

Cheboygan Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet Results

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Jill Kwiatkowski

This Award is intended to recognize a local educator who has contributed in an extra special way to their students, school and community.

Jill is in her 24th year of teaching at Bishop Baraga Catholic School in Cheboygan. She is now known to many students and families as "Mrs. K."

She not only continues to be energetic in the classroom, finding unique ways to get students involved and interested in different subjects, but she has also become one of the creative forces for the annual Bishop Baraga Spring Program at the Opera House (which, by the way is coming up May 11th this year).

Jill (Perry) Kwiatkowski graduated from Cheboygan

Catholic High School, and then went on to receive her teaching degree from Northern Michigan University.

Her husband, Ken, is the Cheboygan City Clerk/Treasurer. They have five children, Matt, Dan, Patrick, Abby and Hannah. As the Mother of five, and the teacher of many, the last thing you think she would want is more kids. But, Jill and her family have generously opened their home to foreign exchange students, as well. She has also taken time to tutor some students in need of extra help during the summer.

Her community involvement includes the Northland Players, Childrens Summer Theater Workshops, High School Drama Productions, Ottawa Art Park and the Cheboygan Catholic Community Choir. Jill was nominated by several of her fellow teachers, former students and parents, all of them mentioning the amount of personal time she gives to her school, and her students, especially organizing the class trips to Washington, D.C.

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