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Superintendent Message



Dear Gull Lake School Families, Staff and Community,

As we enter the summer months, there is a great deal of activity going on in District to prepare for the new school year. As I mentioned in an earlier newsletter, we are preparing for a return to five day in person instruction this Fall for grades Y5 – 12. We will continue to offer virtual instruction exclusively through our Gull Lake Virtual Partnership for those interested.

We are excited about the new learning spaces and upgrades to Kellogg Elementary, Richland Elementary and Ryan Intermediate made possible through our Capital Bond Project. Other notable improvements are District-wide upgrades to our building safety and security, traffic flow solutions on our main campus and at Kellogg Elementary, and the completion of our new Gull Lake Center for the Fine Arts in early 2022. You will be seeing updates on these projects moving forward so that you can plan accordingly.

We have accomplished many other important goals and tasks over the past year, such as updating our District policies, student and staff handbooks, and creating inspiring and equitable learning spaces across the District as envisioned through the Capital Bond Project and Strategic Planning process.

Most importantly, we understand that **people** change lives and add the ultimate value to our exemplary programs. Our team of educators maintains a constant emphasis on this all-important point, and our Professional Development focuses on best practices associated with this concept. We value the contributions and input from our Community Partners and talented volunteers. We choose to collaborate intentionally on common goals and a shared vision of community.

It is a good time to be a part of the Gull Lake School Family. Come see what we are all about!

Best regards,

Raphael Rittenhouse/Superintendent
Gull Lake Community Schools



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Logos for Gull Lake View Golf Resort, Kellogg Elementary, Richland Elementary, Ryan Intermediate, and Gull Lake Center for the Fine Arts.

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Open Wednesday through Sunday • 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

See you at the Sanctuary!



MONTHLY BIRDS & COFFEE CHATS
Second Wednesday of each month • 10 to 11 a.m. • Online
JULY 14 Colorful birds
AUG. 11 Insect-eating birds
SEPT. 8 Sparrows

EXPLORE OUR TRAILS AT YOUR OWN PACE!
All ages • 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
TRAILS AND TALES • July & August
Storybook walk featuring birds and butterflies along the Paved Trail.
BIRD SEARCH AND SEEK • July
Seek out life-sized bird prints hidden along the Lake Loop Trail.

LEARN WITH THE SANCTUARY!
Online • Adults & families
INTRO TO INATURALIST • June 29
First webinar in a series supporting the 2021 BioBlitz and Beyond program.
FIELD BOTANY • Begins Aug. 4
Six-week course exploring plant identification, taxonomy and ecology. Registration required.

Photo by Larry Burdick



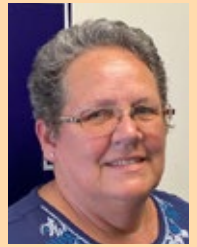
Drew Bordner – Director of Curriculum & Instructional Technology – dbordner@gulllakecs.org

It is with great gratitude toward our students, families, staff, and community that we sunset an educational year for the ages. Students have displayed an uncanny ability to roll with the ups and downs of a nontraditional learning year with grace and understanding. Families have made changes and sacrifices to their daily routines to best support the learners under their roofs. Staff members have learned, unlearned, and acquired new skills and strategies to meet the many modes of learning. Community support of our public-school system has allowed our district to be able to quickly leverage the many resources, including technology, allowing us to connect with our students on a scale that previously would have been unthinkable.

Thank you for all that you have put into this school year to make it impactful for our students, given the many challenges. My hope is that everyone will be able to find a few moments this summer to reflect on what we are grateful for and enjoy the warm months ahead.

Driver of the Month

MARCH 2021



Tammy Lewis
BUS #15 - SUB



APRIL 2021



Rolanda Jefferson
BUS #16

MAY 2021



Jack French
BUS #1

TRANSPORTATION News

Amy DeYoung – Transportation Supervisor – adeyoung@gulllakecs.org

Annual Bus Inspections, Keeping Your Students Safe!

The Michigan State Police recently conducted the yearly inspection of the District's school buses. After a week of inspection, all the Gull Lake School Buses were found to be free of mechanical defects. With our buses traveling over 500,000 miles per year, it is a remarkable accomplishment to have a 100% Inspection Rating.

Congratulations to Travis Hall, Head Mechanic and Mike Davis, Mechanic for your dedication to keeping students safe and a job well done!



GL Transportation Department is Going Electronic!

The Transportation Department has started shifting to an electronic means of communication with our families. We hope to be completely paperless for the upcoming school year. We will be sending out all the 2021-2022 busing information electronically.

If your student was Virtual in the 2020-2021 school year, they have been removed from the bus route. An email went out requesting families to call if they would like to have their students ride the bus in the fall. Note: If you didn't get the email, please check your email's spam folder and adjust your settings accordingly to receive all our communications.

Please continue to update Transportation with address, phone number and demographic information changes so we can keep your students' records current.



KELLOGG ELEMENTARY PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction continues to progress well with the new additions along with everything ramping up for the summer work that will begin as soon as the school year has ended. Provided below are the areas of work that will be occurring this summer.

- Demolition of the current Kellogg Elementary Building.
- Construction of the new Parent Loop and the new Parent/Visitor parking lot that will be located in front of the new school.
- Media Center Remodel.

The New School will be opened on time this fall with the final work to be completed during the first month of school (September) listed as follows and highlighted in green below:

- **The traffic flow for the month of September will be as follows as the project is completed:**



Parents will temporarily use the new back parking lot/bus loop for Parent Drop Off/Pick Up.



Buses will then be using the current Bus Loop in front of the Kellogg Preschool building.

- **The temporary traffic flow will end when the project is completed by October 2021.**



ELEMENTARY PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction continues to progress well with the new additions along with everything ramping up for the summer work that will begin as soon as the school year has ended. Provided below are the areas of work that will be occurring this summer.

- Demolition of the 1956 Classroom wing.
- Construction of the new Parent Loop and the new Parent/Visitor parking lot that will be located in front of the new school.
- Construction of the new Staff Parking Lot.
- Final site restorations.

