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Athlete of the Month

The Pellston All-Sports Boosters supports a program called, "Athlete of the Month." Each month, during the school year, up to one male and one female athlete are selected by the varsity coaching staff. The following criteria are used in the selection process:

- * Varsity athlete
- * GPA of 3.0 or better
- * No absences from practices
- * Helpful to team mates and athletes at all levels
- * Positive attitude
- * Dedication to their sport by giving 100%
- * Good sportsmanship on and off the court or field
- * No ineligibility during current sport

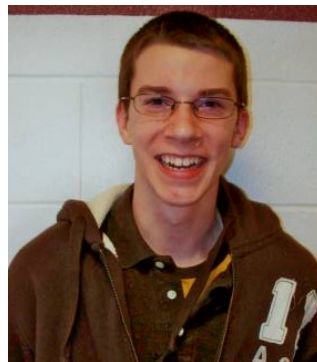
NOVEMBER ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

Senior Maggie Mikus, daughter of Eileen & Dennis Mikus is a true inspiration to her teammates. "Attitude, effort, work, kindness, leader by example and positive" are some of the words used to describe Maggie. When things are going well—there's Maggie with a smile on her face and positive words coming out of her mouth. When things aren't going according to plan, there is Maggie—again with a smile on her face and positive words coming out of her mouth. Maggie is the ultimate teammate. She is focus, hard work and fun all rolled into one. As a captain, Maggie exemplifies what a Pellston athlete should look like. "I am proud to nominate Maggie Mikus as the November female athlete of the month," said Varsity Volleyball Coach Tim McNitt.

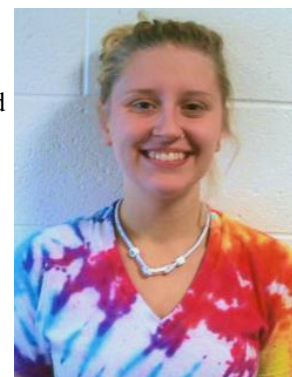


DECEMBER ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

Sophomore Christopher Hass, son of Jeanette & Cliff Hass has provided leadership by example both on the offensive and defensive end of the basketball court. Chris started the year by leading the team to a 3/1 start, including two tough conference games.



Senior Katie Dzedzie, daughter of Connie & Joe Dzedzie, serves as one of the captains for the Girls Varsity Basketball Team. Katie is a team leader, who's positive thinking and hard work have helped to keep her team focused and ready to play. Katie also had a team high 5 blocks in a win over Mancelona (57-31), to help her team go 3-0 on the road for the month of December.



Athletes of the month are honored by having their names, photos, and a short bio displayed near the gym. In addition, each winner will receive "booster bucks" to spend at the concession stand.

Parent Right to Know

By now you are probably familiar with the "No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). It has been designed to help all children achieve more in school and requires that all teachers must meet a specific, federal definition of "Highly Qualified" in order to teach in schools that receive federal funding. Our school receives federal funds to support the programs we offer to your child.

We believe that all of the teachers working in our school are qualified for their teaching assignments. However, some teachers have not yet met all of the requirements for the federal designation of "Highly Qualified."

Non-Discrimination Policy

In compliance with the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. § 1681 *et seq.*, and its implementing regulations at 34 C.F.R. § 106.9, Pellston Public School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex in admission to or employment in its education programs or activities it operates. Inquiries concerning the application of Title IX and its implementing regulations may be referred to Pellston Public Schools' Title IX Coordinator, Superintendent William J. Tebbe, 172 N. Park St., Pellston, MI 49769-9400, telephone number (231) 539-8682; or to the Office for Civil Rights, Cleveland Office, U. S. Department of Education, Bank One Center, Suite 750, 600 Superior Avenue East, Cleveland, OH 44114-2611, phone number (216) 522-4970, Fax number (216) 522-2573, TDD (216) 522-4944, or email at OCR.Cleveland@ed.gov.

