
Tiger Times

Gillett School District Newsletter

May 2017



Time

I remember my Grandmother telling me that time goes by more quickly as you get older. I thought that was a strange statement and didn't really understand what she meant. Isn't time the same for all of us? I now realize my Grandmother meant how quickly time seems to go by as you get older. I think it has something to do with when we were younger, we wanted to be older, so time moved slower. Now that we are older, we would like to be younger, so time seems to move more quickly.

Whether we are old or young, our 2016-17 school year is coming to a close with another year of learning and growing for all of us. We are very thankful and proud to have a school district that offers opportunities for every student, every day.

Opportunities in 2016-17 has brought us continued academic success with our sixth consecutive "School of Recognition" award for our elementary. We also have new success with our middle school receiving the "School of Recognition" award for the first time along with being recognized as one of the top 15 middle schools in the state.

We are very proud of our achievements and very proud of our 2017 graduating class as they start a new chapter in their lives. This is their time. With this newsletter, we would like to focus on the Class of 2017 and congratulate our graduates on their success.

Todd Carlson - District Administrator

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The mission of the Gillett School District is to offer students a high quality educational experience in a secure learning environment which recognizes, values, and responds to student's individual needs.

Gillett High School



Daniel J. L. Arcand
is the son of Dan & Colleen Arcand. His future plans are undecided.



Liz Ducas
is the daughter of Lonny Ducas & Rebecca Ducas. She plans on participating in the Nursing 1-2-1 Program by attending both UW-Green Bay and NWTTC.

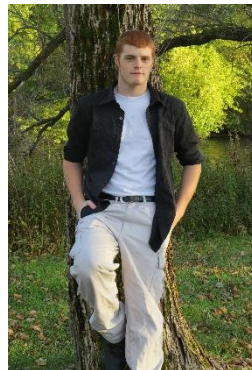
Richard Bains
is the son of Rich & Annette Bains He plans to attend NWTTC for game design and become a video game creator.



Brenda Engebretson*
is the daughter of Cindy & Jeff Engebretson. Her future plans are to be an awesome big sister.



Erin Balthazor
is the daughter of Kurt Balthazor & Jan Balthazor. She plans to attend UW-La Crosse with a major in Biochemistry and a minor in Spanish. From there she will attend medical school, hopefully in Madison.



Tristen D. Francois
is the son of Roger Francois & Angela Temple. He plans to finish his four year contract in the Marines and then move to South Carolina.

Zachary Bierhals
is the son of Nick & Jody Bierhals. He plans to attend NWTTC for CNC programming.



Savannah Hackey
is the daughter of Scott & Laura Hackey. She plans to go to Gateway Technical College for Vet Assistant.



John Bosetski
is the son of Tami Bosetski & John Bosetski, Sr. He plans to join the Navy.



Shay Hansen
is the son of Lorie Hansen & Richard Hansen. He plans to take some time off and make music in his free time.

Class of 2017

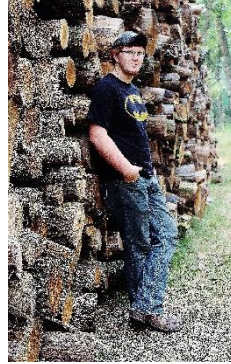


Nathaniel Hansen is the son of Daniel & Patrica Hansen. He plans to go into the army for a few years and then go to a tech school for an undecided major.



Allison Lindal is the daughter of Tim Lindal & Michelle Buschman. She plans to attend NWTC for the Physical Therapist Assistant program.

Jon Heoft is the son of Pat & Sarah Heoft. He plans to go to Fox Valley Tech for Cabinetry.



Victoria Loberger is the daughter of Victor & Sarah Loberger. She plans to attend UW-Platteville majoring in Criminology and entering the Army Reserves as an MP.



De Cota Johnson is the daughter of Arthur & Mary Schultz. She plans to attend St. Norbert College to get her teaching degree and then hopes to get a job in an elementary school.

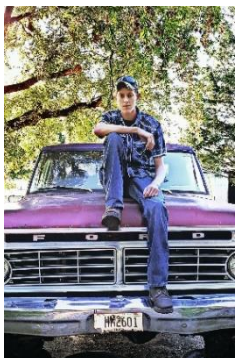


Crystal Marohl is the daughter of Ronald Marohl and Connie Schuettpelz. She plans to attend UW-River Falls to major in Animal Science with an emphasis on dairy cattle.