The New School will be opened on time this fall with the final work to be completed during the first month of school (September) listed as follows and highlighted in green below:

- Staff Parking Lot will be constructed.
- Final site restorations will be completed.

- **The traffic flow when school begins next year will be as follows:**

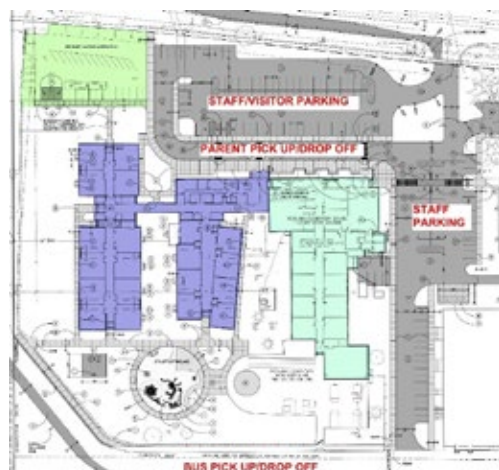


New front parking lot and parent loop completed and ready for use.



Buses will be staging on Heather Lane near the playground areas as indicated in the image below.

- **Project will be completed by October 2021.**



**BOND
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see more bond updates at
gulllakecs.org



GULL LAKE CENTER FOR THE FINE ARTS

Project construction continues with the masonry wall construction and structural steel progressing very well. Images of the progress of the construction provided here.

Project completion projected for January 2022.

BOND UPDATE



The Great Gatsby



Lisa Ouellette – PAC Advisor/ELA & Theatre Teacher louellette@gulllakecs.org

The Gull Lake High School Performing Arts Company (PAC) ended their 2020-2021 season on a high note with a production of *The Great Gatsby* adapted for the stage by Simon Levy. The play, based on the classic novel by F. Scott Fitzgerald, is centered around the character of Nick Carraway, who rents a small bungalow in West Egg (outside of New York City) for a summer in the 1920s. While there, he encounters his cousin, Daisy, and her husband, Tom Buchanan. Through them he meets Jordan Baker, a professional golfer known for cheating in a tournament. He also happens to be the neighbor to Jay Gatsby, a past love of his cousin Daisy's. After getting entangled in the lives of these characters, Nick comes to see their deeply flawed behaviors and his once optimistic view of their world and the American Dream is shattered.

Senior Cully Cooper tackled the leading role of Nick Carraway, neighbor to Gatsby and narrator of the play, with incredible maturity. The leading cast was equally strong with Drew Branstetter as Tom Buchanan, Isabella Smith as Daisy Buchanan, Megan Henderson as Jordan Baker, and Brennan Warren as the tortured Jay Gatsby. Rounding out the leading cast was Nolan Loukes as Meyer Wolfsheim, Dailah Klipsch as Myrtle Wilson, and Glenn Hedin as George Wilson.

Juan Salcedo, CeCe Riddle, Landon Birchmeier, Delia Stark, Maddie Russell, Ava Erdmann, and Noah Armstrong also played supporting roles. Deserving an honorable mention is Kailynn Bachmann who was originally cast as Myrtle Wilson and did an excellent job throughout the rehearsal process but could not perform due to COVID quarantining protocols.

Students put in several hours of work on the set, led by Assistant Technical Director and Set Crew Chief Madison Quinn. All of the crews were given new challenges to tackle with projections, microphones, and LED lighting were a part of the technical aspects used. In addition, the costumes and prop crews had numerous period items to procure and organize, and media came up with a new way of approaching COVID issues with an online program. Tackling these technical challenges were Myriam Troncoso Lerma (Stage Manager), Maya Dugan (Sound Chief), Garrett Nichols, Jackson Smith, Gavin Vroegop (Props Chief), Sophia Carahaly (Costume Chief), Emma Ried (Costume Chief), Iris Pierce (Assistant Stage Manager/Lighting Chief), Zoe Gobble, Kyra Cochran (Media Chief), Lily Page, Esther Hedin, and Camille Markucki.

The production was led by Lisa Ouellette, PAC Advisor and Director, and Sam Snow, GLHS Technical Director. Cully Cooper served as the student assistant director. If you would like to watch PAC's production of *The Great Gatsby*, you can access the video at <https://glhspace.anywhereat.com>.

PAC MVP Awards

Cully Cooper was one of the recipients of the Performing Arts Company's (PAC) Most Valuable Player awards for the 2020-2021 school year. Cully has been a member of PAC since his freshman year when he played Prince John in *Robin Hood*. Since his debut, he has played characters such as Brom Bones in *Sleepy Hollow*, Sheridan Whiteside in *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, Everyman in *Everyman in the Circus of Life*, Long John Silver in *Treasure Island*, and Nick Carraway in *The Great Gatsby*. In addition to his outstanding presence on stage, Cully served as PAC's Vice President and has made an indelible impact on the company with his positivity and sense of humor.



Cully Cooper & Isabella Smith in *The Great Gatsby*

Isabella Smith was also named one of the Performing Arts Company's (PAC) Most Valuable Players for the 2020-2021 school year. Isabella joined PAC fall of her freshman year when she played Rucky in *Robin Hood*. Isabella also played a *Sleepy Hollow* girl in *Sleepy Hollow*, June Stanley in *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, a performer in *Everyman in the Circus of Life*, and Daisy Buchanan in *The Great Gatsby*. Isabella also served on set and costume crews during her time in PAC. She is currently the PAC President and has been an outstanding leader, modeling an incredible sense of commitment and a strong work ethic.



Gull Lake National Honor Society

Holly Rowland – Advisor – hrowland@gulllakers.org



NHS Induction May 18th

The GLHS National Honor Society Induction ceremony was held on May 18th, 2021 at the high school gymnasium. Mr. Eastman had the honor of induction 2020 and 2021 NHS candidates. Eligible sophomore and junior must apply, have a 3.5 GPA and go through a teacher evaluation process. Jud Hoff - President of the South West Michigan Miracle League in Schoolcraft was the guest speaker. Four pillars that NHS students are expected to uphold are: scholarship, character, service and leadership. The current members have accumulated hundreds of hours of community service serving our area this year. We wish the graduating seniors all the best on their journeys.



