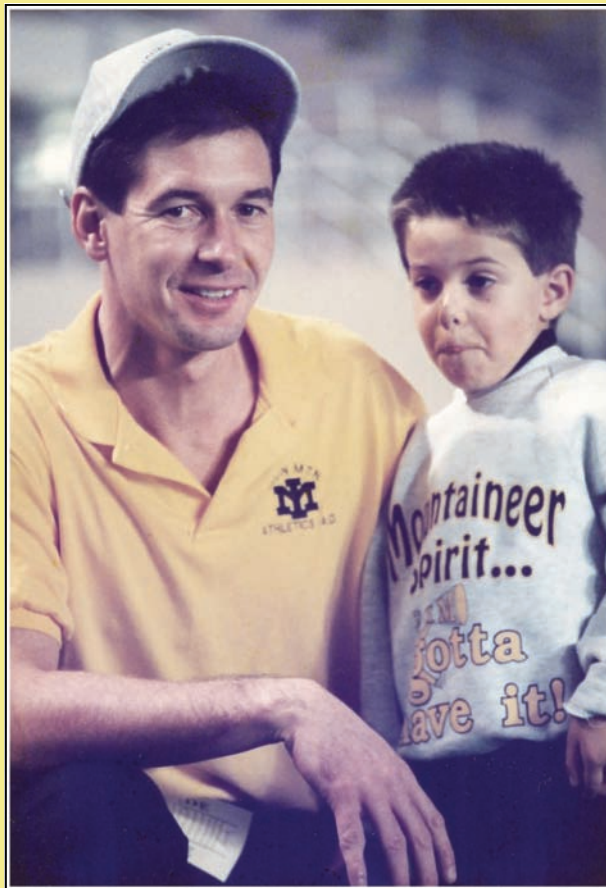
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Best Wishes On Your Retirement Mr. Chartier!

It is with deep appreciation and gratitude that we extend a fond farewell to our superintendent, Mr. Denny Chartier. Mr. Chartier is retiring at the end of the 2008-09 school year after serving in the field of education for thirty years.

A 1976 graduate of Iron Mountain High School, Denny was a stand-out athlete on the football field and on the basketball court for the Mountaineers.



He went on to Northern Michigan University where he received his undergraduate degree and then to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point where he earned a master of arts. He began his career as a physical education instructor for the Rosholt Public Schools in Rosholt, Wisconsin. In addition, he was named athletic director and head coach for the Rosholt Hornets' football and basketball teams.

His dream became a reality in 1988 when he was hired by the Iron Mountain Public Schools as the new assistant principal/athletic director. In 1994 he was named Iron Mountain High School principal. The following year Denny was selected as the new superintendent of the Iron Mountain Public Schools. At that time he was

one of the youngest superintendents in the state of Michigan at age 37.

Denny's list of accomplishments throughout his tenure at our school is very impressive. His strong skills in leadership and his high energy work ethic are traits that formed a solid foundation that would not relent for fourteen years. He has been successful at implementing many new programs. He initiated a drug and alcohol awareness program with his association with our local law officials. He initiated a monthly radio show featuring the discussion of educational concerns with area superintendents. He helped develop our school television channel with the support of Charter Communications. Denny expanded our students' extra curricular activities and Advanced Placement courses. He helped with the formation of an athletic co-op program with Kingsford High School for sports such as swimming, hockey, and cross country.

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Although nearly 100 years old, our high school continues to be structurally sound. With Denny's foresight, nearly all the rooms have been updated and renovated throughout the school. Our athletic facilities are second to none. The renovations to our gymnasium and Mountaineer stadium are the envy of many opponents when they come to play on our turf. The opening of the "jewel" of our school, the Izzo Mariucci Center, was one of Denny's proudest moments. He, his committee, Tom Izzo and Steve Mariucci worked on fundraisers for ten years to make it become a reality.

Our grounds reflect careful planning and maintenance through Denny's association with private donors and members of the Lilja Fund for Beautification. He also lauds the efforts of the Academic Booster Club which supported the planting of flowering crab trees in the front of our high school building.