Trevor Kohls is the son of Duane & Tricia Kohls. He plans to become a race car driver.



Ashley Marshall is the daughter of Jeff Marshall & Stacie Chapin. She plans to become a Dental Assistant and move to Wyoming.



Dylan Krueger is the son of Troy & Ellie Krueger. He plans to enter the Army Reserves and then work at Oshkosh Corporation.



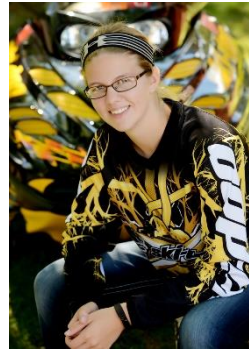
Izabella Mitchell is the daughter of Amy Mitchell. She plans to pursue a career in the medical field.

Congratulations



Alisha Murdock

is the daughter of Terry Murdock & Tina Wychesit. She plans to take a year off, but then she would like to go to NWTC to be a Vet Tech or Social Worker.



Nikki Schmidt

is the daughter of Steve Schmidt & JoAnn Schneider. She plans to attend NWTC for Auto Collison Repair and Refinish.

Sarah Nauke

is the daughter of Jack & Margaret Nauke. She plans to attend UW-Stevens Point majoring in Psychology.



Dylan Sexton

is the son of Dennis Sexton & Jenny Rusch. He plans to attend Fox Valley Tech for Diesel Mechanic and then attend NWTC for Auto Mechanics and Auto Body Repair.



Myranda Pratsch

is the daughter of Joel & Cyndi Pratsch. She plans to either go to college for pediatrics or another occupation in the medical field or join the military.



Grant Sexton

is the son of Dennis Sexton & Amy Bubolz. He plans to attend UW-Stevens Point.

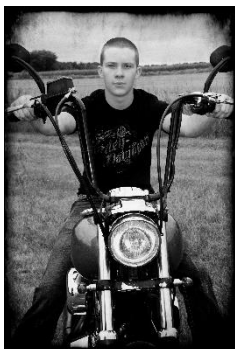
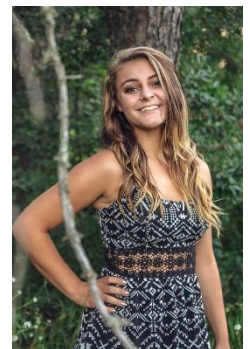
Danielle Reed

is the daughter of Jennifer Brickner & Joel Reed. She plans to attend UW-River Falls for Veterinary Studies or NWTC for her general studies.



Brittany Stone

is the daughter of Rob & Tricia Stone. She is attending NWTC for Accounting.



Jacob Rudie

is the son of Greg & Debra Rudie. He plans to join the Army.



Alex Synol

is the son of Brenda Synol & Brandon Synol. His future plans are undecided.

Graduates



Theodore Wilbur is the son of Lisa Schneider. His future plans are undecided.



Michael York Jr. is the son of Michael York, Sr. & Lisa York. He plans to attend Fox Valley Tech to become a Diesel Mechanic.

* Brenda Engebretsen and Trevor Hansen (not pictured) will receive Certificates of Attendance.



Building Trades Class Makes a Mark in the Community

Each year, the Building Trades class completes a multitude of projects around the school and community. The projects offer the students opportunities to learn valuable skills while leaving the school and community better off. The real world projects the students complete are often very visible in the community.



Students working together to shingle a roof.



Dylan Sexton, Reid Winkler, Dylan Krueger, Trevor Kohls, Tristen Francois, and Jon Heoft after installing the new counter at Gillett Milling.

This year, the students started by finishing a garage on school grounds to be used for storage by Seeds to Service and Softball. They installed soffit, fascia, siding, wiring, and shelving to complete the building. After the garage project, the group replaced a roof and a deck for community members and replaced or reinforced the spindles on the gazebo in the school forest. During the winter months, when weather kept them inside, students constructed new "Wrestler State Qualifier" boards for the gym, a custom closet insert, and new

counters for Gillett Milling. The students also refinished seven picnic tables for the City of Gillett. This spring, the students are replacing 900' of ceramic base tile with new vinyl base in the in the first floor of the Secondary School as well as reroofing and siding the FFA Alumni shed. This group, and their teacher, Mr. Zimmerman, have worked very hard to make the Gillett community a little better this year.