We want to thank your NHS 2020/2021 Senior officers – Koby Fraaza President, Lizzie Margol Treasurer, Clair Boyle Secretary and Cully Cooper Historian. We welcome Aiden Crowley as our 2021/2022 NHS President.

Lizzie Margol, Clair Boyle, Koby Fraaza, Aiden Crowley and Cully Cooper NHS officers.

Tips for Kids 2021

Gull Lake National Honor Society volunteered for Tips for Kids, which is part of the Roof Sit campaign collecting donations at the Gull Road Shell Station. Throughout your three days of volunteering our group raised \$4,290.37; Thursday raised \$1,047, Friday raised \$1,206.37, and Saturday raised \$2,037 and a lot of change!

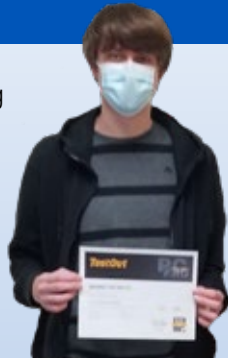
The Tips for Kids program continues to play a key role in Roof Sit's ability to engage volunteers and raise money to support programs that prevent and treat child abuse and neglect in our community. Roof Sit donations make it possible for children to get help with healing after experiencing the trauma of abuse. Last year over 300 children, who had been abused, came to the Children's Advocacy Center at the Elizabeth Upjohn Community Healing Center to have a safe place to tell their story and to experience a caring, supportive, healing relationship with our specially trained therapists.



GLHS Computer Science Achievements

Brad Lange – Computer Science Teacher
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Congratulations to the following Computer Science students on their recent certifications. Adrian Crossley & Aiden Drzewicki received their PC Pro certification while Tyson Watson & Kaden Seger received their certification in the programming language C++. Mr. Lange's Computer Science students now have the opportunity to receive certification in topics that interest them. Upon completion of CyberSecurity or Advanced Computer Science students can enroll in a Career & Technical Education (CTE) course running right here at Gull Lake called Computer Science Independent Certification. Obtain industry-standard certificates by signing up for Computer Science today!



Adrian Crossley



Aiden Drzewicki



Tyson Watson



Kaden Seger

Market Day 2021

Andrea Hudson - GLHS Teacher - ahudson@gulllakecs.org

On Friday, May 14, 2021 nine students from Ms. Hudson's Entrepreneurs and Business Leaders class participated in the first ever Market Day. Each student created their own business idea, marketing materials and, most, even their own products. Students spent time in preparation for the event by doing market research and surveys, cost analysis and pricing strategies. They not only represented the product market but also a service business was featured that offered access to Gull Lake for those interested in a relaxing cruise around the lake or the more adventurous activities! Other businesses offered jewelry, slime, tie-dye and consignment clothes, and artwork.

"I have wanted to hold an event like this since I started teaching and with a smaller group of students it seemed like the right time to give it a go. The day was a great success and I am looking forward to many more like it in the future! I hope to see you there!" shared Ms. Hudson.



Hunter Halley is the owner and operator of Lake Effect, a service-based business. Hunter hosts evening/sunset cruises around Gull Lake or for the more adventurous spirit he will take you on a surfing trip around the lake as well. Don't know how to surf, no problem Hunter will teach you!



Charmed by Bre is owned and operated by GLHS Senior LeBrea Smith. They sell silver, gold and rose gold charm bracelets.

OUR LAST IN-PERSON CLASSES TO ATTEND THE CURRENT KELLOGG ELEMENTARY



Y5 & ECSE



KINDERGARTEN



FIRST GRADE



SECOND GRADE

Richland Elementary Happenings

Virtual Literacy Night

Richland Families enjoyed three evenings of virtual literacy events. Students and families listened to bedtime stories and participated in some great informative sessions to learn how to help kids become great readers. Thank you to the Gull Lake Foundation for supporting the event, including the purchase of books and fun reading gifts for goodie bags given to all student participants, and more! A special thank you to our families and Richland staff for making this year's Virtual Literacy Night a success.

Spread Happiness

Mrs. Gernaat's Kindergarten class worked on a social emotional lesson on spreading happiness. They read the book "A Little Spot of Happiness" and put a spot on their hand to remind them to spread happiness.



Butterflies

Observing and releasing painted lady butterflies and monarch butterflies in first grade!



Kids Heart Challenge

Mr. Lecceadone had a very successful Kids Heart Challenge with our Richland students! Richland Elementary surpassed this year's goal and hit a NEW RECORD HIGH by raising \$18,286.76. Richland had 179 students accept the goal to "Be kind, Move more and/or Choose water over sugary drinks." Thank you to our students, families, and staff for helping to make a difference.



\$40,000 James R. Ryan Family Foundation Middle School Scholarship



Congratulations to Andrew McCloud, the 2021 "Ryan Scholarship" recipient!

The James R. Ryan Family Foundation Middle School Scholarship is awarded to an outstanding 8th-grade student who has demonstrated academic success (3.5 GPA or higher) and financial need in addition to meeting other selection criteria. This annual \$10,000 college scholarship is renewable over a four-year period for a maximum of \$40,000!



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Making Lemonade Out of Lemons

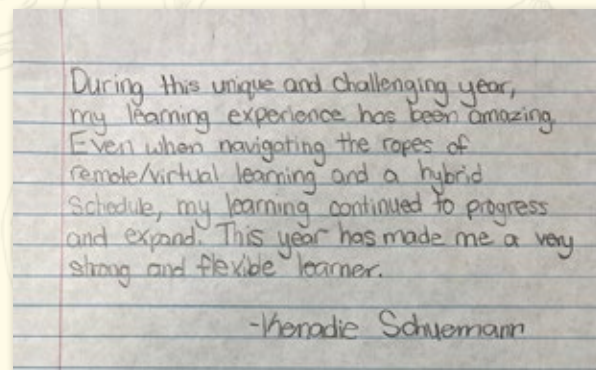
Dr. Carmen Maring – GLMS Principal – cmaring@gulllakecs.org

This school year, like life in general, has looked a lot different than previously. While there have been many challenges and obstacles at the middle school level, we have also grown and improved as a result. Here are a few celebrations:

