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Well, it is officially summer! Yes, it is time to plan and cram as much as we can between now and September 1. There are a lot of opportunities to engage and celebrate in our local community over the next couple of months.

This moment of time is very special for our family. As you may know, I write this portion of the magazine about a month in advance before the publication reaches your mailboxes. As a result, I sometimes reference things in the past tense here although they have not happened yet in real time.

I am going to do a little something different here for the next few paragraphs that I have not done in the eleven plus years. I am going to write in real time for a special personal reflection.

As many of you know, Marie and I have twin boys. As a parent, you definitely remember so many milestone events along the ride. I recall the day that I was informed that we were having twins. (That is a story in itself.) I was

excited, happy, and yes...extremely nervous! Did I mention nervous?

I vividly remember their Monday morning birthday back on November 6, 2006.

I remember their first day of kindergarten and witnessing an actual yellow school bus taking them away to school. Fast forward, I remember the first day that they actually drove themselves to school. Yikes!

They are both graduating from Case High School this June 8. As many parents can relate, this timeline has been a quick-moving whirlwind of everything. When the boys finished Gifford School back in the spring of 2021, it was the only building that they had ever known. The concept of attending high school brought a lot of anticipation for all of us, and the guys were ready.

I will share that their and our experience at Case High School has been nothing short of spectacular. Both of them equally became involved with a lot of clubs, activities, and sports right off the bat. Yes, Marie and I were spinning to keep up with everything, and we were constantly encouraging them to try new



things, and they did! Between football, DECA, golf, orchestra, theater, baseball, choir, Skills USA, volunteerism, and earned enrollment into National Honor Society, they engaged with a variety of various classmates, dedicated coaches, and quality teachers. I would rate their / our high school experience a solid ten out of ten. I am very grateful.

Now the plan and framework are in place for their next destinations. While the worrying as a parent may never stop (LOL), it is important to pause and enjoy this moment.

Congratulations to all of the 2025 graduates! Here we go!

It was great to see so many of you at the annual Wind Point Beach Clean-up a couple of weeks ago, and we have a lot of fun things planned for you this summer. Here is my personal invitation for you to engage with us. Here we go:

Our Wind Point Night at Kenosha Kingfish is set for Saturday, June 28 (6:35 pm) at historic Simmons Field in Kenosha. Our special tickets once again include all-you-can-eat ballpark food through the 5th inning and a wristband good for three adult beverages, ice cream or kids' games. A fireworks display will take place after the ball game. The value of our special ticket is \$29, however, you can pick up these

tickets for only \$19 each at Kortendick Ace Hardware. Supplies are limited so do not hesitate.

The annual Village Bike Parade takes place at Village Green on Tuesday, July 1 (6:30pm). Wear your American-themed clothes and decorate your bikes, wagons, and scooters in red, white, and blue.

Due to popular demand, we are doubling down with two unique *Jazz In The Park* offerings for you. First, on Saturday, July 12 (6pm-8pm), The Kal Bergendahl Project will perform at Village Green. Then, on Saturday, August 30 (6pm-8pm) we will have the return of the talented James Yorgan Sextet. These are both absolutely free events so bring your friends and a few lawn chairs to soak in the sounds of jazz resonating from the beautiful centerpiece pavilion.

The Village Picnic is set for Sunday, August 24.

Our cover story this month is about Bruce Duykers, who moved to the

neighborhood with his wife, Gretchen, last October from Idaho. Bruce is an extremely talented artist who enjoys painting "En Plein Air", which in French means "in the open air". He is retired, and had a fascinating and very successful career in various forms of art which included voicing over several national television and radio commercials. His drawings and works are incredible; we have a number of photos of them included with the article.

If you have been thinking about reaching out to us with your ideas for the publication, let's hear from you! Remember, *Stroll Wind Point* is about you and for you. Everyone who has participated has shared with me that it is a positive experience. There are not very many neighborhood publications in our area so take advantage of your personal community magazine. We want to hear from you.

Ok, put down your screens, grab a comfortable seat on your couch, and make this your time for appointment reading. Read *Stroll Wind Point* from cover to cover to give yourself a chance to win the monthly crossword puzzle contest which is located towards the back of the issue!

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Let's have a fun summer together!

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The Kal Bergendahl Project will make their debut in Wind Point. The Kal Bergendahl Project (KBP) is a six-piece instrumental jazz-funk band. Groove and melodic hooks are weaved in their deeply focused musical landscape of Jazz-Funk, R&B and Soul.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 30 6PM-8PM

The James Yorgan Sextet will return for their fourth consecutive summer appearance in the Village. They are a six-piece ensemble that plays swing to contemporary jazz.

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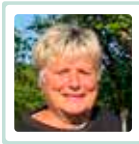


