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## Principal's Page

We are finally seeing signs of spring's arrival and find the school year winding down. It is hard to believe a year has already passed in my new position. Mr. Denk and I feel that the current administrative setup is working out well for the district and us.

A reminder that the Jr./Sr. High Awards Program will be held on Friday, May 27th, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Any parents who wish to attend are welcome. Graduation is Saturday, May 28th, at 1:00 p.m. in the high school gym. This year's Valedictorian is Lindsey Laehn. Lindsey will be attending UW-Stout. Kelly Reidt is this year's Salutatorian and she will be attending UW-Eau Claire. For the Class of 2011, the High Honor graduates are Lindsey Laehn, Kelly Reidt, Brandon Olson, Ashley Weiss, and Kelli Klevgard, while receiving Honor status is Jordan Reidt.

We are nearing the class finals for grades 6-11 on the dates of May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>. Students will have two class periods per final to give plenty of opportunity for test-taking and to also allow a break for students to refresh and focus on the next final.

The district moved forward with recently purchasing 15 Netbook computers for the English department, and in the fall we will be adding 15 Netbook computers to the elementary to be used in all grade levels. As I mentioned in an earlier letter, our school district received money in the form of vouchers through a Microsoft Settlement, which must be used for computer hardware and software updates. The timing of the vouchers is great for the district, because technology continually advances and the district needs to continue moving forward to provide for the best education it can for our students. These computers have arrived and we are in process of getting them in use in the English classroom yet this spring. The use of these computers will make for more in-class writing such as journals, blogs, Moodle, wikis, plus real-world collaboration, increased student engagement, and student collaboration with students participating in distance learning. Mrs. Paulson (Ryskiewicz) will be offering her AP English to schools outside of Gilmanton next fall through distance learning. AP English will still continue in Mrs. Paulson's Room, but there will be a TV/Camera setup in her room for students outside of Gilmanton walls.  
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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ Updates on the end-of-year and graduation ceremony.
- ◆ A fun crossword puzzle.
- ◆ Betty Quarberg's farewell letter.
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There have been many people supportive to GHS and its students. I would like to extend a thank you to the Community Club and its members. Every spring many athletic teams attend a Community Club meeting asking for a donation to their team, club, or school cause. The Community Club has been very supportive and their donations have been very appreciative to GHS staff and students.

-Mr. Rud

***Non-Discrimination Statement***

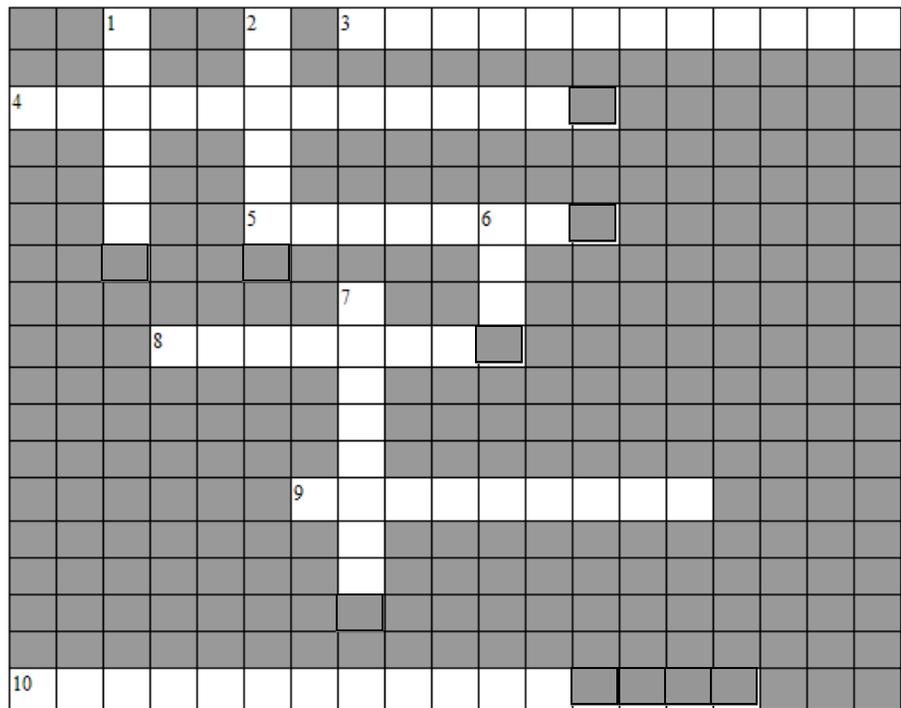
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**Anyone interested in**

- **Line judging**
- **Working the clock/book at next year's varsity volleyball games**
- **Coaching Junior High basketball**
- **Officiating junior high volleyball**

**Please contact Justin Redetzke at [jredetzke@ghs.k12.wi.us](mailto:jredetzke@ghs.k12.wi.us) or 715-946-3158.**

**Thank you!**



**The End-Of-Year Crossword**

Find some answers in the newsletter itself!

Enjoy!

**ACROSS**

- 3. Numerical day of Gilmanton High School graduation
- 4. A fancy term for graduation
- 5. Students who are now finished. Also a term referring to the elderly.
- 8. Something hung on rearview mirrors after graduation
- 9. This only the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10. Very unflattering hats

**DOWN**

- 1. The season we've all been waiting for
- 2. Tests students have dreaded
- 6. Brightest Gilmanton school color
- 7. The people we have to thank for putting up with us. :)



## *Betty Quarberg Says Goodbye...*

To the Gilmanton School District Community:

By now, you all may know this is my last year of driving school bus. I've had 38 wonderful and memorable years transporting you or your children to school.