- This year we've been able to launch a 1:1 device structure so that all students have access to a Chromebook and can take it home in order to access learning materials and complete homework.
- All our classroom teachers have landed on a common learning platform of Google Classroom which has allowed for streamlined and aligned communication to students and parents on classroom work, due dates, and other important information.
- We have been able to clarify our essential learning outcomes in core classes which has allowed for deeper work around necessary learning targets.
- We have embraced an online sign-up process for parent teacher conferences and leveraged technology to provide more efficient meetings in order to reach more parents/families.
- We are impressed with our decreased behavior issues overall, particularly during unstructured times such as lunch.
- Staff have expanded their educational technology skills exponentially.
- We have implemented increased partnership with Integrated Services of Kalamazoo to provide additional support to families.
- Virtual 504 and IEP meetings have allowed for more flexibility of scheduling and greater efficiency.
- We learned more about the Gull Lake Virtual Partnership and how better to partner with that branch of the district.
- We launched an innovative, multi-grade level, project based remote classroom program.
- We've been fortunate to partner with committed families and parents to operate as a team concerning our student's education this year. This has certainly had challenges, but it has also opened our eyes to the need for increased collaboration.



GLMS School Counselors Kim Ditto and Annie Hampel, Dean of Students Jay Linebaugh and Intervention Specialist Tina Orley with ISK representative Lisa Baptiste.



Student feedback on the learning this year.

We extended the reflection opportunity to students and asked for feedback on the year. Below are a few quotes from some of our sixth-grade students:

"I think that this year has been a good learning experience. It has helped me be able to adapt to plans that are changing. I also feel that this year has made me a more patient and flexible student". – Sydney H

"In ELA this year I have had multiple positive experiences. Some of them are that my teacher is very nice (which helps a lot), that he makes jokes and says the right way for us if we say something grammatically incorrect, and that he'll help us if we ask him a question. One other thing that was positive is that when someone other than the teacher and the teacher are speaking, all the other students are polite, quiet, and respectful". – Ryan Roach

"My learning experience has been motivating, thrilling, and overall one of my best years. The best thing about sixth grade is all the amazing teachers. They care so much about me and help me during your ten months being in middle school. So, over all my learning experience has been powerful". – Abby Hergott

"I have had a positive learning experience. I like the experiments in science class and the independent book projects in ELA. I liked to learn about the sixth-grade curriculum". – Duncan Uldriks

For me, the learning this year has been a lot easier than I first thought. Whether it's been online or in person, I have always had a teacher help me with whatever question I have had". – Ethan Wann

We look forward to coming back even better next year following this year of learning.



A Fifth Grade Farewell

As a farewell from Thomas M Ryan Intermediate, 5th grade students had the opportunity to participate in an end-of-the-year celebration day at the Sherman Lake YMCA. Students rotated through stations playing Mineshaft, Archery, Canoeing, Hiking, Fire Building, and Team-Building Exercises. Lunch was provided. The cost for the day was covered by the 5th-grade wreath sales earlier this school year.



Excel Shark Tank

The 5th Grade ExCEL students have been working on an activity based on the reality show "Shark Tank." They invented new items that they believe will be "the next big things!"

The students used critical thinking skills to investigate problems, brainstorm possible solutions & products that could help, created their prototypes, developed an advertisement and then



prepared and presented their speeches, trying to persuade our guest SHARKS to invest in their businesses. (All students were able to secure Shark investors!)

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Spring Sports Recap

The 2021 spring sports season began. It was a roller coaster ride for all our student-athletes, coach-es and fans. We began the season under strict COVID guidelines: weekly antigen testing of all our student-athletes, everyone fully masked outside and strict limits on spectators. By the end of our seasons we were able to experience some normalcy with limits on spectators removed as well as the removal of masks at all outdoor events. Our Blue Devil teams persevered through it all and are finishing the season with many successes.

Our boys golf team won the Regional Championship and are advancing to the MHSAA Division Two State Finals!



Our girls' soccer team won districts and are headed back to the MHSAA Regionals! We had two athletes qualify for the MHSAA State Track and Field finals. Caleb Taylor qualified in both the long jump and high jump. With a high jump of 6'5" Caleb finished SECOND in the state! That's an amazing feat and makes him an All-State recipient! Koby Fraaza qualified in the one mile and two-mile runs. He finished in THIRD place in the one mile run also qualifying him for ALL-STATE accolades!

*Congratulations
to all our teams on an outstanding spring season!*

Records Are Made to Be Broken

We would like to send out a huge congratulations to Caleb Taylor! Caleb is one of our senior track and field athletes. This spring he broke the 1984 school record in the long jump, with a jump of 21'11.25 inches! This jump crowned him the regional champion and advanced him to the MHSAA Division One State Finals.

Congratulations, Caleb!

► **Fun Fact:** Caleb's older sister Kirsten holds the school record for the girls' long jump!



2021 Senior Athletic Award Winners

Each year at our Senior Honors Program we recognize three male and three female athletes with prestigious awards.

This year we presented the following awards:



Male –
Sue Foster
Leadership
Award Recipient:
Avery Zeigler



Female –
Scholar Athlete
of the Year Award
Recipient
Tessa Muday



Female –
Sue Foster
Leadership Award
Recipient
Ashley Randall



Male –
Athlete of the
Year Award
Recipient
Koby Fraaza



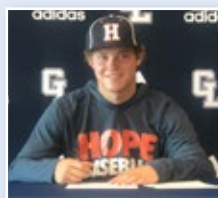
Male –
Scholar Athlete
of the Year Award
Recipient
Zach Collard



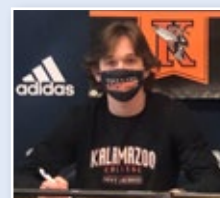
Female –
Athlete of the
Year Award
Recipient
Ireland Watts

College Signings

Congratulations to our Blue Devils that signed their National Letter of Intent this spring and will continue their athletic careers in college!



Matt Blesch
Hope College
Baseball



Colby Skinner
Kalamazoo College
Lacrosse



Gateway Class of 2021!

Lynnette Walker – Gateway Academy Supervisor – lwalker@gulllakecs.org

Gateway was proud to celebrate our 10th graduating class on June 2nd.