The Iron Mountain High School scholarship program has received state recognition for its growth. In his fourteen years as superintendent Denny has helped triple the scholarship trust to over four million dollars. Countless students have benefited from these available funds over the years.

Public awareness of our district with a strong Mountaineer tradition has been a top priority for Denny. He has made numerous presentations throughout Michigan promoting our district at state conferences and also at Central Michigan University to graduates who were going into the field of administration. He exudes 'Mountaineer Pride' and makes sure to promote and help with the growth of our school in many unseen ways. It is not uncommon to see Denny taking class reunion groups on tours of our schools during the summer months. He was also instrumental in the development and publication of this newsletter.

Through careful planning and tough financial decision making, the overall condition of our school is sound and secure as we approach some very difficult times. Mr. Chartier has always found ways to make the necessary cuts yet maintain programs to help provide a first-class education for our students. Whether it has been academics, athletics or the arts, Denny always seeks quality at every level. His commitment to our school and community is reflected in everything he does. Our district has made steady progress in improving the overall quality of every facet of education and meeting students' needs under his leadership. He has based his decisions on "always doing what is best for kids". Our board of education has consistently awarded him outstanding ratings for his management position. Our schools have continually received an "A" rating through the assessment from the state of Michigan. He and his staff have also received numerous MASB Educational Excellence Awards.

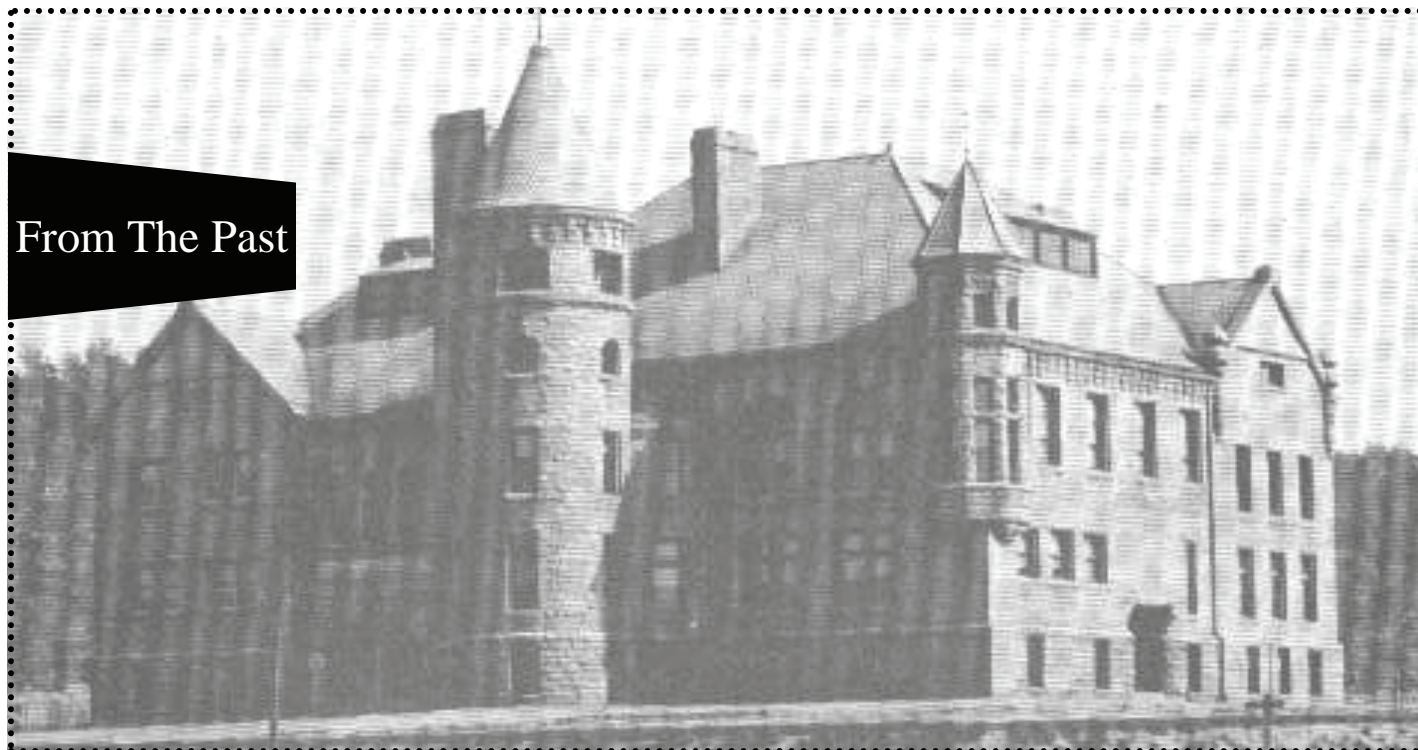
One thing students will always remember about Mr. Chartier is how visible and personable he has always been. Whether it's receiving one of his hand-written notes for a job well done, seeing him chaperone a dance, sitting in the stands at a game, or being a special reading buddy to a beginning reader each year, they will always remember their superintendent!