Community & Parent Survey

Facing tough economic times and higher academic standards through the "No Child Left Behind" Act (NCLB), which also includes tougher State and Local standards. Schools in Michigan, including Pellston, need to continually look at our programs and services and how best to serve our area populations. The District School Improvement team has just released its community school satisfaction survey in order to gather information from residents on their perceptions of our schools and other supporting activities. The team looked at survey questions and has finalized the survey instrument, which is available in paper form or on-line. The committee is most interested in knowing how residents feel about the district's instructional pro-

gram, support for student learning, school climate and community/school relationships and resource management. The committee is hoping for a good response as community input is valuable in our development of programs and services for area children. According to Superintendent Tebbe, it is hard to make short and long term goals for our schools without hearing the opinions of our taxpayers. Residents who don't have access to a computer will be given an opportunity to complete the survey while they are waiting for Parent-Teacher Conferences, which are scheduled for February 17th and 18th.



Annual School Election—May 4



At the regular February 8, 2010 meeting, the Board of Education scheduled the 2010 Annual School election for May 4, 2010. On the ballot for this election will be one candidate for 1 four year vacancy. A petition for the vacancy have been filed with the Emmet County Clerk's office. Mrs. Connie Dzedzie is running as an incumbent for this seat.

Votes will be cast at local township halls with the exception of Munro, Hebron and Burt township residents who will

be asked to vote at the McKinley Township hall on US 31 near the airport. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming school election, please contact the Superintendent's office or the Emmet County Clerk's office in Petoskey.

Counselor's Corner

Note to Seniors: Local scholarships are coming in! Please check the website for updates and new scholarships at www.pellstonschools.org. Search Middle/High School, Counselor, Scholarship and Financial Aid for a running list. This is updated each time a new scholarship arrives.

Juniors: Now through this summer is a great time to start visiting colleges and narrowing your search!

Remember ...the ACT/MME testing date is quickly approaching. Attendance will be critical on March 9, 10, & 11. We will be testing at the Levering Community Center. All juniors will need to report to school on time and we'll take a bus to the testing site. This test is not only critical for college entrance but is also required for graduation.

8th & 10th Graders will be taking practice ACT tests on March 11th. 8th graders will take the Explore and 10th graders will take the plan. Visit: www.actstudent.org for more information. These tests will help prepare you for the ACT and also give us ideas on how to help you improve your scores.

Hornet Health Center Coming Soon!

Construction is under way in the high school for the new **Hornet Health Center**, slated to open after spring break. The school-based health center will be operated by the Health Department of Northwest Michigan year-round, three days per week, offering primary health care and mental health services for free, to youth ages five to 21.

Be sure to return a Parental Consent Form (available online or in the school offices) for your student(s) age 17 and under if you haven't already. Be sure to watch our webpage (www.pellstonschools.org) for current information and answers about the Hornet Health Center.

Our mission is to aid in the healthy development of each child's mind and body, emphasizing self-respect, positive attitudes, and high self-esteem in preparation for a successful life.

Dear Parents and Taxpayers,

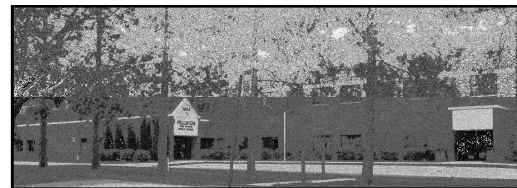
This issue of our newsletter is the third this year and I hope you are getting online to read the good things our administrators, teachers and staff continue to do for our children. Despite the poor economy Pellston Public Schools are fortunate to have facilities and programs in place to meet the needs of our child and the high expectations from the State and Federal government, both in instruction and athletics, which help students to excel both academically and physically. I am confident that as we continue through this school year, we will see how student progress in the classroom and on the court are shaping this school year's success.