Nikki Schmidt and Dylan Sexton work to finish off a garage to be used for storage.

Gillett Schools Win Wisconsin School of Recognition Awards

Both Gillett Middle School and Gillett Elementary School have been named Title I Schools of Recognition for the 2016-17 school year. This award is given annually to schools that qualify for Title I aid, as well as having at least 95% state test participation, a dropout rate of less than 6%, and absentee rates of less than 13%. Both schools also met the criteria for “Beating the Odds”. This means both schools rank among the top 25% among high-poverty schools in the state and have above-average student achievement in reading and mathematics, based on the annual Forward Exam, taken the previous spring.



This is the first time that Gillett Middle School has been awarded the Title I School of Recognition Award. Mr. Linssen, Secondary School Principal, said, “I attribute a lot of the success that the Middle School has accomplished in recent years to the amazing middle school staff. They have been the rock, that has held the building steadfast when our building saw a lot of staffing changes. Likewise, they have been actively researching various resources and maintained open minds as we worked to improve as a school.”

Since the 12-13 school year, the middle school staff has collaborated to develop and implement many changes that has made much of the desired results. They have updated and revised Math and ELA curriculums, modified the schedule to include additional time for Math and Interventions, worked with specialists to review and revise curriculum, and dedicated professional development monies for improving literacy instruction.

This marks the sixth consecutive year that Gillett Elementary School has been awarded the Title I School of Recognition. Mr. Angeli, Elementary School Principal, says, “Our staff continues to work relentlessly with every student that comes through our doors. Having a veteran staff implementing a robust reading and math curriculum, while differentiating for individual student needs is why we see our Gillett students consistently demonstrating success.”



Over the years, our staff has worked to efficiently provide interventions and opportunities for students. Using a schedule that provides regular time each day for students to have individual needs met, while providing teachers with the opportunity to meet with students, has consistently allowed staff the flexibility they need to meet student needs. Gillett Elementary staff, students, and parents should take tremendous pride in the six years of award-winning education, right here

in the Little School That Could.

Both schools will send representatives to the State Capitol in Madison on May 1st to receive the award. Receiving the honor on behalf of their school and our district will be Tami McQuillan and Jane Sabrowsky for the Middle School and Margaret Nauke and Lisa Phillips for the Elementary School.

Curt Angeli – Elementary Principal and Steve Linssen – High School Principal

Support Staff Member Receives Award

Cindy Beyer was awarded a WCASS Regional 8 Special Education Paraprofessional Award for her outstanding dedication and service to children with special needs on April 7th at Waubee Lodge. “Miss” Cindy – as the students call her – is celebrating her 30th year of



Mrs. Arrick – Special Education Teacher, Miss Cindy, Toni Beyer – Cindy’s Daughter-in-Law - at the awards banquet.

supporting children in special education, with the last seven of those being here at Gillett. Many teachers shared their thoughts on Cindy’s dedication to children at the elementary school. One elementary teacher who had great praise for Cindy’s work was first grade teacher, Mr. Collins. He said of her work, “Every day that I have worked with Cindy she has exhibited patience, dedication, confidence, and proficiency - all wrapped up with a kind and humble attitude and a strong work ethic. If you found these consistent traits in a new hire, you would say, ‘Wow! She’s a keeper.’ But to still find these traits in someone who’s been at it for thirty years?! Words can’t do it justice.”