In addition to the many tasks he performs as our current superintendent and athletic director, Denny also serves as the Region One president for the Upper Peninsula superintendents and was recently named as U.P. Superintendent of the Year for 2009.

Denny is married to the former Debra Doney, a 1970 graduate and recently retired IMHS teacher. His son Tyler graduated from IMHS in 2006 and is a junior at Michigan State University. Retirement plans include living in a warmer climate during the winter, playing plenty of golf, enjoying summer gardening and autumn deer hunting here in the U.P.

From The Past



The picturesque Hulst School on Iron Mountain's east side before it was razed.



Gus Tollen Jr., Carrie Ingalls, Mabel Ingalls, Gussie White, T.W. Patton, Superintendent, Clara Dolf, Lizzie Skillen, Kate Gitzen, Elma Koellenback.

Tollen, wearing an Army Uniform, fought in the Spanish-American war before receiving his diploma.

The Hulst High School graduating class of 1898.

75th Class Reunion



Members of the Iron Mountain High School class of 1933 met for their class reunion. Pictured from left around the table are:

Rudy Ganga, Marion Beauchamp, Ray Poisson, Carlo Calo, Joe Schwel, Eleanor Aberly, Jennie Saler and Marie Cain.



First row, L to R: Ethel Hakes Gorzinski, Jean Freistrom Weiss, Anna Turrie Erickson, Jennie Folley Saler, Theodora Caruso Beauchamp, Marion Constantini Beauchamp, Harriet Poppy Laatsch, Evelyn VanLaanen Colwell, Anne Augustine Butler, Alba Calvino Klein, Evelyn Litzen Piper, Madeline Zebel Joliceur, Second row: Gus Klein, Owen Lloyd, Leonard Conte, Marie St. Arnould Sullivan, Alva Luciani Bartolameolli, Dorothy Demers Sullivan, Evelyn Simmons Trepanier, Ellen Frisanco Wright, Martha uren McKenzie, Emma Brosio Bartolameolli, Madeline Berrutti, Nelda Cerasoli Fornetti, Evelyn Khoury Vercella, Kenneth Rouse, August Fontecchio. Third row: Joseph LaJeunesse, Joseph Trudell, Val Trepanier, Albert Rubbo, Angelo Miresse, John Menza, Omer Crocker, George Wickman, Henry Clemo, Thomas Raymond, Albert Caviani, Louis Wentarmini. Fourth row: Sam Abraham, Ray Poisson, Ernest Holm, Jerry Miller, George Soderberg, Dan Croci, Dick Roberts, George Belheumer and Steve Gregorich.



13 Members of the Class of 1933 Amongst Washington School Second Graders

First Row: Delmar Saxon, Edward Schlehle, Frank Sikora, Buck Erickson and Albert Caviani

First Row Standing: Ewald Sundquist, Edwin Servia, Doris Gendron, Anne Sikora, Vivian Prenevost, and Owen Lloyd. Last Row: Alice Graffit

Interesting Board Minutes From The Past

April 30th, 1894: Miss Minnie MacDonald be employed as a substitute teacher at the salary of \$2.00 per day.