In addition to the great work our professional staff members are doing in the classroom, I am particularly pleased this year to have the support of supplemental programs including Camp Cool, 21st Century Learning Centers and Title I to help struggling students in our elementary and middle school. Pellston is one of only two school districts in Char-Em with two adjacent programs operating for children from Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. Participation in both programs is very good and we sincerely believe that we are able to offer great benefits to our children through these valuable after school activities. During the summer of 2010 we will continue both Camp Cool and 21st Century Community Learning Center programs and hope to see participation continue to grow. Summer programs will begin right after school ends and continue throughout the summer.

Already administrators are beginning the process of planning our instructional programs for the 2010-11 school year. We are currently studying enrollment numbers for the current year and enrollment trends from the past in order to determine how we can best serve our children. Next month we will host our Kindergarten round-up program. New students and parents will have a chance to meet teachers and learn about the valuable programs and services at Pellston Public Schools.

As always, we want to thank the many volunteers and friends who have so generously given of their time and energy to assist teachers and staff, as well as our athletic department, to make our school year so successful. It's not too late for you to volunteer your time! There are still many ways for you to become involved in the classroom or in extra-curricular activities. Together we can continue to make our school district a great place to work and learn!

Bill Tebbe
Superintendent of Schools



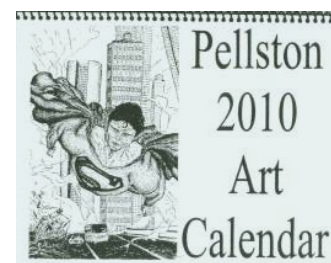
Counseling Staff Expands

Please help us in welcoming three new faces to our school.

Angie Woodin is a counseling intern who is working toward completing her Masters Degree in School Counseling. She has already started to work with students in both the elementary and middle/high school buildings. Angie is currently finishing a few classes, but can be found in the elementary building on Mondays and Fridays and at the middle/high school on Tuesdays and every other Wednesday.

Paula Wilson and Stacey Walsh-Hoobler are also new faces in our buildings. They are a part of the new **Hornet Health Center** staff and have begun providing mental health services to our students. This is such a great resource to our district and we are happy to have them working here with us. If you would like more information or would like to refer your son or daughter to the Health Center, please contact either school for more information.

High School Art Calendar



Pellston High School Art Calendars are now on sale! Many of our high school art students

created drawings of comic book heroes. The money raised from the sale of the calendars will be for support of the art program and our aspiring young artists. Contact Mrs. Erika Faust at Pellston High School to purchase your copy (\$10.00).



FALL 2009 SPORTS AWARDS



Petoskey News-Review All Area Football
Sam McMurry, Chris Jollette, Branden Coffell,
Tyler Armantrout & Ben Huyck

Petoskey News-Review All-Area Cross Country
(Mackinaw City-Pellston Cooperative)
Honorable Mention: Heath Welch

Volleyball 2009

Team:

All-Academic Mackenzie Myers, Maggie Mikus

Cheboygan Tribune All-Area Maggie Mikus (HM), Chelsea Bonter (HM), Samantha McNitt (HM), Rachel Hutto (2nd Team), Kristi Lewis (2nd Team), Tayler Friend (1st Team), Katie Dzedzie (1st Team)

Petoskey News-Review All-Area Maggie Mikus (HM), Chelsea Bonter (HM), Samantha McNitt (HM), Rachel Hutto (2nd Team), Kristi Lewis (2nd Team), Tayler Friend (1st Team), Katie Dzedzie (1st Team)

Gaylord Weekly Choice Rachel Hutto (2nd Team), Kristi Lewis (2nd Team), Tayler Friend (1st Team), Katie Dzedzie (1st Team and Player of the Year)

All-Region Dream Team Katie Dzedzie and Tayler Friend

All-Region Team Kristi Lewis and Rachel Hutto

Ski Valley All-Conference Rachel Hutto (HM), Krisit Lewis (2nd Team), Tayler Friend (1st Team), Katie Dzedzie (1st Team)

All-State Katie Dzedzie (1st Team), Tayler Friend (3rd Team), Kristi Lewis (HM), Rachel Hutto (HM)

Petoskey News-Review All Area "Coach of the Year" Tim McNitt

Pellston Varsity Volleyball Team was named as an "All-American Team".