We sincerely appreciate the Jilisa Williams and the Richland Area Community Center for allowing our commencement to take place on their grounds.



Addison Clark
Ivy Clark
Landen Crum
Allison Eaton
Jada Elliott
Patrick Farrell

Leilani Kunz
Christopher McLain
Madelyn Morningstar
Sydney Place
Logann Schram
Robert Stewart

Isabelle Stoetzel
Daemian Turner
Brandyn VandeGriff
Matthew White
Seth Williamson
Preston Wine

The following scholarships were awarded

The Lambert Family Scholarship
to **Addison Clark**

Beth Palmatier Memorial Gateway Scholarship to **Addison Clark**

Hawk-Erickson Apprenticeship Scholarship with recognition to **Mike Johnson of Rebel Fabrication** to **BRANDYN VANDEGRIFF**

Blair Holden Memorial Scholarship to **Addison Clark, Lelani Kunz, Brandyn VandeGriff** (picture on the GLCS Foundation Page17)

Richland/Gull Lake Area Lion Club-Kay Maxson Memorial Scholarship to **Logann Schram** (picture on the GLCS Foundation Page 17)



Addison with the Lambert Family



Addison with the Palmatier Family



Brandyn VandeGriff with Mike Johnson of Rebel Fabrication



13th Year Celebration 2021

7th Cohort!

Michaela Dorr	Kevin Hook	Andrew Morgan
McKenzie Askler	Emma Eddy	Jared Houghtaling
Makenna Benedict	Hannah Edgerly	Garrett Hribar
Kyanna Bolhuis	Nyah Eldred	Christopher Krell
Daniel Buckholz	Mary Engle	Anna Lammers
Anahi Chavez-Garcia	Dylan Gage	Lauren Lapekas
Mason Clancy	Madelyn Galvan	Luke Larson
Isaac Cochran	Joy Gamo	Amaracus Lawrence
John Collins	Finley Gleason	Hannah Lord
Brayden Coyer	Noah Grady	Kaitlyn Lord
Finnegan Craft	Shannon Herubin	Grace Martinez
		Lillian Smith
		Victoria Smith
		Corey Snow
		Trystan VanBruggen
		Luke Van Zweden
		Bryanna Wenzel
		Lance Wheeler
		Grace Wolverton
		Amber Worden
		Shelby Wurtsbaugh
		Nicholas Zomer



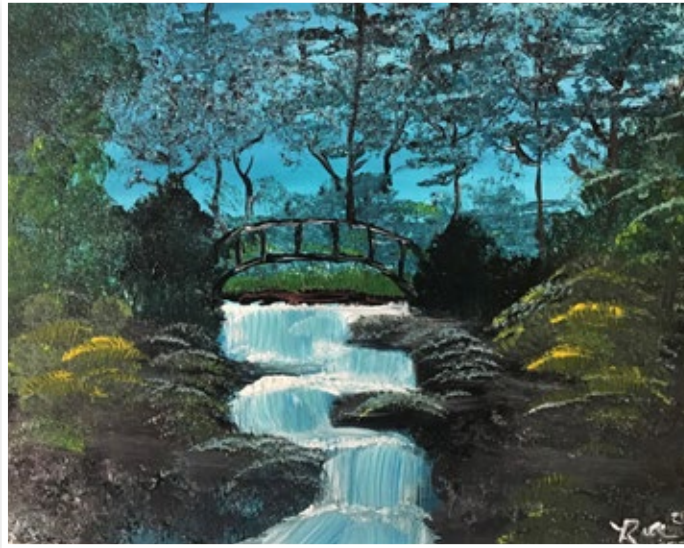
GLVP Art Program

Elise Blakely – GLVP Art Teacher – eblakely@gulllakecs.org

Along with the rest of the Gull Lake Virtual Partnership, the art department continues to expand and prosper as more students are making the transition to virtual learning. Approximately 350 students have chosen to further their artistic knowledge and skills by taking one or more of the 16 various online art classes offered through the Partnership.

Throughout the course of the 2020-2021 school year, the GLVP Art Department partnered with the KRESA Virtual & Innovative Collaborative to utilize the GLVP art teacher's knowledge by instructing students in neighboring districts. There was also the introduction of the GLVP online Art Gallery where students were given the opportunity to submit their artwork for classmates, staff and parents to view.

To continue the success of the booming art program, GLVP will offer additional online art courses featuring brand new content and virtual art applications where students will be given supplies to create art from the comfort of their homes and opportunities to collaboratively paint a community mural.



Title: **Glitter-Corn**

Artist: **McKinley Renouf, 1st Grade**

Title: **Bob Ross Inspired Oil Painting**

Artist: **Rachel Anderson, 8th Grade**

Gull Lake Virtual Partnership Class of 2021 Graduates!

Trenton Dally

Emma Eddy

Joy Garo

Trevor Halder

Carson Hovevar

Aaron Jako

Linda Junge

Gabriel Kidder

Jared Kraiger

Isabella Ostrowski

Kaitlin Peot

Lucas Rabine

Natalie Skutt

Olivia Smith

Luke Van Zweden

Trenton Weller

Chloe Wieber



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GULL LAKE HIGH SCHOOL **Class of 2021**

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Kaylee Allen
Malek Alwawi
Zachary Anderson
Noah Armstrong
Jamie Arvidson
Dakota Asmundson-Jack
Jacob Avery
Landon Baker
Cole Ballard
Grace Baptiste
Ashley Bates
Nathan Beam
Matthew Beaver
Samuel Beckett
Abigail Bell
Madelyn Bellinger
Rylee Bennecke
Joseph Bergland
Bailey Birdsall
Kaelin Biron
Andrew Blesch
Matthew Blesch
Sydney Blinn
Claire Boyle
Andrew Branstetter

Madison Brock
Carli Brooks
Kiersten Mary Chalker
Samantha Chavez-Cortez
Kiley Chrisman
Ava Clark
Molly Clark
Logan Cloud
TaeLe Cohoon
Hailey Colby
Adam Cole
Zachary Collard
Michael Comar
Cully Cooper
Hadley Coughenour
Cordelia Coville
Ella Cristancho
Hannah Cunningham
Mitchell Dame
Ellie Danger
Nicholas DeAnda II
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Nicolas DeFrancisco
Katie Dennis
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Dylan Despins