Gillett FFA News

The Gillett FFA chapter has been very active this year. The members have had a lot of fun getting out in the community. They do this by volunteering and hosting events. Members hosted a holiday



Members serve lunch at the annual holiday party in December.

dinner in December, where they served around 75 people. In February, they hosted FFA week for the high school and in March they held AG day to teach the elementary students about Agriculture. In April, the group kept busy helping with the FFA Alumni Auction. Each month, the group hosts PALS – Partners in Active Learning Support – after school to teach third graders about agriculture. Members

also attended multiple conferences to improve their leadership skills throughout the year. You will be able to find them at these upcoming events:

- May 5- FFA Banquet
- May 10-27- FFA Plant Sale (All the plants are grown by our Horticulture class right here in Gillett.)
- June 11- Breakfast on the Farm
- June 13-15- State FFA Convention

Lauren Herzog – Gillett FFA Reporter



2016-17 FFA Officer Team – Front Row: Ashley Britton, Justin Engebretson, Lauren Herzog Back Row: Kalea Britton, Hanna Brock, Elizabeth Kahler. Photo Courtesy of Mirror Image Photography.



Music Students Excel at Solo & Ensemble Event

Over 70 Band and Choir students from the Gillett Secondary School participated in District Solo & Ensemble at Wausaukee High School on Saturday, April 1. The students once again represented Gillett well at this yearly event.



Becca Brehmer performing her Flute Solo.

Students and staff at the High School and Middle School start months before the event to pick individual pieces that were good matches for the student or students involved. Events are separated into three different classes: A, B, and C. The three classes allow students of all ability the opportunity to perform a piece. Class A is the most advanced while Class C is for those newer to the program or instrument. Students and groups spend a lot of time practicing the different pieces no matter which Class they are working in.

At Solo & Ensemble, the students or groups perform for a judge. The performance is given a rating and judges often offer comments on how to improve or what they liked about the piece. The top ratings receive medals for their hard work. This year individuals and groups from Gillett earned 47 First Ratings, 11 Second Ratings, and 2 Third Ratings.

The following students and groups received a Starred First on a Class A event, qualifying them for the State Solo & Ensemble competition to take place at UWGB on Saturday, May 6th:

Brass Choir
Woodwind Ensemble
Jerika Heroux & Alex Young – Voice Duet
Kathy Bierhals – French Horn Solo
Becca Brehmer – Flute Solo
Jerika Heroux – Soprano Solo & Musical Theater Solo
Jesse Schaefer – Concert Snare Drum Solo
Alex Young – Tenor Solo



Jerika Heroux performing as Cinderella for Musical Theater.

School Board Election Results



On Tuesday, April 6, voters in the Gillett School District elected two new members to the School Board. After the board of canvassers met, the voting results were Ron Lenz – 280, Tracy Winkler – 273, Jamie Heroux – 237, Matt Stroik – 121. Ron Lenz and Tracy Winkler officially started their three-year terms on Monday, April 24. They will be replacing Jamie Heroux and John Timm. The school congratulates the new members and thanks the outgoing members for their years of service to the district. The school board will hold the annual reorganization meeting at the regular May meeting.

Forensics Team Brings Home the Hardware

The Gillett High School Forensic Team traveled to Madison on April 21 & 22 to participate in the Wisconsin High School Forensics Associate State Event at UW-Madison. To qualify for the state event, students had to get through the Sub-District and District levels. At Sub-District and District, individuals or groups perform their piece for three different judges. They needed to receive passing scores from two of those judges to move to the next level.

At the state level, students perform for only one judge. Students who scored a perfect score, 25 of 25 points at state, received a gold medal. Five students from Gillett received the "Critics Choice Award." They were:

Kaylee Simon, Alex Young, Kelsi Olinger, Sydney Young, and Annie Kohls

Silver medals are given to students who score a 23 or 24 at state; five Gillett students received the "All State Award." They were:

Lily Schroeder, K. Koebach, Jerika Heroux, Crystal Marohl, and Ana Grover

Bronze medals are given to those achieving a score of 21 or 22 of 25, Gillett had six students who received the "Finalist Award." Those earning Bronze were:



Team members pose by the State Capitol Building.

Victoria Loberger, Anastasia Lizarraga, Kalea Britton, Ashley Britton, Angela Guzman, and Zach Bierhals

The team is coached by Tami McQuillan, Stephanie Spang, and Don Olderman.

Congratulations to all participants who qualified and participated in the state event!



The Team ready to perform.