SPORTS SCHEDULES SPRING 2010

Varsity Baseball/Softball

Wed	April 14	East Jordan	H	4:30
Fri	April 16	Pickford (BB)	H	4:30
Fri	April 16	Mackinaw (SB)	A	4:00
Mon	April 19	Onaway	H	4:30
Thu	April 22	Harbor Springs	A	4:30
Fri	April 23	Newberry	H	4:30
Mon	April 26	Inland Lakes	H	4:30
Thu	April 29	Central Lakes	H	4:30
Fri	April 30	Alanson	A	4:00
Mon	May 3	Gaylord St. Mary	A	4:30
Thu	May 6	Mancelona	A	4:30
Sat	May 8	Rudyard Tourn	A	10:00
Mon	May 10	Bellaire	A	4:30
Wed	May 12	St. Ignace	A	4:00
Thu	May 13	Johannesburg	H	4:30
Mon	May 17	Forest Area	A	4:30
Fri	May 21	Charlevoix	A	4:30
Mon	May 24	Boyne City	H	4:30
Tue	June 1	Cheboygan	H	4:30
F or S	June 4 or 5	Districts, St. Ignace		
Sat	June 12	Regionals, Pellston		10:00

Junior Varsity Baseball/Softball

Fri	April 16	Central Lake	A	4:30
Tue	April 20	Inland Lakes	H	4:30
Fri	April 23	Sault	A	4:30
Tue	April 27	Cheboygan	A	4:15
Fri	April 30	Mancelona	H	4:30
Mon	May 3	Rudyard	H	4:30
Thu	May 13	E. Jordan	A	4:30
Tue	May 18	Rudyard	A	4:15
Fri	May 21	Harbor Springs (BB)		
			H	4:30
Fri	May 21	Onaway (SB)	H	4:30
Mon	May 24	Boyne City	A	4:30
Thu	May 27	Inland Lakes	A	4:30

High School Track

Tue	April 13	Inland Lakes	A	4:00
Thu	April 15	Central Lake	A	4:00
Mon	April 19	Inland Lakes Inv	A	4:00
Wed	April 21	Harbor Springs (9th/10th)		
			A	4:00
Fri	April 23	Harbor Springs Inv	A	
				4:00
Mon	April 26	Bellaire Inv	A	4:00
Fri	April 30	Cheboygan Inv	A	4:00
Tue	May 4	Inland Lakes	A	4:00
Fri	May 7	St. Ignace Inv	A	3:30
Tue	May 11	St. Ignace	A	4:00
Thu	May 13	Inland Lakes	A	4:00
Mon	May 17	Central Lake Inv	A	3:00
Sat	May 22	Regionals (Central Lake)		
Wed	May 26	Conference Meet (Mancelona)		
Tue	June 1	Meet of Champions (Gaylord)		
Sat	June 5	State Finals		



JV Baseball/Softball

While the Board of Education did reinstate our Junior Varsity Baseball and Softball programs for the 2010 season, the costs of funding the program will be borne by the high school baseball/softball program through various fundraisers, donations, and from the profits of the varsity and junior varsity home game concessions. Any support to the program (purchases at concessions, donations, participation in

fundraisers, etc) will be very much appreciated. The anticipated total cost of sponsoring the j.v. baseball/softball teams is approximately \$5,500. For additional information, contact Varsity Baseball Coach Randy Bricker, Jr., Varsity Softball Coach Tim McNitt or Pellston Athletic Director Tom Litzner.

ELEMENTARY NEWS & EVENTS

ATHLETIC EVENTS ADMISSIONS PRICES—2009-10

All Sporting Events.....\$4.00—Adult, \$3.00—Child

Season Passes:

- Individual.....\$70.00
- Family of 2.....\$105.00
- Family of 3.....\$125.00
- Family of 4.....\$155.00
- Family of 5.....\$185.00
- Family of 6 or more.\$215.00

Senior Citizen (age 60 or over)/Permanent Ski Valley Pass.....FREE!