December 21, 1906: Secretary be authorized to make arrangements with the Livery Men in the city who will do the work the cheapest to carry teachers at the Chapin and Farragut from the buildings to their respective boarding houses.

June 19, 1908: Moved that the Board of Education request the City Council to appoint the school janitors "Special Policemen" without pay so they may better protect the school property.

December 17, 1897: Resolved: that all teachers be and are hereby requested to refrain from attending dancing parties and other social entertainments held upon evenings preceding days upon which school is in session.

September 16, 1910: Tuition for high school students-\$30.00 per year; Tuition for elementary students-\$5.00 per year.

November 18, 1910: When the principals consider the weather too inclement for outdoor recess, the usual 5 minute drill of calisthenics shall be given with the windows open.

March 19, 1915: Several students appeared before the Board and acknowledged they violated the rules of the school by bringing into the classroom paper toweling instead of the usual stationary, some of which was used for their test papers. Whereupon it was voted that those implicated be suspended for 30 days.

► **Class of 1992**



Edric Johnson, formerly of Iron Mountain, is now working as an assistant professor at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. He is an assistant professor in the curriculum and instruction department. Johnson is a 1992 graduate of Iron Mountain High School and graduated from Central Michigan University in 1996. He completed studies at Ohio State University in 2006. Eric is the son of Catherine Johnson of Appleton, Wisconsin, formerly of Iron Mountain and the late Clifford Johnson. He is the great-nephew of Verna Paquette (Class of 1934) of Iron Mountain.

More “Where Are They Now?”

Bruce Aho-Class of 1978

Favorite Memories: There were many memorable times at IMHS. The best were Junior Carnival, Mr. Antonetti's drafting class, Wally Swanson's band classes, great sporting events and of course, all the great memories with all of my classmates.

What have you done since graduating from IMHS? Graduated from Western Michigan University. Had three great kids: Eric, Doug and Katie; spent twenty years at Kellogg Company in Battle Creek and Engineering Director at Conagra Foods in Omaha, Nebraska.

How do you feel about the education that you received at IMHS? Iron Mountain provided me with a great educational experience. IMHS had high standards and a number of dedicated teachers that were passionate about their teaching.

Dorothy (Jacobson) Davis-Class of 1959

Favorite Memories: Betty Harris, Ann Johnson and the gang going to all the activities.

What have you done since graduating from IMHS? Graduated Evanston Hospital School of Nursing as an RN. Worked in Long Beach Memorial Hospital in Long Beach California, Wesley Hospital and home health in Wichita, Kansas, then retired. Have two children and seven grandchildren and travelled throughout the United States, Canada and England.

How do you feel about the education that you received at IMHS? Prepared for nursing, completed education. The sciences were great!

Greg Michaud-Class of 1983

Favorite Memories: Dressing up as Mafiosi for the 1982 playoff basketball game in Cheboygan where we made the front page of their newspaper.

What have you done since graduating from IMHS? B.S. in Business Administration from NMU. I was employed by Brown and Williamson as a Territory Sales Manager in Green Bay after college graduation . I then started a mapping business which led me to employment at Cable Constructors, Inc. in Iron Mountain, Michigan. In 2003, I left Cable to enter the seminary to begin studies to be a Roman Catholic priest. In the fall of 2003, I entered the Pre-Theology program at Pontifical College Josephinum as a seminarian for the Diocese of LaCrosse, Wisconsin. I was ordained a transitional deacon on April 26, 2008. I will be ordained as a priest at Mundeleine Seminary on the last Saturday of June, 2009.

How do you feel about the education that you received at IMHS? I had a good education at IMHS. I would say that I was as prepared for secular post-high School education as anyone in my class thanks to IMHS.

Tom Golfis-Class of 1988

Favorite Memories: Relationship between all my classmates and the opportunity to compete in sports.