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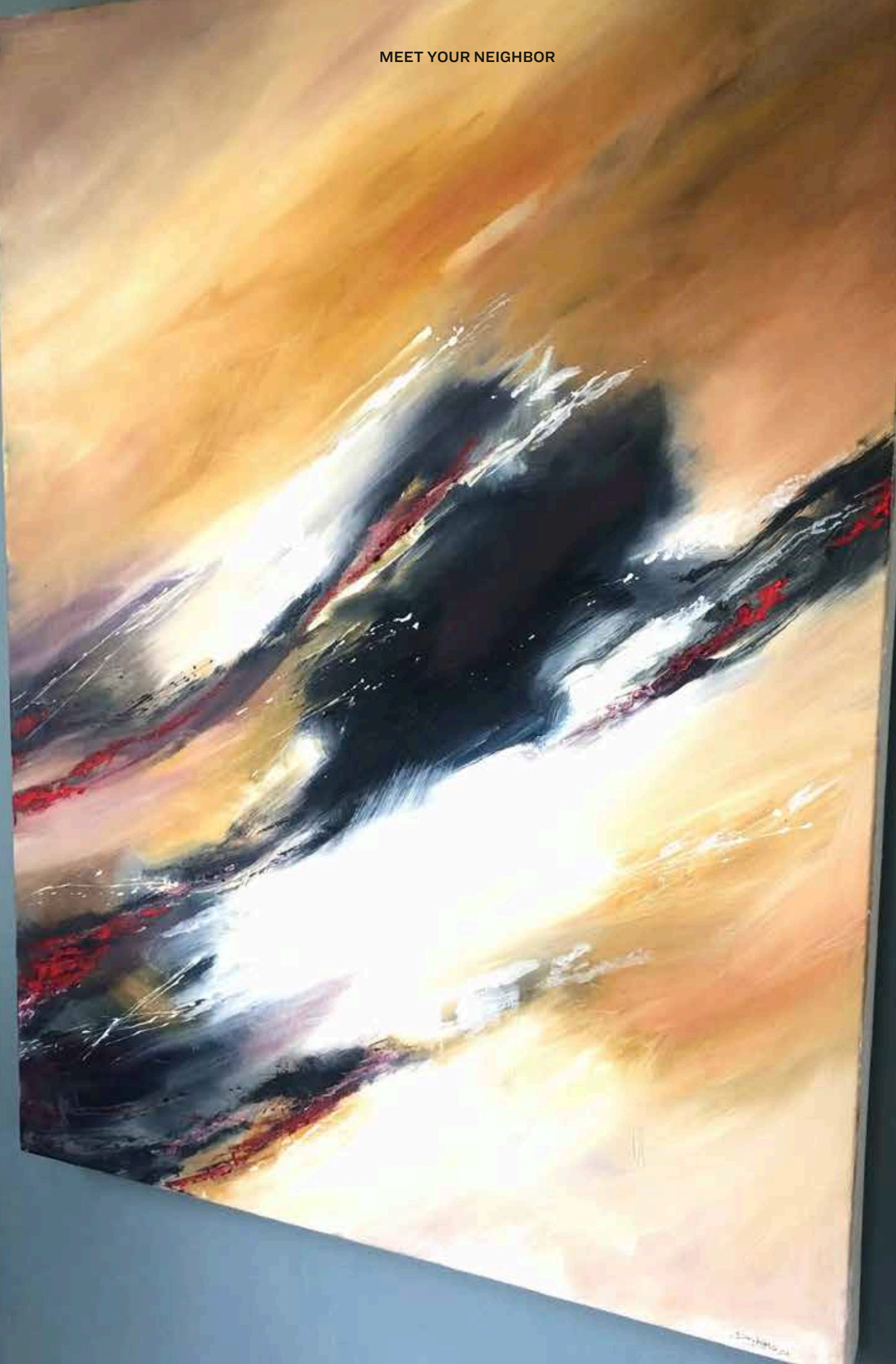
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How long have you lived in Wind Point? Where was home before moving to the village?

My wife, Gretchen, and I moved from northern Idaho last October 2024. We are slowly restoring this historic 1902 home gradually, while retaining some of its original character.

What motivated you to reside in Wind Point?

We wanted to be closer to family in three neighboring states. We looked at Wind Point specifically because we wanted to be close to Lake Michigan in a quiet community.

What do you like about living here?

We really enjoy the lake and the privacy that exists in the Village. At the same time, we really enjoy meeting new people, and exploring this part of Wisconsin.

Where are you originally from / where did you each grow up?

We're both from the Midwest. Gretchen is from Champaign-Urbana, Illinois. I grew up in Highland, Indiana.

How long have you been married?

We've been married 34 years.

Do you have any children?

I have three. Gretchen has no children, and is a terrific stepmom.

You have been involved with many forms of art throughout your career.

How did this journey start?

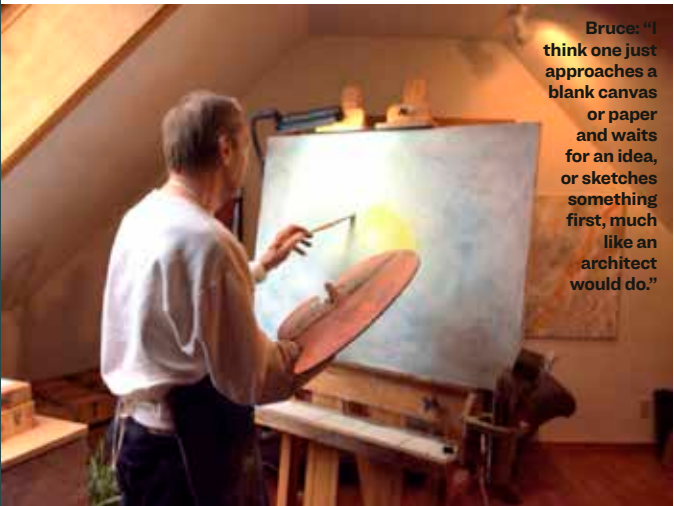
I started as a sign painter in my teens and then moved on to study at the American Academy of Art in Chicago. I studied life drawing, advertising art, layout, and lettering design.

Can you share how the love of a specific kind of art unexpectedly provided you with another opportunity with a different form of art?