You only need to attend 20 games during the year to make this pass a terrific bargain!

Please note: Senior Citizen Passes from last year are good for the 2009-10 and future years. They do not need to be replaced each year. Additionally, senior passes are good at all Ski Valley Conference schools (Bellaire, Central Lake, Forest Area, Gaylord St. Mary, Inland Lakes, Jo-Burg/Lewiston, Mancelona, Onaway and Pellston).

Season and Senior Passes may be picked up at any home athletic event.

MHSAA Tournaments

Pellston will host the MHSAA District Girls' Basketball Tournament during the week of March 1st. On Monday, March 1st Pellston will play Mackinaw City at 7:00. Wednesday, March 3 will be a double-header (one ticket gets you in for both games). Game 1 will feature Beaver Island vs. Alanson at 6:00 and Game 2 will be the Monday winner against Harbor Light at approximately 8:00. The finals will be Friday, March 5 at 7:00. MHSAA admission is \$5.00 per date with doors opening one hour prior to the scheduled start of the game. The girls' regionals will be in St. Ignace on Tuesday, March 9th and Thursday, March 11th.

The MHSAA District Boys' Basketball Tournament will be hosted by Harbor Light and played in Petoskey at the "old" high school gym, downtown, during the week of March 8th. Monday, March 8th, Beaver Island will play Harbor Light at 7:00. The Wednesday double-header will be Pellston vs. Mackinaw at 6:00 and the winner of Monday's game playing Alanson at 8:00 One ticket gets you both games). The finals will be played on Friday, March 12 at 7:00. Admission is \$5.00 per person. The District winner will play in the Pellston Regional.

Pellston will host the MHSAA Regional Boys' Basketball Tournament the week of March 15th. On Monday, March 15th we will have a double-header with the winners of the Wolverine District and the Harbor Light District playing in the first game at 5:30.

THE GYM WILL BE CLEARED AT THE END OF THE FIRST GAME. IF ANYONE WISHES TO ATTEND BOTH GAMES, A SEPARATE TICKET WILL NEED TO BE PURCHASED FOR EACH (\$5.00 PER TICKET).

The District winners from Hale and Cedarville will play in the 2nd game at 8:00. Doors will open at 4:30 for Game 1 on Monday and immediately after the gym has been cleared for Game 2.

The Regional Finals will be held on Wednesday, March 17th at 7:00 with doors opening at 6:00. The winner of the Pellston Boys' Regional will play at either St. Ignace or Manistique for the State Quarter Finals.



BUZZ FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

⇒Watch for our Hornet Spring Sport Pocket Schedules—Available in March at many area businesses, courtesy of Citizens National Bank.

⇒The Athletic Department is in need of individuals who are willing to help with admissions or scoreboards at our home jv baseball and softball games. Please call Tom Litzner at 231-537-2268 (home) or 231-539-8801 (Middle/High School), if you can help.

“Doo-Wop Wed Widing Hood”

The Pellston Drama Club is preparing for it's 2010 production, which will be presented on Sunday, March 14th, at 2 p.m. in the Middle School/High School auditorium.

It's the 1950's, hula-hoops are in high demand, and so is Little Red Riding Hood (Stephanie Kruskie)! Wise Prince Jason (Alicia Boda), winner of the Math Olympics and the Noble Prize, strong Prince Jason (Elizabeth Eaton), who can bench press his own mother, and ordinary, loud Prince Frank (Cammie Kruger) all want to woo Red Riding Hood. So the King (Janae Waldron) and Queen (Hanah Carter) hire the Fairy Godmother (Marissa Kintz) to set three tasks for the princes. Only the prince who can find the missing girl, defeat the dragon (Andy Wolford, Shelby Grant) and awaken the castle visitor from her slumber wins the right to woo Wed Widing Hood....that is Red Riding Hood! Alas, Little Red's couch-potato parents (Alex Alkema, Hunter Williamson) don't want to lose their little girl. How else will they get their cookies delivered to Grandmother (Emily Robin)? So they hire the evil queen (Olivia Grant) to thwart the Fairy Godmother's contest. Luckily, Little Red Riding Hood's two sisters—Big Green Riding Hood (Elyssa

Prell) and Medium Purple Riding Hood (Susie Brilley)-help balance out the situation.

