



# Hematite Highlights

ISHPEMING SCHOOL DISTRICT

JUNE, 2010

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## 2010 Valedictorian

Valedictorian ~ Samuel Genord



Samuel Genord is the Valedictorian for the IHS Class of 2010 and the son of Amanda and Jerry Pope. He has maintained a perfect 4.0 GPA despite being incredibly active in both his school and community. Sam's in-school activities include the Key Club, National Honor Society, I-Club, and Golf Team. His honors include an Excellence in Education Scholarship, Michigan National Guard Scholastic and Physical Fitness Award, and Detroit Free Press Scholar Athlete Award. His teachers describe Sam as an outstanding role model and someone who goes out of his way to help others. Sam will attend Michigan Technological University to pursue an engineering degree.

*Congratulations on your accomplishments!*

## 2010 Salutatorian

Salutatorian ~ Annie LeSage



Annie LeSage is the Salutatorian for the IHS Class of 2010 and the daughter of Mary and Curtis LeSage. Annie has distinguished herself as a leader both in the classroom and in extracurricular activities. She maintained a near-perfect GPA of 3.97 despite a very busy schedule that included membership in the National Honor Society, Math Club, Hematites in Harmony, the I-Club, HOSA, Key Club, and Yearbook. Annie was an outstanding student-athlete who captained her volleyball and basketball teams and also participated in track, golf and the school's musical. She earned an Excellence in Education Scholarship and won the IHS Alumni Essay Contest. Annie will attend Michigan Technological University to pursue a biomedical engineering degree.

Portrait Gallery

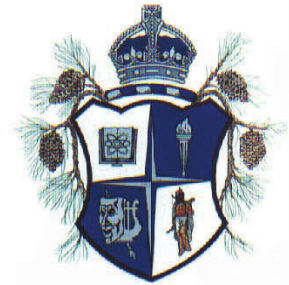
7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 4, 2010, in the W. C. Peterson Auditorium



**Senior Class Officers:**

President: Luke Roberts  
Vice President: Connor Olds  
Secretary: Megan Mattson  
Treasurer: Hannah Jay  
Student Council Representative: Kerrie Myers

Class Advisor: Mrs. Kathy Roberts  
Class Colors: Black and Lime Green  
Class Flower: Tulip  
Class Song: "You're Gonna Miss This" by Trace Atkins  
Class Motto: "Success is a journey, not a destination."



## Senior Graduates 2010

Nicholas Alderton, Ryan Bess-Dishno, Derek Blemke, Derrick Briones, Gerald Burton, Michael Carriere, Jessica Collins, Rodney Fegan, Kelsey Fredin, Kyle Gardner, Samuel Genord\*, Shay Grady, Vincent Gravedoni, Cody Harju, Desiree Hendra, Dylan Herron, Hannah Hill, Rachel Hytinen, Shawna Jandron, Hannah McGarry Jay, Dillon Jordan, Brock Junak, Mary Juntunen, Mitchell Korpi, Ashley Kului\*, Jake Kului, Annie LeSage\*, Matthew Leverton\*, Zachary Loman, Macey Mahoski, Megan Mattson, Zachary Meyer\*, Kerrie Myers, Shane Nardi\*, Bradley Nault, Brett Nault, Joshua Niemela, Cody Ogea, Connor Olds\*, Tyler Oslund, Aireka Pierce, Matthew Pohlman, Jill Poirier, Jeffery Quinnell, James Rautio, Kent Rintamaki, Luke Roberts\*, Zachary Rosenbaum, Damian Sarvello, Dawn Skytta, Robert Skytta, Cody Snell, Joshua Stadler, Taylor Stevens, Joshua Timm, Brandon Van Buren, Stephen Weygandt, Benjamin Wootke, Brittany Zhulkie, William Zhulkie

### CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE—Foreign Exchange Students

Chadapon Buayai — Thailand, Nantaporn Kapol — Thailand, Ruven Kloettschen — Germany, Maciej Mazu — Poland

\* Denotes National Honor Society Member

## Class of 2010 Accomplishments

Helped IHS earn a "Bronze Medal" and designation as one of America's Top High Schools from U.S. News and World Report magazine.