I started in Chicago at a small advertising agency creating savings and loan brochures. After two years, I was drafted into the US Army and was sent to work on secret projects involving troop movements, illustrations and slide shows for brigadier

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“COMPUTERS HAVE TAKEN OVER THE CREATIVE APPROACH IN MANY FIELDS. STILL, IT IS THE ARTIST WHO GOES OUTDOORS, SETS UP AN EASEL, AND PAINTS. NO COMPUTER HAS MASTERED THAT YET.”



Bruce: “I think one just approaches a blank canvas or paper and waits for an idea, or sketches something first, much like an architect would do.”

generals at Fort Lee (recently renamed to Fort Gregg-Adams in 2023) and then Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

I finished my duty, returned to Chicago and worked at Foote, Cone and Belding Agency, a large advertising agency. I served as an Art Director for many accounts including SC Johnson, Kimberly Clark, Sears’ DieHard, and First National Bank in both print and television commercials.

Eventually we left Chicago and moved to San Francisco to work at BBDO ad agency as an art supervisor and copywriter on accounts such as Crocker Bank, PG&E, and Pacific Telephone.

After three years living in San Francisco, I decided to try my luck with doing voice overs for commercials in Hollywood. This involved a move to Los Angeles. I got a good agent and went on auditions but faced stiff competition from Hollywood actors.

After a year and a half, I moved back to Chicago and I continued to record many national radio and television commercials for Chicago agencies. The next twelve years were great and I loved it, never realizing my art career would take me into broadcasting

In 1992 Gretchen and I moved out west to the small town of Ennis, Montana, not far from Bozeman. We bought a large log home on 34 acres with spectacular views of the Madison Valley.

I painted many western-themed oils and pastels, most En plein air. (En plein air is a French phrase meaning ‘in the open air’ and references the practice of painting outdoors by



capturing the light and atmosphere of that particular moment.)

Gretchen started a photography business. She was doing fine art photography, portraits, weddings, and commercial photography. Her photos are featured in a coffee table book, *The Art of the Creel*.

After 12 years we moved further west for less cold and wind to the northern Idaho city of Sandpoint, which is just 66 miles south of the Canadian border. We loved the huge lake and mountainous surroundings. I had a few art shows and started doing abstract work along with realistic works. Sandpoint and Sagle are

beautiful towns to enjoy culturally and socially, with many opportunities to enjoy the outdoors.

What is your current favorite form of painting and drawing?

I transitioned to large abstract paintings in Idaho, finding it challenging and fun, while continuing with realistic works. Drawing is a process that I have always loved as it is the basis for painting realistically, so I often sketch animals and people in pen and ink just for enjoyment.

Now I plan to incorporate realistic themes here, as I did years ago doing watercolors in Galena.



Bruce: “We all have some talent. You do not have to create a masterpiece. It’s good to learn from a mentor or someone who can help you over the fear of creating.”

Bruce: “Drawing is a process that I have always loved.”



Do you have a personal favorite piece of art or pieces of art that you have created?

I’ve recently done some American Indian portraits using turn-of-century photos.

What do you enjoy most about painting?

I think one just approaches a blank canvas or paper and waits for an idea, or sketches something first, much like an architect would do.

What is something you would like to share when it comes to creating art that many people may not know or consider?

I don’t paint thinking of what sells. That doesn’t work for me. Sometimes I just paint because I have to do it or lose it.

When I’d go out with another artist in Chicago, sketching or painting under autumn leaves,

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he would say to me as we were setting up: “Just pull it down like a window shade. It either sings or it doesn’t.” Every artist has to find their own style.

Some people may feel intimidated trying to draw or paint. What can you share with them to allow themselves the opportunity to give it a try?

We all have some talent. It may be latent but needs a little coaxing. You do not have to create a masterpiece. It's good to learn from a mentor or someone who can help you over the fear of creating. I recommend reading *The Art Spirit* by Robert Henri, a great painter and writer, about the do's and don'ts of painting. It is a great book to read and re-read.

Talking about art is like talking about jazz; it is better to just do it and see where it goes! I've been very lucky in life as a creative person, either selling ad ideas or painting. I've sold works all over the country from Washington DC to California and in between. I feel very fortunate to still be able to make art.

Computers have certainly taken over the creative approach in many fields but replacing the brushstroke, pencil, pen, or pastel is still a little hard to replicate. I started painting signs on trucks and cars and now that industry is nearly all computer vinyl. I've painted cartoons on windows at Christmas time and now it is printed cards and plastic.

Still, it is the artist who goes outdoors, sets up an easel, and paints. No computer has mastered that yet.



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**BRUCE'S FUN
FACTS...**

Pets: Copper,
an Aussie Shepherd

Sports Team:
I am a life-long Cubs fan

Hobbies:
I enjoy drawing, painting,
singing, and fishing. I also
enjoy collecting antiques
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Bruce and Gretchen
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It's All About PEEPS!

BY MICHELLE JAMES
RESIDENT OF HUNT CLUB ROAD

This was the second year my children and I have participated in the Peeps Exhibit at Racine Art Museum. We initially learned about it a number of years earlier when my daughter had an assignment which included an art museum visit and we happened to go during the Peeps Exhibit. The kids and I loved seeing all of the variety and innovation in the exhibit.

Last year, myself, my two kids and our friends (friend and her daughter of Racine) got together to participate. We met at our house, planned our projects, did a little group shopping trip for supplies, and then spent a few weekend afternoons creating our projects and, of course, eating some Peeps. We had so much fun the first year that all five of us participated again this year.

This time, my son decided to crochet a few peeps bunnies and a chick. He learned to crochet through a 4H program and was interested in trying Peeps. We found a pattern on Etsy and he was able to create a total of four Peeps bunnies and one chick. He used Peeps candy packaging to present his crochet.