What have you done since graduating from IMHS? Completed my Associate Degree in the Criminal Justice (Police Science) program at NWTC in Green Bay, Wisconsin in 1996. Unfortunately, did not receive a police officer position. This is a highly competitive field. I have succeeded quite well in the security field from Green Bay, Wisconsin to Madison, Wisconsin up to presently moving back to and residing in Iron Mountain. I have enjoyed working from an entry level position up to presently having a management position with PSI Security.

How do you feel about the education that you received at IMHS? Back when I was attending IMHS, I did not understand why the education and curriculum were at such high standards. After a few years of trying to be productive under societies standards, I realized that IMHS had instilled in me an education that provides any graduate from IMHS a chance to succeed in life's challenges and experiences. Thank you for a great education; not everyone has the opportunity to have received a great education like IMHS has.

Gregg Morrow-Class of 1983

Favorite Memories: My favorite times were in Mr. Johnson's chemistry Class and Mr. Antonetti's drafting class. These two teachers always made class fun.

What have you done since graduating from IMHS? AAS Degree in Electrical Engineering Technology (with honors) from MTU in 1985. Network Engineer at Duke University from 1985-1987; principal consultant with International Network Services (now BT-INS) from 1997-2005.

Married 1990, daughter born in 1994.

How do you feel about the education that you received at IMHS? Looking at the education systems today, I feel IMHS provided a high caliber education and allowed me to succeed and graduate from MTU with honors.



**Dorothy (Jacobson)
Davis**

1959



Gregg Michaud

1983



Bruce Aho

1978



Gregg Morrow

1983



Tom Golfis

1988



Tennis

Tennis Team Pictured Above:

Mid Pen Champions
UP Finals Champions : #2 Singles, #3 Singles, #4 Singles, #1 Doubles and #3 Doubles



Cheer



Volley

**Varsity Volleyball Team
Pictured At Left:**

MPC Champions
District Champions

Varsity Football Team Pictured Below:

Mid-Pen Champions
District Champions

Football



Alumni Generations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>
Orice (Theisen) Walters	1952
Harlan Walter	1952
Christy (Walters) Pierce	1970
Lennie H. Walter	1972
Sally (Walters) Borga	1977
Tim Walters	1979
Lennie Walters II	1993
Margaret (Ryder) Boyce	1935
George Boyce	1936
Mary Johnston Boyce	1939
Verna (Larson) Paquette	1934
John Paquette	1966
Michael Paquette	1969
Steven Paquette	1976

James Verette	1948
Lisa (Verette) Wender	1976
Robert Verette	1979
Jeanna Dinnocenzo	2001
Katie Dinnocenzo	2004

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>
Anton Spigarelli	1945
Barb (Spigarelli) Brouillire	1970
Paul Spigarelli	1975
Jean (Spigarelli) Mellon	1980
Joe Brouillire	1994
Andy Brouillire	1995
Emelie (Brouillire) Fairchild	1997
Brooke Spigarelli	2000
Brett Spigarelli	2004
Brandon Spigarelli	2008
Nick Mellon	2006
Danielle Mellon	2008

Interesting Fact:

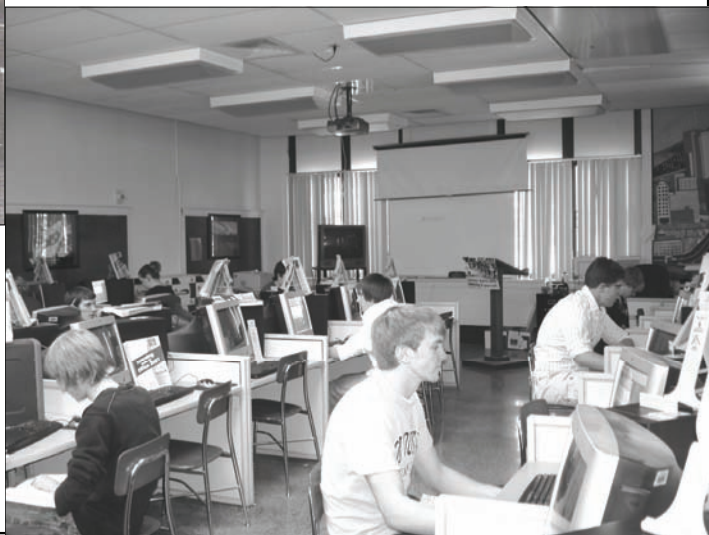
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Then and Now