Helped IHS earn its fourth 'A' grade on its State Report Card, the only local high school to have done so.

The following HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) members placed at regional competition and qualified for the State Finals: Desiree Hendra, Shawna Jandron, Hannah Jay, Annie LeSage, Megan Mattson, Kerrie Myers, Aireka Pierce, and Brittany Zhulkie.

Seniors Shawna Jandron and Ben Wootke were selected to the Superior Select Choir.

### **Athletic Accomplishments:**

The Varsity Football team qualified for the State Playoffs for the 10<sup>th</sup> time in the past 11 years, captured the Mid-Peninsula Conference Championship, Division 7 District Championship, Division 7 U.P. Championship, and were Division 7 Regional Finalists.

The Girls' Bowling team was U.P. & Regional Championship runner-ups and finished undefeated in the regular season and ranked #5 in the state.

The Boys' Bowling team was Regional Champions and finished undefeated in the regular season and ranked #5 in the state.

The Wrestling team won the District Championship and were Marquette County Champions for the fifth consecutive year.

Senior Rachel Hytinen was an individual bowling Regional Champion, individual State Finalist and U.P. Champion runner-up.

All-U.P. senior athletes included: Mitch Korpi, Brad Nault, Brett Nault, and Damian Sarvello

Seniors selected to Mid-Peninsula All-Conference teams included: Mitch Korpi, Annie LeSage, Kerrie Myers, Brad Nault, Brett Nault, Tyler Oslund, Damian Sarvello, and Brittany Zhulkie

## Happy Retirement

We have several employees retiring this year.

They are:

**Diane DeMilio, Guidance Counselor**

**Mary Ann Dyer, Teacher**

**Rosalind Greenlee, Teacher**

**Valerie Junak, Teacher**

**Marilyn Mahoski, Aide**

**Kathy Mathias, Teacher**

**Joseph Pelkola, Teacher**

**Kristine Riutta, Teacher**

**Paul Steinke, Teacher**

*Thank you for all your years of service.*



## Key Fundraiser Approaching For Athletic Booster Club

The Ishpeming All-Sports Booster Club will hold its Second Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July 50/50 Raffle throughout the day on Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets cost \$5.00 and will be available at the parade, alumni softball games and prior to the fireworks. The prize drawing will be held at 9:00 p.m. at the Al Quaal Park. Last year's winner collected \$2,025 and the club anticipates an even larger jackpot this year. The booster club is a key contributor to the athletic program at IHS and Phelps Middle School donating in excess of \$20,000 each year and providing scholarships to athletes and families unable to pay the sports participation fee. Their support has allowed hundreds of student-athletes compete in athletics. Please support the booster club!

## I.H.S. Pool "Steps Up"

Users of the Ishpeming High School pool raised \$3,000 this year for a set of stairs to make it easier to get into and out of the pool. The steps were recently installed, helping those with mobility issues be able to still use the pool.

## Ishpeming Strings Program



The Ishpeming Strings program has grown by leaps and bounds this year. They have nearly doubled in size: now closing in on 60 members. Mrs. Anne Asplund continues to meet with the students once a week during lunch hours and after school. Mrs. Sheila Grazulis has also joined in at the elementary level to help with all the new beginners.

The Strings program has had new experiences performing as well as what are fast becoming their "Traditions": The Middle School string players entertained at Grandparent's Day, they played at both the elementary and middle school Holiday programs, and they filled the Marquette Mall for their Children's Fair. They traveled to the

Ishpeming Children's Childcare Learning Center, Central Elementary, and Birchview School to celebrate their year of music. These opportunities have given each member a chance to showcase their new skills and confidence in a public setting. The students are honored to represent our school as they showcase their musical talents.

The group also received some wonderful news! Their group will be the recipient of a Greater Ishpeming Area Community Fund Grant. They will receive \$750 which will be used for the purchase of polo shirts embroidered with "Ishpeming Strings". Students will wear these shirts when performing for school programs as well as outside engagements.