My daughter worked with my friend to create a Peeps-themed board game inspired by Candy Land. My friend is really into board games which provided the inspiration, and my daughter did a lot of the art painting. She tried to incorporate the Peeps bunny shape into each of the four “lands” on the board. They then used Peeps candy as the player tokens to indicate a game in progress.

For me, I am less artistically inclined than my children. I had seen some lovely paper-folded books online and



This year represented the sixteenth edition of this popular annual exhibition at Racine Art Museum.

“We have really enjoyed spending time together with our friends, creating art, enjoying candy, and laughing as we tried to find Peeps-themed names for our exhibits.”

thought it looked approachable. I found a pattern generator online and used it to create both a Peeps bunny and chick pattern. I was able to use some free, found books to execute the patterns. I used markers to highlight the created shape and to bring a little spring feeling into the project.

My friend's daughter created an acrylic canvas painting based on a show she enjoys. She picked a favorite scene and then reimagined the show characters as Peeps bunnies.

We have really enjoyed spending time together with our friends, creating art, enjoying candy, and laughing as we tried to find Peeps-themed names for our exhibits.

My family, including my mother-in-law, were able to see the projects on exhibit on Good Friday at the Racine Art Museum. It was really fun to see how many unique projects were inspired by the Peeps candy. In fact, we noticed how many Wind Point residents who also participated in this exhibit with their own creations.

After the exhibit, we enjoyed downtown and took a look at the Artist's Gallery as well! It was a great day and such a fun way to engage in the arts within our community.

Attention Wind Point neighbors! If you also participated with this year's Peeps Exhibit, we would like to hear from you and learn about your creations. Email: gary@strollwindpointmagazine.com



Michelle: “I used markers to highlight the created shape and to bring a little spring feeling into the project.”

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- Sunday, August 3- 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
- Sunday, September 7- 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
- Sunday, October 5- 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

The cost for tower climbs is \$12 for adults and \$6.00 for children (Ages 6-11). Walk-ups are welcome, however, we recommend that you pre-purchase tickets in advance to make sure that you secure a spot. Pre-purchase tickets can be found on Eventbrite.

If these dates will not work for you consider setting up a private tower climb. Contact the Lighthouse Keepers for any questions or for more information at 262-639-3777 or lhkeeper@windpoint.org.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in getting involved at the lighthouse as a volunteer, please contact Andrew and Sam. Extra help is needed to coordinate tours – if going up the tower isn't your thing, we also have a need for people at the ground level to greet and register guests. Light lunch and refreshments are provided on tour dates. Contact 262-639-3777 or lhkeeper@windpoint.org

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This Summer at the Eco-Justice Center
Looking for fun, enriching ways to spend time with your family this summer? The **Eco-Justice Center**, also known as *Eco-J*, is just a short drive away—and it's full of opportunities to explore, learn, and reconnect with nature.

Discover Eco-J
Located next to Cliffside Park, the Eco-Justice Center is an environmental education center and organic farm that promotes sustainability, environmental stewardship, and connection. Eco-J grounds are free and open to the public on weekends from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. During your visit, you can take a self-guided tour of the property, wander through vibrant vegetable gardens, or enjoy a peaceful walk along the meditative labyrinth. Be sure to stop by the animal enclosures to meet the alpacas, goats, and chickens—who are always happy to say hello.

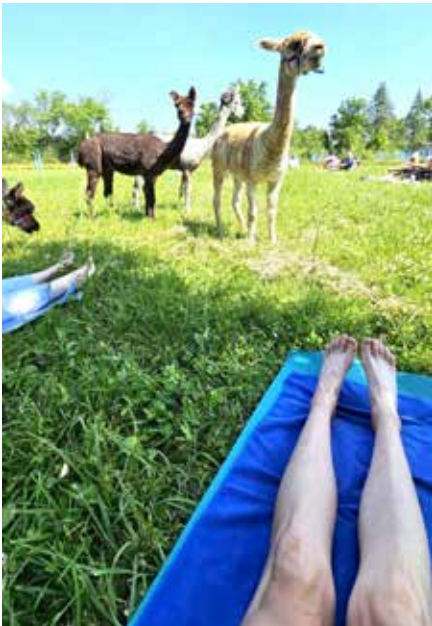


Gardening Camps keep kids active, engaged, and connected with nature. .

Hands-On Learning: Gardening Camps
If you're looking for a meaningful way to keep your kids active, engaged, and off their screens this summer, Eco-J's Gardening Camps are an excellent option. Each week, campers roll up their sleeves and dive into life on a working organic farm. They'll learn how to plant, water, weed, and harvest in Eco-J's teaching gardens. As they get their hands in the soil, they'll begin to understand not just how plants grow, but how ecosystems work together—how bees help pollinate, how compost

feeds the earth, and how weather and soil health impact the food we eat.

Each day includes a mix of gardening, nature-based games, art projects, and time with the animals. Campers may help feed the chickens, give the alpacas belly-baths, or collect eggs. But it's not just about growing vegetables—campers also get to *cook* with them. Children also prepare simple, healthy recipes using produce they've helped harvest themselves. Throughout the experience, they'll gain hands-on horticulture skills and a deeper appreciation for where their food comes from—all while spending their days outdoors and connecting with nature.



Yoga with Alpacas classes take place in the alpaca pasture.

