

## STUDENTS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP



Pictured above are back row from left: Kyle Brown, Megan Klebba, and Kyle Ekstrum. Front row from left: Jamie Dunn, Annaliise Hayrynen, and Sheena Carlson.

Six seniors were chosen to be the recipients of the Marquette-Community Youth Initiatives Foundation Scholarship. The students are selected based on their high school grade point average through the first semester in their senior year. The top six students will receive \$1,500 for education beyond high school.

**Megan Klebba** is the Class of 2010 Valedictorian. She is the daughter of Dennis Klebba and Cheryl Mayer. Megan will attend college and pursue a degree in science, math or history.

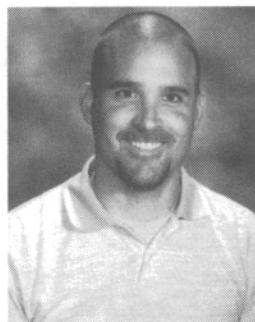
**Annaliise Hayrynen** is the Salutatorian of the Class of 2010. Annaliise is the daughter of Jacob and Donna Hayrynen. She will attend college to pursue a degree in pre-medical or biochemistry at Valparasio University.

**Kyle Brown** is the son of Kevin and Tracy Brown. Kyle will be attending Concordia Theological Seminary and then go to Indiana University with a major in philosophy.

**Sheena Carlson** is the daughter of Steve and Cindi Carlson. Sheena is planning on attending Northern MI University for secondary education or a Spanish major.

**Jamie Dunn** is the daughter of James and Deanna Dunn. She will be attending Alma or Albion Colleges for music or English.

**Kyle Ekstrum** is the son of Erik and Janet Ekstrum. He will be attending Michigan Tech University for a mechanical engineering degree.



## OUTSTANDING TEACHERS



**Todd Backlund**, pictured at left, Negaunee High School Science Teacher, was selected as one of the 2009-10 Teachers of the Year. He has been teaching at Negaunee for over 8 years. Todd graduated from Lake Superior State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Biological Sciences/Pre-Medicine. He received a secondary teaching endorsement and a Master's Degree in Science Education from Northern MI University. Todd is finishing his second Masters Degree in Educational Administration from Northern MI University.

During his time in Negaunee Todd has taught physical science, biology, chemistry and college prep. chemistry. For the past 4 years he has also taught driver's education classes at the Negaunee High School. Todd has been the sophomore class advisor for the past four years assisting the tenth grade students with the "Fun Day" fundraiser, along with their other class activities.

Throughout his time at Negaunee, Todd was a member of the science learning team, science realignment committee and special education monitoring committee. For the past four years, he has also been the room supervisor/back-up test supervisor for the ACT/MME testing.

**Tristan Palomaki**, pictured at right, Negaunee Middle School Guidance Counselor, was also selected as one of the 2009-10 Teachers of the Year. She is a graduate of Northern MI University where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education and a Master's of Arts in Education in Guidance and Counseling degrees. Tristan has worked in Negaunee for 12 years. She is both a Middle School Guidance Counselor, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Pre-Algebra Teacher, and the Middle School Forensic Coach. Prior to working for Negaunee Schools she was an elementary teacher in Nome, Alaska.

Tristan said, "I believe in and am proud of what I do. Students inspire me daily to be enthusiastic about learning." In her free time she enjoys walking, skiing, camping, fishing and spending time with her family. She has three children ages 3-7. Tristan stated "I am very proud to be a part of the Negaunee Public Schools as an alumni, educator and parent."

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# STUDENTS RECOGNIZED

On April 30, 2010, 86 students who have received all A's for the first semester of the 2009-10 school year were honored with a day of activities. The students from grades 8-12 attended a breakfast at the C.L. Phelps School, in Ishpeming. Students were split into groups where they were able to visit the Empire or Tilden Mine or the L.S. & I. Railroad and Ore Unloading Facility. The day ended with an awards ceremony and lunch at the Holiday Inn. If you see any of these students, congratulate them on a job well done!