*High School Room D2 As It Looked In
1922*

*High School Room D2 As It Looks
Today*



Take A Seat Patrons

As of 12/30/08: Agnessi, Alleva, Amicangelo, Anderson, Andreoli, Arnold, Bartolameolli, Bartoletti, Berg, Bird, Blair, Booth, Boyce, Braspenickx, Bruce, Buchanan, Carlson, Carollo, Cecconi, Cerasoli, Chartier, Cini, Ciochetto, Clarke, Class of '60, Class of '68, Clemo, Cohodes, Colassacco/Costa, Conn, Cowell, Dallapiazza, Danielson, Donahue, Eutizzi, Finn, Fitzgibbon, Fleury, Formolo, Fortier, Foster, Fox-Neitzel, Frankini, Franson, Fuse, Gauthier, Glanz, Grenier, Groeneveld, Hamm, Hartbarger, Hogberg, Hoppenrath, Itzov, Jacob, Jacobs, Johnson, Klug, Knapp, Kukuk, Kushner, Lake, Larsen, Laurila, Leonard, Levin/Finn, Liscomb, Luciani, Manahan, Marchetti, Mariucci, McClure, McCraw, Melendes, Miazga, Miller, Mindock, Mitchell, Mouw, Nelson, Nepper, Nicholls, Noel, Notheis, Olivanti, Palmer, Paoli, Payne, Peck, Person, Peruchini, Pesavento, Poppy, Posthumus, Pozza, Pretschold, Rigoni, Rigoni-Harper, Ring, Robertson, Rogers, Rossato, Ryan, Sandona, Santini, Schetter, Schinderle, Scholke, Schultz, Shefchik, Simon, Simone, Sleik, Spigarelli, Strang, Swanson, Swartout, Swiontek, Thomas, Tirschel, Tomassoni, Topel, Trudell, Trumbell, Truscott, Turcotte, Uhazie, Uren, Valiquette, Vardian, Verrette, Vornkahl, Walts, Weber, Zigman

We still have a long way to go! If you would like to make a donation or purchase a seat sponsorship, please contact Debi Horton at:

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TRIVIA

The Winner Of The 2008 Fall Edition Trivia Contest Was Emelia Gronert. Congratulations Emelia And Enjoy Your Mountaineer Prize! Be Sure To Enter The New Contest Below.

What war did Gus Tollen serve in?_____

In what city did Mr. Chartier begin his education career?_____

How many members of the Class of '33 appear in the 1953 reunion photo?_____

What was the cost of tuition at IMHS in 1910?_____

Mail your answers, name and address to: Alumni

217 Izzo-Mariucci Way, Iron Mountain, MI 49801



From the Mailbag...

Thank you so much for sending me your publications. It is great that there are people like you and your group who not only have great ideas but carry them out.

I graduated from IMHS in 1942 and was from Homestead, WI, just seven miles away. Few people knew where that was since we had no high school, for years everyone went to Kingsford or Iron Mountain. Half of my family went to Kingsford but my Dad back then felt Iron Mountain High School was more refined and that was where I must go. It was years later that a new Kingsford High School superintendent realized they weren't getting state aid for all these Aurora and Homestead students from either State of Michigan or Wisconsin, so consequently, everyone had to go to Florence High School from then on, in their own county. However, Aurora and Homestead Township did pay our tuition.

It was a good choice and I, a little farm girl, was readily accepted. My three years at IMHS were most enjoyable. It seems my fondest memories were the Junior Proms, the Senior Hops and the formal Christmas dances at the Country Club and the Elks. Then there were the weekly Friday night dances at the K.C.'s with a live band. You just didn't miss them. My older sister Ione graduated in 1937 and brother Robert in 1939, also from IMHS.

We have always been thankful that Iron Mountain (and Kingsford) afforded us the opportunity to attend your high school and in appreciation, I enclose a check.