Yoga with Alpacas
For a memorable way to connect with an older teen—or to simply try something fun and relaxing yourself—consider joining one of Eco-J's *Yoga with Alpacas* classes. Scheduled for June 14, July 12, and August 16, this unique event begins with a chance to snap a selfie with one of the friendly alpacas. The yoga class takes place in the alpaca pasture where the alpacas are free to wander around participants. Their quiet and gentle nature makes them the perfect companions for a meditative yoga practice, creating a soothing atmosphere unlike any other.

'Pacas & Pints: Alpacas, Beer, and Music
If yoga's not quite your style, you might enjoy the laid-back vibe of *'Pacas & Pints*. Happening on June 12, July 10, and August 14, this family-friendly event is back for another year. Guests can kick back with a cold beer in hand—served in a custom alpaca-themed pint glass you get to keep—while enjoying live music and the peaceful sights and sounds of the farm. You'll also be treated to a guided tour of the alpaca pasture, where you can learn more about these gentle creatures. Proceeds from each ticket help support Eco-J's mission and educational programs, so your good time contributes to a good cause.



Eco-J invites you to a special Farm to Table Dinner. event on Friday, August 22, 2025.

Farm to Table Dinner: Celebrate 20 Years of Eco-J
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Whether you come to meet an alpaca, dig in the dirt, enjoy live music, or share a farm-fresh meal, the Eco-Justice Center has something special for everyone this summer. Come explore, learn, and grow with us!

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The Wind Point Garden Club has also collaborated with the Village to help beautify various parts of the lighthouse grounds over the years.

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Kind But Firm with Your Boundaries

BY KATE MARTIN RESIDENT OF FOUR MILE ROAD



(Years ago, we first published this article in Racine County Eye. With summer now in full swing, we felt it was worth re-sharing with our Wind Point families to help maintain routine and reduce the stress of the changes that accompany summer break.)

Calvin is outside in his outdoor tent today. So eager to get out there; after just minutes, he whines to get back in. Using my kind but firm voice, I tell him, “Hey buddy, you asked to be out there. Now relax and go ni-night for a while. Calvin, our cat, is now relaxing and lying down.

I don’t pretend to believe that he comprehends everything I say to him, but I know he understands a few words, including relax and ni-night. More importantly, he recognizes a familiar tone of voice, introduced to him as a kitten, which signals that this particular exchange is not open for negotiation.

Anyone who has been around a cat knows that they are notorious for whining until they get what they want—but are there exceptions? In our experience, whether it is a cat, a dog, or a human, if you say what you mean and follow through, you can indeed decrease instances of being tested with whining and begging.

When it comes to children, follow-through is important. Setting **conditions** and requiring family **procedures** to be followed when children are young is key to managing a home with greater ease.

Once you have decided that a boundary is reasonable and appropriate, use a firm but kind voice to signal that you are requiring something of your child. And, if you are planning to implement a new boundary, be sure to give your child a heads-up.

Here are some examples of both new and established boundaries shared by other parents:

- Before we leave, can you tell me some of the rules we have for playing at the beach?
- We will not be getting any candy in the checkout line at the grocery store today. We’re not here for that. I have a list and I’m sticking to it.
- We all sit at the table together for supper. (You can start modeling this at a young age to demonstrate a procedural expectation.)
- Remember, all devices, TV, phones, and gaming systems have to be turned off by 8:00 pm.
- Mom is going to have 30 minutes of quiet time every day from now on. I will need you to play by yourself during this time. Let’s think of things you can do—What ideas do you have?

These are simply examples; they may or may not align with your values. The important thing is that YOU set reasonable boundaries that both reflect your needs and those of your child.

If/when your child attempts to ‘change your mind’ by crying and acting out, you can feel confident to stand firm with your decision.

Be matter-of-fact, be confident, be real—Both you and your child deserve this.

Remember when creating our boundaries, there is no ‘One size fits all’ for children. Parents must consider age and cognitive ability when creating boundaries. And of course, there are exceptions when we may need to adjust our decisions due to our child’s changing physical and emotional needs.

Setting and being consistent with reasonable, value-oriented, family boundaries reduce arguments and stress, provide a feeling of security for the child, and demonstrate a parental commitment to family culture.

And we all deserve to live in a home free of constant whining and begging, and from ever having to hear that cringeworthy plea of, “Pretty Pleeeeeease?”

Even Calvin knows that won’t fly in our house.

All the BEST to you and your family,
The Purposeful Parent



About the author:

Kate Martin taught in middle and high school for 27 years retiring from the Racine Unified School District in 2015. While working with hundreds of parents over the years, she discovered that there was a significant lack of resources and educational opportunities to help them navigate the many demands of parenting today. In 2013 she founded The Purposeful Parent, offering workshops and resources for parents, teachers, and caregivers.



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Lighthouse Keepers Samantha Albright and Andrew Surges provided the group with an update of the events and activities they have created to increase more traffic to the lighthouse over this last year. They also referenced their vision and new future opportunities which would welcome additional volunteering efforts.

There was also discussion of upcoming changes which may include a volunteer time log to keep track of overall hours, an increase of community events, a push for creating a non-profit organization, and a possible tower painting in the near future.



If you are interested to learn about volunteering opportunities this summer, please contact Samantha and Andrew at this email address: lhkeeper@windpoint.org

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The 2025 *Color Your World* summer reading program, as well as the horror-themed *Summer Scares* program series, are in effect from June 1 through August 31. For *Color Our World*, track the hours you read — and the activities you participate in — to win fun prizes. For both *Color Our World* and *Summer Scares*, join us at the library throughout the season for fun programs that fit the theme.