I would like to share with you how I became a bus driver for Gilmanton, if you haven't heard the story already. Thirty-eight years ago this summer Pud Rose came to our house in Davis Valley (where Ben Seltrecht now lives). Pud was my bus driver years and years ago, and was our son, Danny's, bus driver at the time. Our bedroom window overlooked the driveway above our garage. I was cleaning our bedroom, when I saw Pud drive up. I opened the window to talk with him. He shouted up, "Do you want to be a bus driver?" I laughed and replied, "Me? I don't think so." I invited Pud in for coffee. Doug, our children, and my sister's children were with us that day. At the dining room table, Pud asked me again if I would consider driving school bus for Gilmanton, because they really needed a driver. Well, Doug overheard Pud ask me to drive, he busted out laughing; and replied, "Doesn't school start before 10:00, because she doesn't get out of bed until then." That's all it took for me to say, "Yes." To this day, I've never overslept on a school day. So much for Doug's comment. Guess I need to thank him for that comment, because my job has been amazing and unforgettable. My nephew, Randy, has often said I'm the only person he knows who got a job offered through a bedroom window.

My only regret is, I never got to be with Dan and Paula in the morning to get them up and off to school. Pud made arrangements so Doug could drop the kids off at school on his way to work. Pud's sister-in-law, who taught kindergarten, was at school every morning to watch the kids before school started. Paula, our daughter, was just starting kindergarten.

In the earlier years of driving school bus, I got to be around more students than just my regular bus routes. Doug and I went on a Senior Class trip to Brainerd, Minnesota for two nights. I drove the bus and Doug was a chaperone. I drove bus to Green Bay, Wisconsin for FBLA, when Paula was in high school. I also drove for swimming lessons and a kindergarten route for several years. I enjoyed it all.

Over the years, I've heard so many people say, "You're a bus driver, how can you handle all those kids?" I have always replied, "I have good kids."

It was National School Bus Safety Week some years back and a student gave me a typed letter with a school bus in the background and a small smiley face. It was laminated and it's still on my refrigerator today. A portion of that letter reads:

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Dear Betty,

Ever since I was in the 6th grade you have been my bus driver. I remember the first time I got onto your bus—I was terrified! I know that sounds bad, but the reason I was terrified was because your bus is so different from the rest.

Bus drivers have a great responsibility— to make sure kids get to and from school safely and to teach and enforce the rules of riding the bus, and YOU, I believe, handle that responsibility very well. You teach kids great discipline, and make the trip safe for you and the kids by not allowing them to do the things some other bus drivers allow them to do. I have always appreciated you for this.

Now that I will be graduating and moving on to greater things in my life, I probably won't see you much anymore. So I just wanted to *really* thank you, with all of my heart, for all that you have done. Also, I wanted to thank you for making riding the bus fun and safe for my niece; she LOVES riding your bus. You are a great bus driver, Betty, and an all around great person. See? Not everyone has forgotten how wonderful you, and other bus drivers, really are. I could never thank you enough for everything you've done. Have a great rest of the year Betty!



I had tears in my eyes when I got to the end. What a letter!

To all the students who rode my bus regularly, you are all amazing people. I will cherish all the memories of watching you grow up. Please remember as I grow older, I may not always recall a name, but then, I did have trouble with names; if you all remember.

I will close with a copy of my resignation to the Gilmanton School Board.

*To the Gilmanton Board of Education and Administration:*

*I have enjoyed 38 years working for the school district in Gilmanton. The time has gone by so fast, it's unbelievable.*

*A few times over the last 15 to 20 years, I did think about quitting to do something different. But something always happened to change my mind. Probably the biggest thing, I was afraid I would miss being around the kids.*

*Now that I've volunteered at the grade school and the one school in Texas, I believe, I have found the next path in my life. I truly enjoy volunteering at school.*

*With thoughts of the families that are on my bus route right now, I am saddened to think I will not get to see them first thing every school day. With a sad heart for them, but knowing I have found that I am now ready to retire, this will be my last year of driving school bus for the Gilmanton School District.*

*On June 2, 2011, after the last route of that day, I will no longer get behind the wheel of a school bus again. I have 38 years of wonderful memories that I will cherish forever. This is my resignation effective June 2, 2011, after the p.m. bus route.*

*Thank you so much for all the happy years.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Betty Quarberg*

## Graduation

The yearbooks have been signed,  
the memories captured in binding and our hearts.  
We have succeeded through the tests of classes,  
and of time.

Now we have donned our caps and gowns,  
stepped through these doors as students  
for one final time.

Walk through the aisles of family and friends alike,  
to reach what we have worked for  
since we were only five.

Mothers will cry,  
and so will we.

Fathers smile proudly,  
and it will be so bittersweet,  
as we push to go,  
but are scared to leave.

As our names are called  
one by one,  
we'll think to ourselves, "It's finally done,"  
but that's not true at all.

And as we take our steps through these doors,  
We are not walking away,  
We are simply walking towards.

Jadyn Devine



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## Awards Ceremony

Friday, May 27th

8:30 a.m.

in the high school gymnasium!

Public welcome!



Congratulations  
Devon Bauer  
&  
Bergen Hovey  
for advancing to  
track sectionals!!

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### Upcoming Events

Graduation	May 28 1 p.m.
Memorial Day—No School	May 30
Finals-High School Golf Sectional	May 31
Finals—High School Elementary Picnic	June 1
Last Day of School; Dismiss at 12:05	June 2
Teacher Inservice	June 3
Summer School (Grades PK-8)	June 13-24