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Mason Dolfman
McKinzie Dolfman
Sarah Donovan
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Charles Drumheller
Aidan Drzewicki
Ibuki Edo
Mary Eilertson
Katelyn Finfrock
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Andrew Foster
Koby Fraaza
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Autumn Gale
Brennen Gary
Emily Gibson
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Ashley Miller
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Archie Morris
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Sevion Murray
Trevon Murray
Cheyenne Nadwornik
Cassidy Neff
Savanna Owens
Melisa Owiti
Jonah Park
Logan Pennock
Olivia Pero
Emma Phelps
Ashlee Pietenpol
Emerson Plugge
Emman Qasim
Ashley Randall
Parker Ray
Ashton Rice
Kaia Richards
Zane Rickert
Daniel Rious
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Gavin Rogers
Luc Rusli

Evelyn Sanchez
Clara Sandell
Juan Carlos Sanz Lagos
Kyliana Schipper
Wesley Schneider
Brendan Schwab
Braiden Scott
Emmalynn Sexton
Isaac Shumaker
Reed Simmons
Colby Skinner
Isabella Smith
La'Brea Smith
Lane Smith
Makena Snyder
John Stage
Braden Stanton
Trent Stoner
Lillian Stricker
Haley Sulka
Eron Sylejmani
Gavin Talmage
Caleb Taylor
Emma Temple
Ty Ter Avest
Drew Thompson
Nathaniel Thompson
Owen Tilbury
Paige Treat
Lauren Tucker
Allison VanAvery
Sarah VanderMolen
Sean Wakley
Brennan Warren
Ireland Watts
Arianna Weddington
Benjamin Weigel
Kara Wesley
Zane West
Eric White
Ellery Whitfield
Aliyah Whitley
Cole Whyte
Sarah Willard
Ethan Wisser
Marisa Wisser
Megan Woulfe
Fayth Yancey
William Younger
Avery Zeigler
Eric Zeithammel Jr.

Valedictorian



Sarah Donovan

Parents: **Shari and Walter Donovan**
Attending: **University of Michigan**
Major: **Pre-law with a focus in environmental studies**

Salutatorian



Isabella Smith

Parents: **Amanda and Clinton Smith**
Attending: **Central Michigan University**
Major: **Biomedical, Cellular, and Molecular Biology**

Introducing the 2020-2021 GLHS 41 Distinguished Academic Scholars!

The DAS program celebrates Gull Lake seniors who have earned a 3.9 grade point average or higher during their high school career. Their chosen Honored Educators are listed in italics.



Sydney Blinn
Peter Santa Maria



Claire Boyle
Cheryl Jolin



Carli Brooks
Peter Santa Maria



Zachary Collard
Ben Brott



Hadley Coughenour
Brittany Kiser



Taryn DeShane
Eric Belz



Sarah Donovan
Deb Kuch



Koby Fraaza
Peter Santa Maria



Joy Garno
Jodee Stanton



Mia Green
Cristy Connellee



James Hamilton
Cristy Connellee



Josef Henline
Anne Flynn



Allison Hirzel
Peter Santa Maria



Jalyne Jones
Cristy Connellee



Elizabeth Margol
Peter Santa Maria



Makenna Martin
Tim VanWormer



Jonathan McFee
BreeAnn Tarnas



Anna McKay
Joe Fuld



Cora Miller
Peter Santa Maria



Tessa Muday
Cristy Connellee



Cassidy Neff
Trisha Stevens



Olivia Pero
Julie VanEgmond



Emma Phelps
Deb Kuch



Ashley Randall
Anne Flynn



Kaia Richards
Staci Bush



Zane Rickert
Brad Lange



Clara Sandell
Brad Portis



Colby Skinner
Peter Santa Maria



Isabella Smith
Peter Santa Maria



Olivia Smith
Ruth TenBroek



Emma Temple
Peter Santa Maria



Owen Tilbury
Annemarie Gerrish



Lauren Tucker
Reggie Walters



Ireland Watts
Kim Clancy



Kara Wesley
Peter Santa Maria



Eric White
Jimmy Mullins



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Kaylee Allen
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Abigail Bell
Melanie Alpuche



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Peter Santa Maria



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Sydney Blinn

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Carli Brooks

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Group, \$1,000
Ladies of the Lake
Scholarship, \$2,000*



Anna Clinton

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*Kellogg Elementary
School Scholarship, \$1,000
Uggen Family
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Koby Fraaza

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Association Pekkarinen
Scholarship, \$500
Gull Lake Area Rotary Club
Scholarship, \$1,000*



Benjamin Glaspie

*The First Responders:
Sergeant Collin J. Rose
Memorial Scholarship, \$1,500
Warrior CPR Scholarship, \$500*



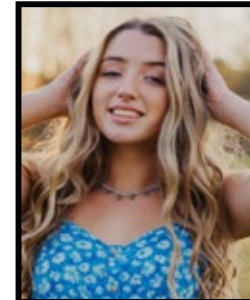
Sophie Hall

*Pelletier Scholarship,
\$1,000*



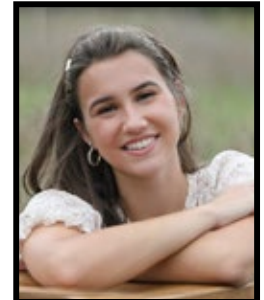
Allison Hirzel

*Tom Collins Memorial
Scholarship, \$1,000*



Cora Howe

*James W. and Thelma
Garside Scholarship, \$2,500
Ladies of the Lake
Scholarship, \$2,000*