The play is complete with the big bad wolf (Tyler Myroniuk) and a sock-hopping '50's score, guaranteed to end happily-ever-after.

Additional cast members include: Nicole Farkas, Marijayne Massie, Julia Milbrandt, Emma Robbins, Jillian Robbins, and Elizabeth Gargaro.

The play is written by Charlie Lovett

with music and lyrics by Bill Francoeur. Lisa Kruzel and Lisa Myers direct with Ann Mills as assistant director.

Ticket Prices are: \$5.00 for students and \$8.00 for adults. All proceeds will go to finance next year's show. Please join us!



KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

Pellston Elementary welcomes all incoming kindergarten children and their parents to visit us at our Kindergarten Round-Up, scheduled for Thursday, April 22nd and Friday, April 23rd at the elementary school. Pellston Elementary offers a five day, full-day kindergarten program with Highly Qualified/State Certified teachers.

During your visit you will have the opportunity to meet the staff and tour our building.

Children entering kindergarten in the fall of 2010 must be 5 years old by December 1st, 2010. Please bring your child's birth certificate, immunization record and proof of residence.

Please call Mrs. Hunt, Elementary Secretary, at 539-8421, to schedule an appointment.



PELLSTON PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

We will be accepting applications for the Tuition Free pre-school program on March 5th and 6th. This program is open to all families living in the Pellston area. **Applications are taken by appointment only.** To schedule your appointment please call Stepping Stones to School at 1-877-866-3714. This Preschool Recruitment is a collaborative effort of Char-Em ISD Early Education and MSRP Partner, Northwest Michigan Human Service, Head Start and the Little Traverse Bay Band Head Start.



ELEMENTARY NEWS & EVENTS

21st Century Community Learning Center News

The joy of learning keeps rolling after school! We have continued to stay busy on these cold winter afternoons. Our winter sessions include Digital Photography, World Culture & Art from Crooked Tree Arts Center, Spanish Club, and a Snowshoeing Club through a parent volunteer! We are anxious to get our spring sessions started and have a lot of things planned such as Cooking Club, Knitting & Quilting Club, and "Girls on the Run"!



21st Century Learning Center elementary students learn survival skills from counselors at Camp Hayowentha during a January field trip.

Jump Rope For Heart Coming!

Elementary students will be jump roping to raise their cardio-vascular health and money for the American Heart Association again this month.

Elementary gym teacher, Mary Weitzel-Bailey has organized this annual event for Saturday, Feb. 20th from 9:30 until noon in the elementary gym.

Since 1993, Pellston elementary students have raised \$48,500. this worthy cause. Please consider a pledge to our children, who will be asking during the next week.



Clifford Pays a Visit!

In conjunction with the Scholastic Book Fair, Clifford the Big Red Dog visited each classroom and donated one book to each classroom's library. Hmmmm...Does Clifford look familiar????



Valentine's Luncheon

February 11th was a very special day for our elementary students. A Grandparent-Grandchild luncheon was held with specially decorated



tables and centerpieces made in art

classes. Over 125 honored guests were able to attend the event.

Thank you to all for making this

year's Valentine's Day memorable for our students!



Science Family Night

Monday, February 22nd Pellston Elementary families are invited to attend a dinner and Science Family Night from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Raven Hill Discovery Center will be here to share their "Museum to Go," along with family math games. This interactive evening will surely have something for elementary students, of all ages. Please let the elementary office know if you have not already registered for this event, at which dinner will be provided. See you there!

"Project First Step" Coming!