PTO Hosts 6th Annual Tiger Chase 5k Run/Walk

The Gillett PTO – Parent Teacher Organization – will once again be hosting the Tiger Chase on Saturday, May 13, 2017. This event allows participants to enjoy the neighborhoods around the school in a fun 5k run or walk with family, friends, and community members. The morning starts with registration from 8 to 8:45am. The race will start on the school track at 9am. Cost to participate is \$10 for children in elementary school and \$15 older students and adults. Registration forms may be picked up from any school office before the race or at the football field on the morning of the race. The PTO uses this run as a fundraiser so it can continue to help the students of the school district. Each year the PTO pays for field trips, speakers, activities, prizes, and equipment for benefit of the students.



Gillett School District Calendar

Monday, May 1

JH Track vs Crivitz, Niagara & Peshtigo

4:30pm

HS Softball & Baseball vs Niagara 4:30pm

Tuesday, May 2

HS Music Festival

Thursday, May 4

HS Track @ Peshtigo Invitational 3:30pm

HS Softball & Baseball @ Crivitz 4:30pm



Friday, May 5

HS Softball @ Goodman/Pembine 4:30pm

FFA Banquet 6:00pm

Saturday, May 6

State Solo & Ensemble @ UW-Green Bay

Monday, May 8

HS Track Oconto County Meet @ Oconto Falls 4:15pm

HS Softball & Baseball @ Wausaukee 4:30pm

Tuesday, May 9

JH Track vs Suring & Peshtigo 4:30pm

HS Baseball vs White Lake 4:30pm

HS & MS Choir Concert 6:30pm



Wednesday, May 10

Ride Your Bike to School Day

Little Tiger Play Group 1:30pm

District Planning 5:30pm

Thursday, May 11

JH Track @ Peshtigo Invite 4:00pm

HS Softball vs Peshtigo in Breed 4:30pm

HS Baseball vs Peshtigo in Suring 4:30pm

Friday, May 12

Early Release for Students / Teacher In-Service

HS Track M&O Conference Meet @ Peshtigo 5:00pm

Saturday, May 13

PTO Tiger Chase 5k 9:00am Start Time

Ruby's Pantry – Registration 8am to 10am

Sunday, May 14

HS & MS Band Concert 6:30pm

Monday, May 15

JH Track Conference Meet @ Crivitz 4:30pm

HS Softball & Baseball @ Coleman 4:30pm

Tuesday, May 16

HS Track Freshman/Sophomore Meet @ Suring 4:30pm

HS Softball vs Laona/Wabeno in Breed 4:30pm

HS Baseball vs Laona/Wabeno in Suring 4:30pm

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Thursday, May 18

Elementary Grandparents Day
Elementary Spring Concert 1:15pm
HS Track @ Peshtigo with Coleman & Lena 4:30pm
HS Softball & Baseball vs Lena/STAA 4:30pm
School Board Meeting 7:30pm

Monday, May 22

HS Track Regionals @ Oconto Falls 4pm

Wednesday, May 24

Little Tiger Play Group 1:30pm

Thursday, May 25

HS Track Sectionals @ Rosholt

Friday, May 26

Eighth Grade Recognition Ceremony 1pm

Sunday, May 28

High School Graduation 1:30pm



Monday, May 29

Community Memorial Day Presentation @ Memorial Park

Wednesday, May 31

Fifth Grade Graduation Ceremony 12:30pm

Friday, June 2

Last Day of School for Students
HS Track State @ LaCrosse

Saturday, June 3

HS Track State @ LaCrosse

Saturday, June 10

Ruby's Pantry – Registration 8am to 10am

Monday, June 12

Summer School Begins

Wednesday, June 14

District Planning 5:30pm

Thursday, June 15

School Board Meeting 7:30pm



Tuesday, July 4

Community 4th of July Parade

Saturday, July 8

Ruby's Pantry – Registration 8am to 10am

Monday, July 10 to Thursday, July 13

5th to 9th Grade Volleyball Camp 12:30-3pm

Wednesday, July 12

District Planning 5:30pm

Monday, July 17 to Friday, July 21

HS Football Camp 7-9pm

Thursday, July 20

School Board Meeting 7:30pm

Friday, July 28 to Sunday, July 30

Musical Performance – Watch for Times

Tuesday, August 1

HS Football Equipment Hand Out & First Practice

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