## Rachel's Challenge

Earlier this year Rachel Scott's family came to Ishpeming to spread their daughter's message "Rachel's Challenge". Rachel was the first person killed during the shootings at Columbine High School in Denver. The family created the program for middle and high school students in order to spread kindness by practicing five challenges, including "eliminate prejudice," "dare to dream," "choose positive influences," "kind words" and "start a chain reaction."

Heather Swanson, technology teacher at C.L. Phelps Middle School helped introduce "Rachel's Challenge," which was adopted by the Ishpeming school district for its 2009-10 school year. As part of their commitment to the program, students signed a banner that symbolically tied them to practice Rachel's five challenges.

Throughout the school year the student club "Friends of Rachel" conducted fundraisers to raise funds for Operation Smile (a children's charity treating facial deformities) and the nonprofit organization Kids against Hunger.

For more information on the program, go to [www.rachelschallenge.org](http://www.rachelschallenge.org).

## Birchview Students

### Seeing Stars

The STARLAB from the Seaborg Math and Science Center at Northern Michigan University was recently brought to Birchview Elementary. STARLAB offers the ideal solution for local schools who wish to familiarize students with astronomy. The STARLAB is an inflated structure 16 feet across and 11 feet high, STARLAB can accommodate up to 25 students.

The star instrument can project the sun, moon, stars and planets. A special projector is used to project constellation outlines and a slide projector is used to show what objects look like close up.

Planetarium Specialist, Scott Stobbelaar who is currently an Astronomy Adjunct Instructor at Northern Michigan University and also a solar system ambassador for NASA provided several presentations for grades K-4. He served as director of the Shiras Planetarium for 29 years and has been an amateur astronomer for more than 40 years.

## 2010-2011 Calendar

- Professional Development Days For Teachers – Wednesday, September 1, 2010, Thursday, September 2, 2010, Morning of Tuesday, September 7, 2010, Wednesday, November 24, 2010, and Monday, March 7, 2010
- First Day Of School For Students – Tuesday, September 7, 2010 – Students Report At 12:00 p.m.
- Thanksgiving Break – Thursday, November 25, 2010 and Friday, November 26, 2010
- Final Day Of School Before Winter Break – Wednesday, December 22, 2010
- Winter Break – Thursday, December 23, 2010 through Friday, December 31, 2010
- Classes Resume – Monday, January 3, 2011
- Records Day (No Classes) – Friday, January 21, 2011
- Final Day Of School Before Spring Break – Friday, April 1, 2011
- Spring Break – Monday, April 4, 2011 through Friday, April 8, 2011
- Classes Resume – Monday, April 11, 2011
- Break Day (No Classes) – Friday, April 22, 2011
- Memorial Day (No Classes) – Monday, May 30, 2011
- Final Student Day – Friday, June 3, 2011 (1/2 Day)
- Records Day - Monday, June 6, 2011



## Ishpeming Carnegie Children's Library

Under the guidance of Sue Danielson, children's librarian for the Ishpeming Carnegie Library, students from Birchview Elementary & C.L. Phelps Middle School performed Dr. Seuss plays and puppet shows for over 100 people during the month of March in honor of Reading Month and Dr. Seuss' Birthday. Sue Danielson retired as a Librarian from the Ishpeming Schools in 2009.

## Kids Make "Lemonade"

After practicing for a month, the Fifth-grade music students from Phelps performed the play "Lemonade" by John Jacobson for the Birchview students. The fifth-graders also held a fundraiser for the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation – which started in 2000 by a young girl named Alex Scott who was battling cancer. The play and the foundation, although not connected, portray the message "when life gives you lemons, make lemonade."

The fifth graders had raised over \$400 by sponsoring a lemonade stand at Wal-Mart, collecting donations in their classes and accepting donations of 50 cents each from the elementary school students in exchange for a glass of lemonade after their musical.