Erika Hubbard

*Jason Morse Memorial
Scholarship, \$2,000*



Mariah Johnson

*Tom Collins Memorial
Scholarship, \$1,000*



Ella Laurens

*Gull Lake Area Community
Volunteers-Women's Group
Scholarship, \$1,000*



Sonia Markucki

*Jack Weber Memorial
Scholarship, \$500*



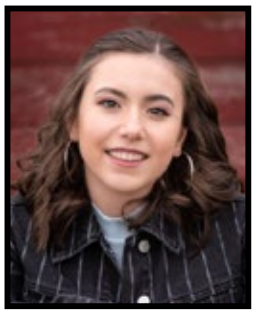
Makenna Martin

*Gull Lake Education
Association
Scholarship, \$500*



Jonathan McFee

*Fry Family
Scholarship, \$1,500
Uggen Family
Scholarship, \$1,000*



Cora Miller

*Friends of the Gull Lake
Community Schools
Foundation Scholarship,
\$1,000*



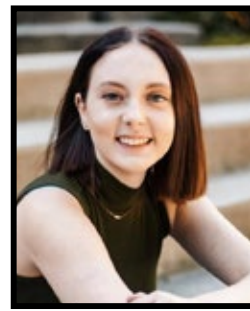
Tessa Muday

*Parker Hannifin
Engineering
Scholarship, \$2,000*



Oliva Pero

*Gull Lake Area
Rotary Club
Scholarship, \$1,000*



Emma Phelps

*Coca-Cola Healthy Lifestyle
Scholarship, \$1,000*



Ashley Randall

*Gull Lake Area Rotary
Club Scholarship,
\$1,000*



Clara Sandell

*Marv Hope Memorial-Gull
Lake Area Rotary Club
Scholarship, \$1000
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Scholarship, \$1,000*



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*Darl Scott Golf Industry
Scholarship, \$4,000*



Isabella Smith

*Ladies of the Lake-
Esther James
Memorial Scholarship,
\$2,000*



Braden Stanton

*GLA Rotary Club Skilled Trades
Scholarship, \$1,000
GLEA Pathway Scholarship, \$500
Robert W. Smith Vocational/
Trades/Engineering
Scholarship, \$1,000*



Lillian Stricker

*James W. And Thelma
Garside Scholarship,
\$2,500*



Emma Temple

*Laurie Makin Cartwright
Memorial Scholarship,
\$3,000*



Owen Tilbury

*Uggen Family
Scholarship, \$1,000*

Gateway Scholarships



**Addison
Clark**

*Blair Holden
Memorial Gateway
Scholarship, \$2,000
Beth Palmatier
Memorial
Scholarship, \$1,000*



**Leilani
Kunz**

*Blair Holden
Memorial
Gateway
Scholarship,
\$1,000*



Paige Treat

*Olin Family
Scholarship, \$2,000*



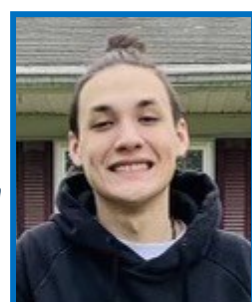
Kara Wesley

*Jill Adamski Memorial
Scholarship, \$2,500*



**Logann
Schram**

*Richland/Gull
Lake Area Lions
Club-Kay Maxson
Memorial
Scholarship,
\$1,000*



**Brandyn
VandeGriff**

*Blair Holden
Memorial
Gateway
Scholarship,
\$357*

**These figures include the GLCS Foundation's "Ryan Scholarship" Awarded to an eighth-grade student and featured in this publication.*

Rotary Outstanding Leadership & Service Awards



Claire Boyle has been a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, and Volunteers where has volunteered for multiple food drives, middle school sporting events, Freshman orientation at the high school, and the Shermanator. A 3-year varsity soccer player, she is also a member of Kingdom soccer club AND a Gull Lake Youth soccer camp counselor. She has worked on our yearbook for 3 year and has been the co-editor for one.

Claire plans to attend Miami University's Honors College next year to study Biology and then hopes to go to Physician Assistant School to become a PA with a specialty in dermatology!



Koby Fraaza has participated in two weeklong missions with his church and is planning a third for this summer in Kentucky. He has regularly visited downtown Kalamazoo on Saturdays during the winters to hand out supplies to the homeless community with his church, where he has also been a regular greeter on Sundays. Through his participation in the National Honor Society he has helped organize and participate in Warm Up the Winter where they collected winter supplies to donate to the Gospel Mission, Tips for Kids, roadside cleanups, and the collection of donations for various events.

Koby will be going to Grand Valley State University in the fall where he will be running cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track. He hopes to major in something science-related such as chemistry, biology, engineering or pre-med.



Erika Hubbard has been a very active volunteer at the Cat Nap Lodge where she helps to socialize shy cats and keep a clean shelter. She also works with the vets to help take care of sick cats. She has been involved in National Honor Society and debate during her career at Gull Lake High School and has been a section leader in our band for the last three years. She is also a varsity captain for the softball team this year and participates in Winter guard.

Erika plans to attend Hope College next year as a nursing major and to pursue a career as a nurse midwife.



Olivia Pero has volunteered extensively at the Cheff Therapeutic Riding Center, East Fork Ranch, 4-H CC Riders, the Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Orchestra, and the Kalamazoo Prep Strings. This work has aligned with her interests as she has also shown horses through 4-H and done horseback riding for the last several years. She has played the clarinet and bass clarinet in the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra for the last 3 years AND ran cross country senior year.

Olivia plans to attend Hillsdale College where she will major in Marketing and management with a minor in graphic design. She also plans to continue her clarinet and bass clarinet studies while at Hillside.



Gull Lake Area Rotary Club
presents its
35th Annual

4th of July
\$6,250 CASH RAFFLE

The Cost is \$25.00 per ticket

1 Prize of \$2,500	1 Prize of \$1,000
1 Prize of \$500	10 Prizes of \$100 each
25 Prizes of \$50 each	

Drawing July 3rd, 2021 - 12 noon
Richland Village Square
License No. R 60356
Tickets can be purchased from members of the Gull Lake Area Rotary Club or call 629-9708

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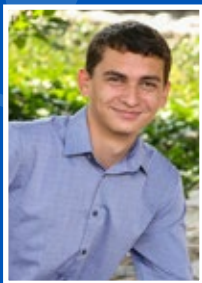
The Gull Lake High School Music Department Awards

The following students were selected due to their exceptional musicianship, exemplary citizenship, and contributions to the Band program.



