



GILMANTON HIGH SCHOOL

Alumni Spotlight

Graduate: Kory Rud

Class of 1989

After High School: UW-Stout, B.S. Facilities Management and M.S. Technology Education; WiscAD/St. Mary's, Principal Certification; Viterbo University, Superintendent Licensure

Career Information: Semlin & Menke (window company), Production Supervisor; Silver Spring, Inc., Production Supervisor; Gilmanton School District, Technology Education Teacher since the fall of 1997, and Principal & Technology Education Teacher at Gilmanton beginning in the fall of 2010.

Career Highlights: I started my career in the manufacturing setting and then went back to school with a suggestion from my parents, who thought that I would enjoy a career in education. The Gilmanton Tech Ed position opened while I was attending UW-Stout and I have worked at Gilmanton since. During my first year in Gilmanton I was the middle school boys and girls basketball coach, then I spent six years as the boys JV coach, and I have now been the boys varsity coach since 2004. I also coached cross country for several years. Now that I hold the Principal & Tech Ed position, I am able to enjoy teaching and working with students for part of my day, along with my desire to work in an administrative role while serving as Principal for the balance of the day.

Advice to Current Students:

“I was like many students today, unsure of exactly what I wanted my career to be when I graduated from high school. I have been willing to continue my education and try new tasks that I may have been uncomfortable with, to allow for growth.

Communication and people skills are invaluable, so please step away from the technology of texting, emailing and social media on occasion, so that you may make in-person connections talking with others throughout the day.”

Strengths of Gilmanton High School: A caring staff that works with students. Small classes that provided a lot of opportunities for students. The community support of our school.

Fond Memories of Gilmanton High School: 1) Mr. Denk was our superintendent when I graduated from high school. After graduation he hired me to assist the carpenter with some odd jobs at school that summer, which led me to working with Norman Senti for a summer job in carpentry during my years in college. 2) I remember for our Junior Prom we decorated the whole gym with 2" wide streamers that we twisted on top of the scaffolding. Boy, if we could have only used the wide paper they use now! 3) The 3-point shot started in basketball my junior year. I scored my career high of 41 points my second to last game of the regular season my senior year against Independence, with 18 points being scored in the last two minutes of the game. 4) I was in 7th grade when we began co-op sports, which happened to be with Alma, where I played football. 5) I was in National Honor Society in high school.

Other Accomplishments: I currently serve as a sub-bus driver, but the reason I pursued my CDL license was my desire to transport students to work on projects in the community for my woods classes. Our past classes have built a few garages and sheds, sheet rocked garages, and done other miscellaneous projects in the community.

I have enjoyed my time as a basketball coach. Seeing the excitement in our community during games and especially our two regional and three conference championships was exhilarating and a joy to be a part of. Our teams have had some tough playoff losses through the years, with at least 4 of the opponents that ended our season going on to the state tournament and 3 of them bringing home the silver ball.

Other Info: I have built our house on the home farm that I grew up on. I live there with my wife Lori, who works at Garlick's CBRF in Mondovi, and our children, Reghan and Jarin.

Kory was nominated for the GHS Alumni Spotlight by Diane Pfund