## Ishpeming Awarded 2010 Education Excellence Award

The Ishpeming Public Schools, was named as one of the recipients of the 2010 Education Excellence awards from the Michigan Association of School Boards for its Monday Morning Playtime program. According to a press release from the MASB, Ishpeming was chosen as one of the award recipients for keeping its focus on student achievement in face of complex education challenges and limited resources. Ishpeming was the only district to win from Marquette County.

The program is open to families from across the county to provide the opportunity for preschool aged children to play, together encourage their early reading skills and for parents to network.

## Phelps Kids Collect Care Packages For Overseas Troops

Students at the C.L. Phelps Middle School collected care package items and made holiday cards to contribute to the "Great Giving Packages to Our Troops" program through the Great Lakes Recovery Centers. The C.L. Phelps Middle School Builders Club spent their weekly meetings drawing, painting and decorating holiday cards and organizing donation efforts.

The students collected necessities such as batteries, lip balm and toiletries, but also fun items like books and magazines, snack items and hard candy that wouldn't melt in the heat.

The Builders Club is a Kiwanis group for middle school students interested in doing service projects. Jamie Carter is the Phelps Builders Club Advisor.

## Making Healthier Choices

Thanks to a grant program funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Michigan Dairy Council, the C.L. Phelps school has implemented a healthy snack program.

Four staff members (Principal Charleen Willey, Anne Asplund, Kathy Mathias, Lisa Gravedoni) and two students (Zoe Beltrame, Brianna Aho) were given the opportunity to attend the Kick Off to School Health Summit with Detroit Lions players and trainers at Ford Field. Ishpeming was the only district in the Upper Peninsula that attended.

The program provides guidance for healthier eating at home, using different themes. The District website: [ishpemingschools.com](http://ishpemingschools.com), includes facts about the benefits of eating breakfast and healthy recipes.

## Writing Contest Winners

The seventh-grade students at C.L. Phelps Middle School participated in a VFW writing contest sponsored by the Ishpeming VFW. This year's theme was "Why America's Veterans Should Be Honored." Contest winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> place - Gabrielle Croley, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Miranda Conroy, 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Andrew Welsh. Their essays were then submitted to the VFW District 14 competition where Gabrielle Croley took 1<sup>st</sup> place & Miranda Conroy took 3<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations on a job well done!

## Excellence in Education

Excellence in Education Week is designed to publicly recognize the outstanding academic achievement of students and excellent performance of educators in Marquette and Alger Counties. Celebrated on an annual basis, Excellence in Education Week joins top businesses from our community with our local schools to celebrate educational excellence and quality schools.

### Student Scholarships

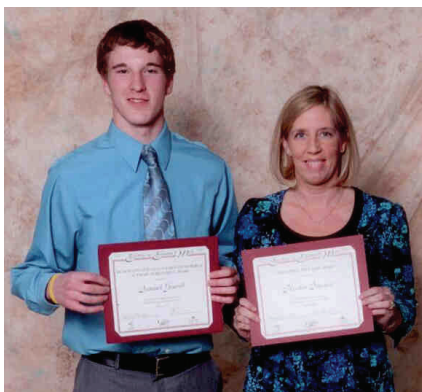
Each year the top five graduating seniors receive \$1,500 scholarships to further their education after high school. These students are honored at a banquet the Monday night of Excellence in Education Week. Each student's parents and an influential educator that the student has selected as having had the greatest impact on their academic success, attend the banquet.

### Professional Development Awards

Area educators are also honored at the banquet and receive \$500 professional development awards. The educators utilize the awards to further their education, enhance their classroom activities, or develop unique school projects.

### Industry Tours & Local Days of Excellence

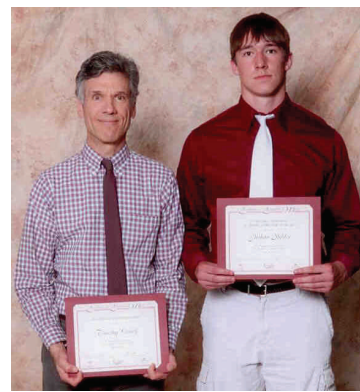
During the week, outstanding students (grades 8 — 12) from each local school district are hosted by Excellence in Education Business Partners at local Days of Excellence designed to honor students for their academic success. Following the Excellence in Education Breakfast held at C.L. Phelps Middle School, the students are each assigned to a tour. Students have the opportunity to tour the Tilden Mine, Empire Mine, or partake in a train ride with the LS&I Railroad. The Day of Excellence concludes with a special luncheon at the Holiday Inn for honored students and community leaders.