We moved to Escanaba 52 years ago when my husband, Harold Johnson, was hired as the head basketball coach, teacher and later administrator so I have always been aware of and interested in U.P. Sports and activities. I was the Delta County Circuit Reporter for many years and we have been retired 22 years.

Sincerely,

Nina (Peterson) Johnson

Cousin to Erland (Bonehead) Peterson and the Robbie boys, Albert, Lyon and Norman

Class of 1933

Donation to IMHS Alumni and Friends.

Ray Poisson, Louise Roberts, Marian Beauchamp, Eleanor Aberly, Jennie Saler

Thank you for all the past News Letters. And thank you for accepting a picture of Eric Johnson for a future "Where are they now?" Edric is a great nephew of mine.

Verna Paquette

Enclosed is a check for IMHS Alumni and Friends for future issues.

Sincerely,

Joseph and Janice Santi-'53 and '55

Alumni Newsletter Staff:

I read the fall edition of your newsletter which my husband, Bill Webb ('52) received and was pleasantly surprised to see the picture of my aunt, Lucille Grimord Scott. She is currently a resident at Freeman's Nursing Community on Pyle Drive. She will be celebrating her 102nd birthday in March 2009. If any alumni are in the area, stop in and visit with her. She would enjoy that!

Thank you for recognizing her in your newsletter.

Joanne Westby Webb

North Branch, MI.

Please accept this check for support for future issues. Thanks.

Alphonse D. Cerasoli

To: IMHS

Keep up the good job! Newsletter is great!

Bruce L Gall-Class of 1959

I really enjoy your newsletter and we will be having a 70 year reunion in July.

Louise (Prenevost) Nault-Class of 1939



Mailbag continued....

I was from the north side. Newsletter is very interesting.

Helen Wiegele Kadlub

Class of '42

Dear Alumni Newsletter Staff,

Thank you so much for the interesting and informative newsletter. I enjoy reading each one and have meant to write before now to express my appreciation.

Growing up in Iron Mountain was such a blessing. It was a safe environment to walk and play everywhere – we always hiked to Lake Antoine in the summer from the East side, went berry picking up on the hills by the fire tower, ice skated all winter at the East side. So many wonderful memories – Ice carnivals every March- Ski Jump Tournaments – a friendly small town to grow up in – I feel blessed.

I've great memories of school and all the activities offered like school plays, forensics, sports, chorus and others to choose from. I had some excellent teachers – Mrs. Hofer and Mr. Guild helped me with the necessary information to get into Michael Reese School of Nursing with a grant given. I spend 45 years in the nursing field and loved it.

Now I am retired but active- love to read always, to write, make my own rubber stamped cards, enjoy grandchildren and great grandchildren and am active in my church.

I was sorry to have to miss my 55th class reunion in August, class of '53, and extend my love and hellos to all former classmates. God bless you all.

Enclosed is a poem I wrote, "Hope." Share it if you would for all my classmates and for all classmates.

Sincerely,

Yola (Giannunzio) Chapman

HOPE

Hope is a wish for answered prayer,
A relief and help with our burdened care,
For daily the path that we walk unafraid,
Is one softly covered because we have prayed.
Many are sorrows, the hurts and the fears.
The hope that sustains us as we persevere,
Is the knowledge that God will listen and hear.
So when you feel downcast, discouraged, alone,
Remember the love God has already shown.
Though weary and tested, look up and you'll see,
A rainbow of hope, through eternity.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to inform you that my father Delmar Walter Firme passed away on August 20, 2007 in York, Maine. He was born in 1921 and lived in Iron Mountain until he graduated from Iron Mountain High School. He always spoke of his Iron Mountain family and friends with great affection and appreciation. He found Iron Mountain friends no matter where he went! Dr. Firme and his wife Geraldine became educators and continued in the profession they loved when they moved to California in 1971. Both are deceased and greatly missed by their family and friends.

I remember attending one of my father's high school reunions. It was such a pleasure to meet his friends and see where he had grown up and gone to school. I, too, have very fond memories of Iron Mountain.

Sincerely,

Vicki Stewart

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