## GRADE 8

Michael Anderson  
Rosalie Anderson  
Jeremy Bell  
Zach Carlson  
Jane Davis  
Taylor DeWitt  
Craig Ekstrum  
Kelsey Erva  
Abbey Goodreau  
Luke Hill  
Katelyn Lambert  
Taylor Rng  
Brody Rosten  
Kylee Taavola

## GRADE 9

Ashley Anderson  
Nolan Bergstrom  
Emma Davis

## GRADE 9 (cont.)

Adam Francis  
Alex Grant  
Sara Hammar  
Sara Kainulainen  
Jacob Kari  
Andrew Katona  
Morgan Kontio  
Melissa Poole  
Kate Rasmussen  
Robert Sertich  
Tara Waters  
Rylee Whitford  
Anthony Zampese

## GRADE 10

Jayne Alexander  
Jaime Bedard  
Taylor Debski  
Abigail Esbrook

## GRADE 10 (cont.)

Adalyn Etelamaki  
Brianne Hintsala  
Nickolas Kill  
Andrew LaJoie  
Louis Lenten  
Mikaela Rose Lindquist  
Cody McGrath  
Ryne Menhennick  
Emily Oja  
Steve Olson  
Benjamin Rebertus  
Trevor Rosten  
Travis Ryan  
Mariah Savolainen  
Robert Setterlind  
Kaylie Tasson  
Sarah Tresedder  
Courtney Waara

## GRADE 11 (cont.)

Brandi Anderson  
Daniel Carlson  
Emma Collins  
Miranda DeBretto  
Kelly Ellerbruch  
Hannah Gottlieb  
Kelsey Johns  
Heather Johnson  
Alea Juntti  
Alex LaFreniere  
Evan Leaf  
Braden Lyford  
Victoria Mattson  
Dylan McKeivitt  
Brooke Montgomery  
Katelynn O'Keefe  
Zachary Paul  
Megan Prusi  
Adriana Ruiz

## Grade 11 (cont.)

Amelia Savolainen  
Casey Torreano  
Abby Walimaa

## GRADE 12

Kristopher Benaglio  
Kyle Brown  
Alyssa Denofre  
Kyle Ekstrum  
Abby Garceau  
Annaliise Hayrynen  
Kara Heggaton  
Megan Klebba  
Chelsea McGrath  
Sarah Parkkonen  
Chelsey Rice  
Katelyn Roth

Students in Mr. Delpier's science classes have recently been designing and building structures that can withstand three types of earthquake waves: P-waves, S-waves and surface waves. The goal is to design and build a structure, within the guidelines, that will remain intact for 5 seconds of shaking for each of the three types of waves: mild, moderate and severe.

The students were given the following materials to build their structures: 60 popsicle sticks, 100 cm of masking tape, 4 pipe cleaners, three sheets of paper and a tennis ball. The structures had height restrictions that make the structures take on the appearance of a typical building in an urban area. The tennis ball represented furniture and other items within a building. "It isn't easy getting that tennis ball to remain still in our structure. I think this is also an issue in real buildings in California." Commented Rebekah Mackey.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS STUDY EARTHQUAKES



This activity helps us realize that in comparing earthquakes, it is the level of preparation by people that makes an important difference. The colossal, magnitude 9.5, 1960 earthquake in Chile, motivated the Chilean government and people to step up efforts to make their buildings safer. Kyra Niemi added, "The recent quake in Chile was a greater magnitude than the recent Haitian quake, yet there was far less destruction and fewer human victims." Earthquakes are part of this dynamic planet. Earthquake education plays an important role for our future citizens, seismologists, architects, urban planners and engineers.

## THANK YOU

Special donations were made by teachers, schools, and community leaders for the Mining Journal's Newspaper in Education Program. This program provides newspapers for local educators to use in their classrooms.

The following teachers made special donations:  
Pam Debelak, Negaunee High School  
Marius Grazulis, Negaunee High School

Gina Sorensen, Negaunee High School  
Marlys Trudgeon, Lakeview Elementary



*Pictured above, Hayden Tadgerson, a fifth grade student, plays with the Agatsuma ensemble.*

## A VISIT FROM HALFWAY AROUND THE WORLD

Lakeview students had the opportunity to experience authentic Japanese music, performed by the artists themselves! Agatsuma, a native of Japan, began playing the Tsugaru Shamisen at age six and has released several albums. Agatsuma and his ensemble conducted workshops where students were presented with interesting facts about the instrument that has made him famous. Students were also introduced and encouraged to participate in the magic of playing the very unique drums that contributed to the musical celebration! Our guests expressed their delight in their visit and were impressed with the poise and respect of our student body.