Student Samuel Genord with Teacher Kristen Swenor



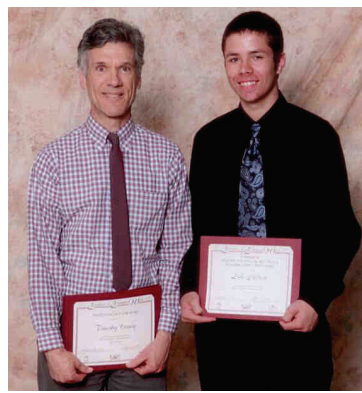
Teacher Rosalind Greenlee with Student Annie LeSage



Teacher Timothy Clancy with Student Joshua Stadler



Teacher Corey Stiles with Student Shane Nardi



Teacher Timothy Clancy With Student Luke Roberts

## SADD — Mock Drill at I.H.S.

The I.H.S. Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) organization along with the assistance of MGHS, Bell Hospital EMS, Ishpeming City Volunteer Fire Department, Marquette County Rescue and the Ishpeming City Police Department, organized a mock drunk driving accident in the old Bell Hospital parking lot.

The I.H.S. students arrived to a mock accident scene which was due to an intoxicated driver. Students watched as the driver of the car, was arrested, handcuffed and brought to a police car. Students were extracted from the car placed on stretchers and put into nearby ambulances. One victim was placed in a body bag. The fire department personnel proceeded to use axes and electric saws to remove the windshield and cut off the roof of the car.

The SADD group hoped the demonstration would get their classmates/friends to think about the potential consequences of drunk driving and other behaviors. The timing of the demonstration was ideal with the I.H.S. Prom scheduled the following weekend.

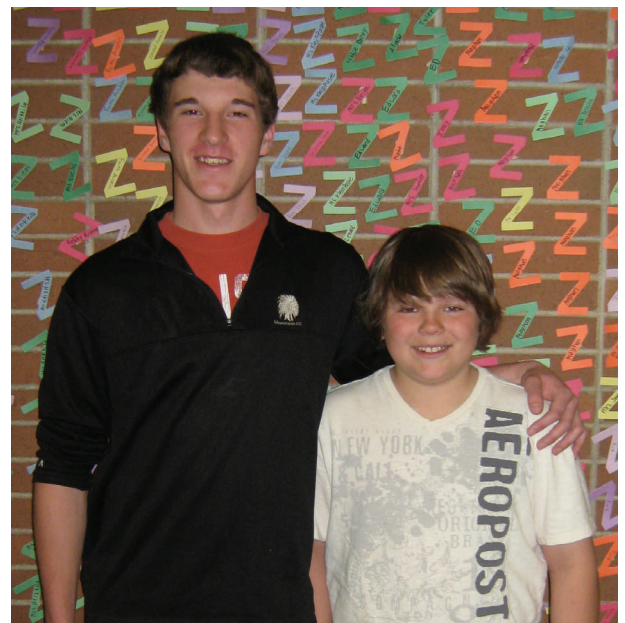


## We've Got Your Back Zach

Students and staff at both the C.L. Phelps School and the Ishpeming High School graciously gave to a friend in need during the end of April. Zach Johnson, an eighth grader at Phelps, tragically lost his family home and belongings in April. To show their support for Zach and his family, students and staff purchased Z's made of construction paper and placed them on display in the Phelps hallway. Over **\$1,200** was raised in one week's time through this fundraiser. **Way to go Ishpeming students and staff!**



Pictured above are the Eighth Grade students who worked on the Fundraising Committee



Pictured above are Sam Genord (high school student who helped to organize Fundraiser) and Zach Johnson