COLOR OUR WORLD

- You can sign up to participate in the Color Our World reading challenge anytime throughout the summer.
- Kids: Sign up in Youth Services on the first floor.
 - Teens: Sign up in TeenScene by the second-floor entrance.
 - Adults: To track your reading on paper, sign up at the central adult services desk on the second floor. To track your reading online, get started at RacinePL.ReadSquared.com.
 - All-Ages STEAM Challenge: Sign up online at RacinePL.ReadSquared.com.

SUMMER SCARES

Watch our calendar for spooky crafts and haunting readings throughout the summer, including our Wednesday, June 25 discussion of “Reprieve” by James Jan Mattson from 5:30-7 p.m.* for adult

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audiences. There will be sessions for tweens, for teens, and for adults.

Color Your World and *Summer Scares* 2025 are sponsored by the Friends of the Racine Public Library. To see the full list of programs, visit RacineLibrary.info/ColorOurWorld or RacineLibrary.info/SummerScares25.

SEED LIBRARY CLOSING SOON

The Seed Library will close for the year on Friday, June 20, 2025. If you’re still in the market for vegetable seeds, stop in while they’re still available. The Seed Library’s next opening will be Friday, March 20, 2026. RacineLibrary.info/natural

BOOKMOBILE SUMMER SCHEDULE

The Bookmobile’s summer schedule of stops will be in effect from Monday, June 16, 2025 through Saturday, Aug. 30, 2025. This year’s summer schedule will be the same as the 2024 summer schedule. The stops are listed below and at RacineLibrary.info/library-go.

The 2025-2026 school-year schedule will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 2. The order of stops will be determined later this summer — stay tuned!

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Emmertsen Road & Washington Avenue (Wisconsin Highway 20)
At Western Village Shopping Center

Thursday

- 1-7 p.m.
3 Mile Road & Erie Street

- At the north end of the Shorecrest Shopping Center parking lot

Friday

- 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
North Green Bay Road (Wisconsin Highway 31) & Spring Street
At the southeast area of the Pick ‘N Save parking lot

Saturday

- 9-11 a.m.
Ohio Street and Washington Avenue (Wisconsin Highway 20)
The parking lot of US Bank
Noon-1:30 p.m.
The old US Bank on Northwestern Avenue (Highway / County Road K) in Franksville

Sunday

- No stops — Bookmobile is closed.

JUNE READING AND ENGAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

Trading Spaces and Exchanging Memories

DVD: “The Battle of Wallis Island” —

Directed by James Griffiths, starring Tom Basden, Tim Key, Carey Mulligan, Akemnji Ndiforanye, and Sian Clifford
What would you do if you won the lottery? For Charles (Tim Key), the answer is easy — he wants to see his favorite band get back together. Charles, despite being a bit of an oddball, seems poised to accomplish this wish by hosting a show for the band at his island home. However, tension between the musicians threatens to uproot the success of Charles’ dream event.

Available at the Racine Public Library?

Not yet — DVD & Blu-ray released June 6, so check back soon



Book: “Far and Away” — Amy Poeppel

There’s only one way to solve your problems — by running away from them, obviously. Lucy and Greta are strangers who realize they can make each other’s lives right by trading homes. Lucy needs to leave Dallas for reprieve from the backlash from her son’s royal screw-up, and Greta needs to leave Berlin due to her

husband’s unexpected new job offer in Texas. What could go wrong?

Available at the Racine Public Library?

Not yet — released June 10, so check back soon

Book: “The Unmapping” — Denise Robbins

In New York, everything familiar is called into question overnight. The residents wake up to realize that every single building in the city has changed locations overnight. With thousands of



people missing and every building now disconnected from power, emergency services teammates Esme and Arjun have their work cut out for them. Then, the next night, the buildings all change locations again.

Available at the Racine Public Library?

Not yet — released June 3, so check back soon

Book: “Battle of the Bookstores” — Ali Brady

In a city like Boston, you can live your whole life without knowing everything that goes on around you — even on the same street as you. Josie and Ryan manage bookstores on the same street but have never crossed paths until the new owner of the stores decides to merge entities. Only one manager will be selected by the end of the summer to run the two locations: either detail-oriented Josie and her taste for serious literature, or easygoing Ryan and his focus on romance novels.



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Decorate your bikes, strollers, scooters, and pets in red, white, and blue as we enjoy a quick stroll around the park. Once we finish the parade loop, participants are welcome to enjoy snacks at the park. This fun event is brought to you by The Wind Point Community Club and *Stroll Wind Point* magazine.