## NEGAUNEE FORENSICS TEAM COMPETES AT STATE TOURNAMENT

Seven members of the high school forensics team qualified for the Michigan Interscholastic Forensics Association State Tournament at Central Michigan University on April 30th and May 1<sup>st</sup>. The tournament involved approximately 50 high schools and 500 students.

Sophomore Ryne Menhennick won honors as a State semifinalist in extemporaneous speaking. The other team members participating in the two-day contest are Jamie Dunn, Luke DeWitt, Lydia Jarvi, and Emily Oja in Duo, Nicole Brewer in Dramatic Interpretation, and Max Alexander in Poetry. The team is coached by Connie Heinlein.

Students pictured top to bottom: Nicole Brewer, Emily Oja, Luke DeWitt, Ryne Menhennick, Jamie Dunn, Maxwell Alexander, and Lydia Jarvi



*Congratulations!*

## NEGAUNEE HIGH SCHOOL BOWL TEAM WINS CHAMPIONSHIP



Practicing everyday, during lunch hour, with a multitude of topics ranging from world geography to literature and including categories such as politics, math, science, music, sports and history has paid off for the Negaunee High School Bowl Team.

The team members participated in a tournament, sponsored and aired by WNMU-TV13, which started in the fall of 2009 with 50 teams and concluded this spring with Negaunee victorious over Iron Mountain and Marquette in the semi-final and finals. As the championship team, Negaunee won a \$2,500 scholarship from Northern MI University.

After winning the UP High School Bowl championship, the team was invited, in April, to participate in the Michigan State High School Quiz Bowl Finals in Lansing where they place 7<sup>th</sup> out of 27 teams in class C/D. The players attending the MSU tournament are pictured, at left: Ben Rebertus, Kyle Ekstrum, Captain, Nathan Alexander, Annaliise Hayrynen, Ryne Menhennick and Coach Connie Heinlein.

*Alternates for the team included Ben Rebertus, Emma Collins, Henry Schrandt, Cheyenne Chapman, Hannah Gottlieb, and Olivia Stanaway.*

Next year's team is already practicing for the 2010-11 season of High School Bowl!

# STATE CHAMPIONS MDOT TRANSPORTATION AND CIVIL ENGINEERING BRIDGE COMPETITION



Picture at left are:  
 Front row Nathan Alexander,  
 Nathan Waters, and Henry  
 Schrandt  
 Back row: Kyle Ekstrum,  
 Kyle Goupil, Eric LaBelle,  
 Kris Benaglio, and Steven  
 Ludlum.

Team member missing: Keith  
 Bradybaugh



One hundred and fifty-six students from across the State of Michigan recently competed in a MDOT bridge building competition in Lansing. The teams used basic engineering principles to design and build bridges out of balsa wood in three different categories: Suspension, floating, and drawbridge. Once constructed, the bridges were then load-tested to see how well they would perform. Nine students from Kevin Bell's Advanced Computer- Aided Drafting classes qualified for State competition in the suspension bridge category. They used many software programs to help construct their designs. After preparing for six months by writing a thirty-page proposal, researching, testing, building suspension bridges and doing a power point presentation about their bridge project one team proved to be State champions. The team of Kyle Ekstrum, Nathan Alexander, and Steven Ludlum won the competition by having their bridge hold 212 pounds. Their bridge only weighed 46 grams. This is the second year in a row that a team from Negaunee has won the State competition. Last years' team also won the National competition. Unfortunately the Department of Transportation did not hold a national competition this year.



## STUDENTS PLACE IN TOP 10 IN STATE COMPETITION

Lauren Hill and Vanessa Kangas have placed in the top 10 at the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) State of Michigan conference on April 16<sup>th</sup> in Traverse City. They competed in Forensics, which involved a written knowledge test and then solving a crime after observing a crime scene. Over 1400 students participated in 50 different competitions. Congratulations!



Pictured above is Vanessa Kangas, on the left, and Lauren Hill, on the right.

### 2010-11 Fall Sports Physicals:

July 20, 2010  
 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the Miners'  
 Dry  
 Cost \$10.00  
 Dr. Grossman

Watch for the Community Schools Summer Brochure coming to your mailbox June 2<sup>nd</sup>!

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 Regular monthly meetings are normally held on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library.