Next month Pellston Elementary administration and staff will begin a new professional development training program, designed to help teachers and students improve the teaching and learning process.

Dr. Thomas Johnson, Professor of Physical Education at Albion College, will travel to Pellston to begin a 5-part training, which provides an awareness of the relationship between movement and learning. It is grounded in the internalization of seven fundamental physical skills, which relate to specific learning and social/behavioral traits. In addition to break-outs for staff there will also be a training for incoming Kindergarten students called "Jump into Kindergarten." The entire program will be funded through Federal Title IIA funds, allocated to the District for this fiscal year.

After completion of training, staff will conduct their own assessments of students and be able to provide necessary interventions in the classroom, which will help students to focus on their learning and improve their behavior and social relationships while in school.

"It is our goal that 'Project First Step' become an integral part of the elementary program next year," said Superintendent Tebbe. "I've seen this program in action and we're excited to have Dr. Johnson come to Pellston, this spring."

Middle School / High School News & Notes

Congratulations Maggie Mikus National Merit Scholarship Finalist

Youth Arts

Festival

Crooked Tree Arts Center—Youth Arts Festival will be opening April 17th. The show will be open to the public for three weeks with many Pellston students' displaying their works.

The Arts Center is located on the corner of Division & Mitchell Streets in Petoskey. Please plan to attend and support our talented, young people.



Pellston Senior Margaret Mikus has been named a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. Maggie is one of 15,000, nationwide, to receive this honor.

The National Merit Scholarship program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High School students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test—a test which serves as an initial screen of approximately 1.5 million entrants each year. Of these entrants, some 50,000 with the highest scores are invited to name two colleges or universities to which they would like to be referred by the scholarship program. The next step is to be commended

or named a semi-finalist through their schools. In February, some 15,000 semifinalists are notified that they have advanced to finalists' standing. Approximately 8,200 finalists will be notified from March through mid-June that they have been selected to receive a Merit Scholarship award.

Maggie is the daughter of Dennis and Eileen Mikus of Carp Lake. Maggie is a member of National Honor Society, has participated in varsity athletics and served as a U.S. Congressional Page during the first semester of her Junior year at Pellston.

Congratulations and good luck, Maggie!

National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

Pellston High School Chapter of the National Honor Society will be inducting seven new members on Sunday, February 28th. The ceremony will take place in the Pellston High School auditorium at 2:00 p.m. with a reception to follow. Family, friends, and staff members are all invited and welcome to attend.

Students being inducted include: Caitlin Birch, Ashley Burrows, Katie Dzedzie, Kristi Lewis, Kalli Mier, Jeremiah Skilton and Kalce Smith

2010 Garage Build

The Little Traverse Association of Home Builders "Garage Build" is an annual event to promote the building trades programs in the school districts within Char-Em ISD, that have such programs (Boyne City, Charlevoix, Pellston, Petoskey).

This year marks the 10th year of successful "Garage Builds." Thanks to the tireless effort of Association volunteers and the donations of 75 businesses and individuals, 2009 was another huge success and the programs received over \$8,300.00 from the Little Traverse Association of Home Builders.

The two-car garage is auctioned by silent bid in the spring. The building trades students, with the supervision of their instructors and Association volunteers, will frame, roof, side, secure and electrify the garage for the winning bidder, prior to the conclusion of the school year.

The proceeds from the winning bid sale and sponsorships

will be distributed equally among the above schools. The schools' funds may be used at the discretion of the building trade instructors for education materials, shop equipment, carpentry tools and post-graduation scholarships.

Interested individuals can place bids on the garage during the 2010 Petoskey Home Show, being held March 13th and 14th at the North Central Michigan College Student and Community Resource Center.

Monetary donations of any size may be pledged now and collected at a later date via invoice from the Little Traverse Association of Home Builders. For those wishing to donate, building materials will be collected prior to construction.

Your participation in this important fund raiser is vital to its continued success and the development of the next generation of builders.

To pledge please go the Little Traverse Association of Home Builders website (www.ltahb.com).