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MAY 17	PASSIONS PROJECT Gallery Event reception with artist and student panel Festival Hall	SEP 6/7	BACON and BREWS FEST 15th Annual Bacon5Kegs and the JT Bacon Fest Festival Park - September 6-7
JUN 6	SNEAKER BALL Showcasing Racine's rich culture & community Festival Hall	SEP 13	STAND DOWN Racine County Veterans EXPO Festival Hall and Park
JUN 13	RACINE HARBOR FEST The Inaugural return of Racine's Music Festival Festival Park - June 13-14	SEP 20	OKTOBERFEST at the LAKE Celebrating German Heritage - Party on the Pavement! Festival Park - September 20-21
JUN 14	LIGHTHOUSE RUN 47th Annual Racine Family YMCA Fundraiser Festival Park	SEP 27	BARK in the PARK 4th Annual Pet Festival, Vendor Fair & Exhibitions Festival Park
JUL 9	POP UP CRAFT SUPPLY SALE Crafting supplies and MORE! Memorial Hall	OCT 4/5	LIGHTHOUSE LEGACIES 15th Annual Quilting and Sewing Show Festival Hall - October 4-5
JUL 10	SCIENCE of READING Designed for K-5 Teacher - Resources and training Memorial Hall	OCT 16	BUILDING HOPE Habitat for Humanity Gala Festival Hall
JUL 11	SALMON-A-RAMA 51st Annual Fishing Contest - Food Trucks, Bands Festival Park - July 11-20	OCT 17	NAACP Banquet 75th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet Festival Hall
AUG 02	RACINE RIVER FEST 2nd Annual Collaboration of events on the waterfront Starting and ending at Festival Park	OCT 25	RETRO GAMING SHOW Interactive gaming stations, vendors and more Festival Hall
AUG 08	FIESTA DE LATINO Family event - education, music, crafts, food trucks, art Festival Park - August 8-10	OCT 25	COMING TOGETHER RACINE Celebrating the First Nations Caretakers of this Land Festival Hall
AUG 22	UNITY FEST Multi-Cultural- education, music, crafts, food trucks, art Festival Park - August 22-23	NOV 27	RACINE TURKEY TROT Annual Turkey Trot and Thanksgiving Dinner Festival Hall
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<p>LEGENDS NEVER DIE CONCERT SERIES MEMORIAL HALL SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2025</p> <p>Events Subject to change without notice Proudly managed by 5Kevents.org</p>		DEC 5	CALEDONIA CONSERVANCY Wine & Beer Tasting Fundraiser Festival Hall
		DEC 5	RACINE SYMPHONY Christmas Concert Memorial Hall
		DEC 14	BREAKFAST with SANTA Festival of Trees Festival Hall

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Garbage collection is every Monday. = Recycling collection is every other Monday. = Holidays (collection is delayed one day). = Branch Collection. = Yard Waste Collection. Once per month you may schedule a bulk or electronics collection. Call Johns Disposal at (262) 473-4700 to schedule a pick up. Turn over for additional information about collections.

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BY TRAVIS WELLS VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR / CLERK-TREASURER



VILLAGE PARTICIPATES IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRAINING

The Village of Wind Point Board and staff recently participated in an invaluable Emergency Management training session last month, hosted by Wingspread Retreat & Executive Conference Center and led by Chief Tommy Sharrett. This event brought together expertise from the Caledonia Fire Department, Prairie School, and the Racine County Emergency Management team.

The training focused on enhancing our preparedness and response strategies, which are critical for community safety and resilience. By

collaborating with local emergency response teams, we are not only strengthening our capabilities but also building a network of support that ensures effective communication and coordination during emergencies.

One of the key benefits of this training is that it equips our village with the knowledge and tools necessary to respond to various emergency situations, from natural disasters to emergencies. With improved strategies, we can ensure a quicker and more organized response, ultimately minimizing risks and protecting our residents.

Additionally, this training fosters a proactive mindset within our community. By emphasizing preparedness, we encourage residents to be aware of potential emergencies and to develop their own response plans. This heightened awareness contributes to a safer environment for all. Together, we are committed to making the Village of Wind Point a safer place to live and thrive.



2025 LIGHTHOUSE TOWER CLIMB DATES

Tour dates on the first Sunday of each month:
Sunday, July 6- 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sunday, August 3- 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Sunday, September 7- 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sunday, October 5- 9:00 am- 3:00 pm

The cost for tower climbs is \$12 for adults and \$6.00 for children (Ages 6-11). Walk-ups are welcome; however, we recommend that you pre-purchase tickets in advance to ensure that you secure a spot. Pre-purchase tickets can be found on Eventbrite.

If these dates will not work for you consider setting up a private tower climb. Contact the Lighthouse Keepers for any questions or for more information at 262-639-3777 or lhkeeper@windpoint.org.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in getting involved at the Lighthouse as a volunteer, please contact Andrew and Sam. Extra help is needed to coordinate tours – if going up the tower isn't your thing, we also have a need for people at the ground level to greet and register guests. Light lunch and refreshments are provided on tour dates. Contact 262-639-3777 or lhkeeper@windpoint.org

BRANCH COLLECTION REMINDERS:

Please remember the following branch collection procedures are in place to help keep this service as cost-effective as possible: Branches should be placed by the road in small, reasonably uniform piles with the cut end toward the road, all in the same direction.

Piles should not exceed 4 feet in height and 4 feet in width.

Branches that exceed 8 feet in length and 4 inches in diameter will not be collected.

Residents are asked to keep branches at their original length and not cut them into smaller pieces (unless over 8 feet in length).

Up to 15 minutes will be spent per property on collecting and chipping; if it takes longer than 15 minutes, a tag will be left on the remaining piles, and the owner will have the option to remove the piles or have them collected for a fee.

Branch collection is for tree maintenance, not tree removal. If you hire someone to remove trees on your property, please do not use the Village's branch collection service for removing the debris from your property.

Reminder to use Johns Yard Waste program for brush or other items that can be used by their collection. Small sticks, trimming, and other brushes can be put in a brown bag or tin, and they will pick up the items.

- All yard waste must be contained.
- Most ideally, the items would be in paper compostable bags and securely sealed;
- Or in containers 32 gal/60lbs or less.
- Accept securely bundled yard waste, including brush that is no more than 50 lbs or 4ft long, or 6in in diameter.

If you have any questions, please contact the Village Office at 262-639-3524.

KEEP GRASS OFF THE STREET

With warmer days and sunshine, lawn mowing season is here. Please ensure that when you or a contractor mows your yard that your grass clippings go into a bagger system or



back into your yard and not into the street.

You may have never thought about it, but grass clippings can act as a sheet of ice for cyclists in the middle of the summer. Grass clippings in the street provide a slippery surface for bicycle and motorcycle riders, making it a riding hazard. Let's keep our roadways safe for all our riders!