Paige Treat

John Philip Sousa Award



Jacob Avery

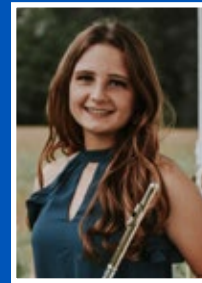
Arion Award

*United States Marine
Corps Youth Foundation
Semper Fidelis Award for
Musical Excellence*



Makenna Martin

Arion Award



Emma Temple

*United States Marine
Corps Youth Foundation
Semper Fidelis Award for
Musical Excellence*



Gabriel Martin

Maestro Award



Megan Woulfe

Maestro Award



Maya Dugan

Harmony Award



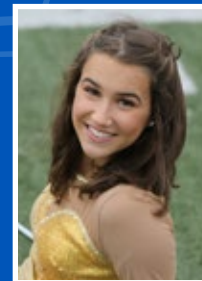
Joseph Bergland

Harmony Award



Haley Sulka

Harmony Award



Erika Hubbard

*Music Department
Award*



Taylor Malpass

*Music Department
Award*

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AYSO Region 212 - River Oaks Soccer Family

OPEN REGISTRATION for the 2021-2022 Soccer Season

for
Playground (3 year old)
Schoolyard Jamboree (4 year old)
Core Programs (U6 - U19)

Early Bird Registration: May 15 - June 6, 2021
Regular Registration: June 7 - July 17, 2021
Late Registration: July 18 - August 6, 2021

OPEN TRYOUTS for the 2021-2022 Soccer Season
West Michigan Youth Soccer Association League
June 12, 2021

Register at: www.ayso212.com

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Parents and all other community members are encouraged to attend school board meetings on a regular basis. Meetings are held on the third Monday of every month at the Thomas M. Ryan Intermediate School Media Center at 7:00 pm, unless otherwise indicated. Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodation for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in the meetings. Official minutes of each school board meeting are available for public inspection at the Superintendent's office, 10100 East D Avenue, Richland, MI 49083, or may be accessed on the school website: www.gulllakecs.org.

MEETING DATES
June 21, 2021
July 19, 2021
August 16, 2021
September 20, 2021

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GLMS & GLHS ATHLETICS

Get Prepared for the 2021-2022 School Year

The 21-22 school year will be here before we know it! Make sure you have your student ready to participate athletics. All students entering grades 6-12 next school year are required to have a valid sports physical on file with our athletic office. A valid sports physical is one that is done on or after April 15, 2021.

In order to participate in any school athletic program, the student **MUST** be registered through PlanetHS.com. If your student participated in a school sport this year, they already have an account. Simply log in to their account, select the sports they would like to participate in next year and then upload their new physical form....it's that easy! Registering on planeths.com and selecting their desired sports is how you sign them up for each sport. Once signed up they will begin to receive information regarding that sport.

Fall sport start dates and coach contact information. Access all this information and stay up to date at www.GoGLBlueDevils.com.

Gull Lake High School Sports

All HS Sports begin Monday, August 9. Please contact the coach listed for specific tryout/practice times.

FOOTBALL: Don Eastman, deastman@gulllakecs.org

CROSS COUNTRY: Robin Blackburn, rrblackburn7@gmail.com

BOYS SOCCER: Matt Streitel, gulllakesoccer@gmail.com

BOYS TENNIS: Ben Brott, bbrott@gulllakecs.org

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL: Eric Belz, ebelz@gulllakecs.org

GIRLS GOLF: T.R. Walters, twalters@gulllakecs.org

Gull Lake Middle School Sports

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Tryout Dates: August 24, 25, 26

- **7th Grade:** 3:00 - 4:30 pm
- **8th Grade:** 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Coaches: Laurie Klok, lklok@gulllakecs.org and
Katie Dolfman, katie@mei.net

BOYS/GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

First Practice: Monday, August 23

Coach Contact: Brendan Howard, bhoward@gulllakecs.org

8TH GRADE FOOTBALL

First Practice: Monday, August 23

Coach Contact: Josh Cunningham, jcunningham@gulllakecs.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 2021

- 18 **Richland Library** 1-3 pm
Summer Reading Kick Off
LOCATION: *Richland Village Square*
- 21 **Board of Education Meeting** 7 pm
LOCATION: *Ryan Intermediate*
- 23 **Richland Farmers' Market** 3-6 pm
LOCATION: *RACC*
- 30 **Richland Farmers' Market** 3-6 pm
LOCATION: *RACC*

JULY 2021

- 3 **Rose Run** 7:30 am
LOCATION: *starts at GLHS*
- Independence Day Parade** 11 am
LOCATION: *starts at GLMS*
- 4 **Fireworks** Dusk
LOCATION: *Over Gull Lake*
- 7 **Richland Farmers' Market** 3-6 pm
LOCATION: *RACC*
- 14 **Richland Farmers' Market** 3-6 pm
LOCATION: *RACC*
- 17 **Richland Art Fair** 9 am-4 pm
LOCATION: *Gull Meadow Farms*
- 21 **Richland Farmers' Market** 3-6 pm
LOCATION: *RACC*
- 28 **Richland Farmers' Market** 3-6 pm
LOCATION: *RACC*

AUGUST 2021

- 4 **Richland Farmers' Market** 3-6 pm
LOCATION: *RACC*
- 11 **GLVP Virtual Open House** 10 am
LOCATION: *Via Zoom*
- 12 **Richland Farmers' Market** 3-6 pm
LOCATION: *RACC*
- 16 **Board of Education Meeting** 7 pm
LOCATION: *Ryan Intermediate*
- 18 **Richland Farmers' Market** 3-6 pm
LOCATION: *RACC*
- 25 **Richland Farmers' Market** 3-6 pm
LOCATION: *RACC*
- 30 **1st Day of School**

47th Annual

Richland Art Fair

Saturday, July 17, 2021
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Gull Meadow Farms

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The proceeds from the Richland Art Fair help fund many of our programs including Bright Holidays and Fall Warm-up. The GLACVs provide community emergency assistance and medical/dental assistance to those in need. We also provide high school scholarships and support the Gull Lake Community Schools in many ways.