GARLIC MUSTARD INFORMATION

Garlic mustard is a European woodland plant introduced to North America by early settlers. Garlic mustard starts growing earlier in the season than native plants in Wisconsin and outcompetes them. It also produces large quantities of seed, resulting in it rapidly spreading in wooded areas.

Many of our yards are playing host to garlic mustard. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources recommends hand-pulling at or before the onset of flowering. You may also try to control infestations with a 1-2% active ingredient solution of glyphosate, but beware that this solution will kill other plants too. Apply and use the safety measures listed on the product label.

To dispose of garlic mustard, place the plants in their own separate sealed garbage bags and place them

in your regular garbage cart. If you have more bags than the cart can fit, you can arrange a special pickup with Johns Disposal.

For more information about garlic mustard, please visit the Wisconsin DNR's website.

SAFETY TIPS FROM CHIEF SHARRETT

Home Safety Tips

- Install lighting, such as motion lights or dusk-to-dawn detector lights, on your home's exterior.
- Trim shrubbery around your home to eliminate hiding places.
- Your address should be clearly visible from the street for emergency and identification purposes.
- Close and lock your garage door when you are not nearby. Place valuables stored in the garage in a locking device not visible from the street when the garage door is open.
- Do not leave bikes unattended. Lock your bikes, even if you are going to be away for only a few moments.
- If you sleep on the second floor of your home, keep all first-floor doors and windows closed and locked.

Vehicle Safety Tips

- Always lock your doors and close your windows when you leave your car. Make sure to take your keys with you.
- Do not leave valuables in the car. If you must leave possessions in your vehicle, keep them out of sight or hidden in the trunk.
- Before you get into your car, check the backseat and around the car. Lock your doors once inside the car.



- Set a light on a timer inside your home to create the appearance of activity inside.
- Exterior motion sensor lighting can aid in deterring crime.
- Keep valuables away from public view through a window, etc.
- Do not discuss vacation plans in public or on social media.

Vacation Tips

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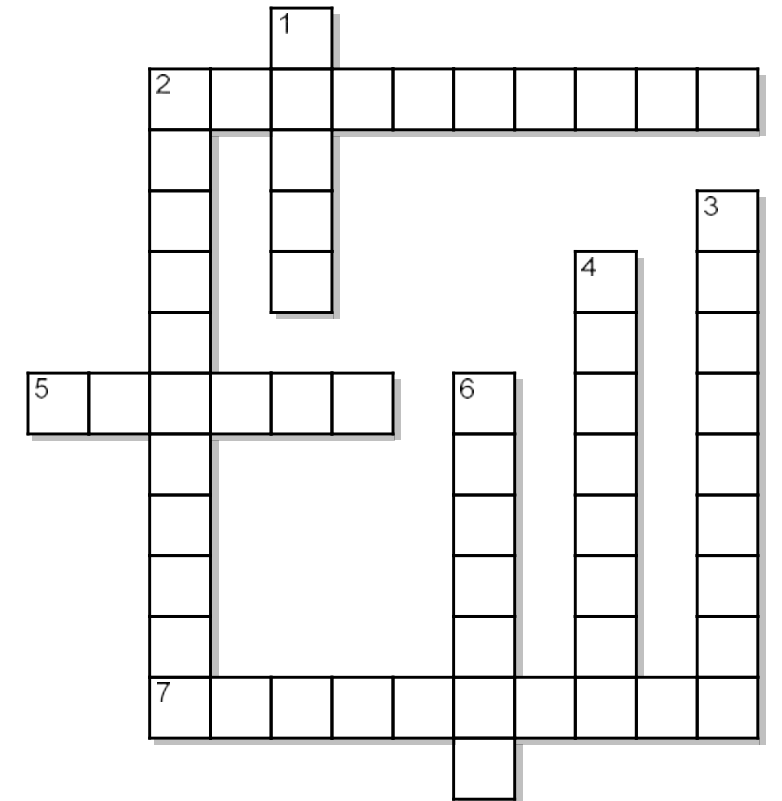
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ACROSS

- The Kal _____ Project performs at Village Green on Sat. July 12
- The Wags & _____ Parade takes place on Tues. July 1
- On Thursdays, the Bookmobile is located at _____ Shopping Center

DOWN

- The theme of this month's Word Search
- The Kingfish are playing this team on Wind Point Night
- Bruce and Gretchen lived in this northern Idaho city
- Her family participated with the Peeps Exhibit at RAM
- The Eco-_____ Center provides environmental stewardship



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Source: Multiple Listing Service (as of: 4/30/2025)

Address	Neighborhood	List Price	Sale Price	Beds	Baths	SqFt	Status
115 4 Mile Road	Single Family	\$285,000		2	2	1,600	Active
21 Jim Lin Lane	Single Family	\$454,000		3	1.5	1,742	Active
11 Cherrywood Court	Single Family	\$539,900		4	2.5	3,145	Active
336 Deepwood Drive	Vacant Land	\$175,000					Active w/offer
5116 Citation Drive	Single Family	\$639,900		4	3	3,301	Active w/offer
109 Holiday Drive	Single Family	\$525,000		4	2.5	2,649	Active w/offer
4077 Lighthouse Drive	Single Family	\$1,299,000		4	4.5	4,136	Active w/offer
12 Cherrywood Court	Single Family	\$525,000	\$525,000	4	2.5	2,680	Sold
4915 Beacon Lane	Single Family	\$650,000	\$634,000	4	3	3,544	Sold



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