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SCHOOLS

GHHS Hall of Fame class announced

By TRIBUNE STAFF

The Grand Haven Schools Foundation (GHSF) recently announced a new class of inductees for the Grand Haven High School Hall of

The GHHS Hall of Fame is a triennial event, established by the foundation in 2008 to honor exceptional graduates as well as remarkable individuals who have served Grand Haven Area Public Schools.

The GHHS Hall of Fame induction ceremony and dinner will be held on Oct. 18 at the Spring Lake Country Club. To purchase tickets or to honor the inductees by adding your name to a Congratulatory Wall, visit www.ghsf.org.

Proceeds from the event help support the Grand Haven Schools Foundation's mission to support a quality education for students through funding initiatives that help empower learning. The foundation supports academic readiness, lifetime learning and success for all students.

To learn more about the Grand Haven High School Hall of Fame or to become a sponsor for the event, visit www.ghsf.org/ about-the-hall-of-fame/.

Here are the 2025 inductees:

Gerry W. Beyer Career/Academic Achievement Class of 1974

After graduating from Grand Haven, Gerry W. Beyer became a lawyer, and then a distinguished law professor with notable career achievements.

He is a nationally recognized expert in estate planning who, after graduating summa cum laude from Eastern Michigan University and degrees from the University of Illi-



2012 Grand Haven girls basketball team

BEYER

Texas, Massachusetts, New Mexico, California, and even Australia. He most recently became the first holder of the prestigious Gov. Preston E. Smith Regents Professor-

ship at the Texas Tech University of

Throughout his 45-year career, Beyer has received numerous awards including Professor of the Year seven times and the highest Texas Tech honor, the Chancellor's Distinguished Teacher Award. He also received the President's Excellence in Teaching and Academic Achievement awards, was voted Outstanding Professor and Most Inthe Ohio State University College fluential Professor, and was recently of Law, earned his LL.M. and J.S.D. elected to the Texas Tech University Teaching Academy, Additionally, nois. Professor Beyer practiced law in recognition of his expertise and true passion: scuba diving. in Ohio before teaching in Illinois, contributions to the legal profes-

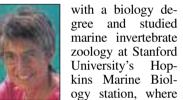
sion, the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils inducted him into the Estate Planning Hall of Fame, and he was awarded the Distinguished Probate Attorney Lifetime Achievement Award by the Real Estate, Probate and Trust Section of the State Bar of Texas.

Beyer is a frequent contributor to publications, authoring more than 25 books and hundreds of articles. His work has four times won an Excellence in Writing Award from the American Bar Association.

Cathy (Hoffman) Church **Cultural/Performing Arts** Class of 1963

Cathy Church participated in debate, drama and music at Grand Haven High School, and played varsity field hockey at the University of working as a writer and photo ed-earned varsity letters in diving and Michigan. However, it was at U-M's itor, Church earned a reputation as track, and with the goal of a career

Church graduated from Michigan ing from documentary and editorial



CHURCH

she explored the underwater world using a Calypso camera, film and flashbulb. She was pioneering underwater photography techniques and sharing what she learned with others.

After receiving her master's degree in marine zoology from the University of Hawaii, Church faced barriers that made her switch from aspiring scientist to science teacher while pursuing her underwater phobiology station where she found her a versatile photographer who pro- in law and justice, poured much duced award-winning shots rang-

style to high-end gallery art, black and white prints, and advertising images for world-renowned clients. She was also teaching underwater photography at the Sunset House Hotel in Grand Cayman. The classes were so popular, she opened Cathy Church's Photo Centre and Gallery, which became a destination for aspiring underwater photographers everywhere.

During her career, Church co-authored hundreds of articles and four books, held seminars throughout the world, and published a coffee table book called "My Underwater Photo Journey." She has been featured on the cover of "Scuba Times" and received countless awards for both her photography and her work educating and encouraging others to enjoy diving. Church was inducted into the Women Divers Hall of Fame as well as the International Scuba Diving Hall of Fame.

Cassie Veach **Cultural/Performing Arts Class of 2005**

Cassie Veach loved dance at an early age, even touring Europe with

the Blue Lake Fine Arts International Troupe one summer. In high school, they performed with the Muskegon Civic Players and the Central Park Players as well as in numerous GHHS theater pro-



ductions. They received the Bess-Z award for Best Cameo of the Season. However, performing was not an only passion.

As a senior, Veach was named tography in Grand Cayman. Later, French Student of the Year. They

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'Couldn't ask for more' from pickleball tournament, music

By KENYON BOLLING Grand Haven Tribune

exhibition matches.

The Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium hosted the kickoff to the inaugural Grand Haven Open Pickleball Tournament on Thursday

night. Food trucks and live music by Bonfire Rose accompanied the free-to-attend pickleball event in downtown Grand Haven, with eight of the top pickleball players in the area competing in friendly

Chip Gilbertson, who helped organize the event and is the vice president of the Lakeshore Pickleball Club, says he has been playing pickleball for four years.

"I was coming back from an injury and I was talked into coming onto the courts," Gilbertson said. "I was thinking, 'Whiffleball? I don't think so – OK, I'll give it a shot.'



Tribune photo / Kenyon Bolling

The inaugural Grand Haven Pickleball Tournament kicked off Thursday night with exhibition matches at Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium.

thank for that," he added. "We've big numbers." "For a first-year tournament, raised over \$17,000, with 375

we're doing really fantastic, and players participating in the tournawe've got a super committee to ment ... through Sunday. Those are

"It's going great," said Sam capable as I am."

If You Go

What: Grand Haven Open Pickleball Tournament

Where: Mulligan's Hollow When: Continues today and

Ventocilla, a participant in the event. "We have a bunch of people from the community here, we have an awesome band, and we're having a bunch of fun. The food trucks of fun." have been awesome, beautiful weather, couldn't ask for more."

What makes pickleball so great to both Gilbertson and Ventocilla, they say, is the unity it creates.

"I love how it brings together all ages," Gilbertson said. "As a 65-year-old, I can find myself playing across the court from a 12or 13-year-old that is every bit as

Ventocilla echoed that sentiment: "It's very accessible - you can get worked by an 8-year-old or an 80-year-old."

The event isn't your ordinary pickleball showcase, as volunteers from the crowd also get involved.

"We had one where (the tournament players) played with progressively worse paddles," Gilbertson said. "We went from normal to bubble-wrapped paddles, then to frying pans, and then to children's books. So it was a lot

Volunteers from the crowd would then participate in a 3-on-2 game, where three members of the crowd took the stage against two of the tournament players.

The Grand Haven Open continues throughout the weekend at Mulligan's Hollow. For more information, visit the club's website at lakeshorepickleball.com/ grand-haven-open/.

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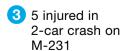
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MEETINGS THIS WEEK

local municipalities in the James St. coming week:

School boards

The Grand Haven Area Public Schools Board of Education will hold a special meeting on Monday, Aug. 18, at 6:30 p.m. to consider a proposed anti-bullying policy, which would rescind the district's current policy. The meeting will be held at the tration Building board room. Duneside Discovery Center at Mary A. White, 1400 Wisconsin Ave., with the purpose of hearing public comment on the policy.

The school board's regular meeting will be held in meeting on Monday night at the same location at 7 p.m. The meeting will begin with Ave. a board recognition of Girls gion Auxiliary simulating state government, and an update on the Duneside Discovery Center following public comment. Later, the board will be asked to consider dates on forest management. approving the recommendations for meal prices for the ing at 7:30 p.m., council is 2025-26 school year, allowing the White Pines Intermediate School kitchen renovation to increase the project contingency by \$30,000, and adopting the new anti-bullying policy.

The Spring Lake Public Schools Board of Education the property, while the secwill meet for a regular meeting on Monday, Aug. 18, at tion to establish an Obsolete 6 p.m. in the Spring Lake Property Rehabilitation Dis-Intermediate/Middle School trict at the site. library, 345 Hammond St. one for the high school's theater fixture upgrades and one purchase of instruction staff laptops at the high school and middle school.

The Fruitport Community will also hold its regular to the Board of Light & Pow-Office board room, 3255 E. ing will include a discussion ter Systems (NOWS) Lake of the district's Nov. 4 bond Michigan Pump Station. proposal, including talks about the newest edition of the district's Focus Newsletter providing information on Tuesday, Aug. 19, at about the updated proposal 6 p.m.; the Historic Conserand updates to the bond proposal website.

Spring Lake Village

Council will meet on Mon-meetings are set to take place day, Aug. 18, at 6 p.m. in Bar- at City Hall. ber School, 102 W. Exchange St. The agenda for the meeting was not released before the Tribune's print deadline. been canceled. The full agenda will be posted on the village's website at springlakevillage.org/boards/ village-council.

Ottawa County

Many Ottawa County boards and committees will be meeting throughout the coming week.

On Monday, Aug. 18, the county's Insurance Authority 18953 N. Fruitport Road, as Board will meet at 9 a.m. in well as hold a discussion on Conference Room F of the Administration Building, located at 12220 Fillmore St. Among other action items, the board will be asked to "approve and appropriate with the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget the recommended Risk Prevention Grants as presented" and approve the 2026 budget. At the end of the meeting, the Insurance agenda, the council will con-Authority Board will go into closed session to consult with one-year special land use attorneys regarding pending from The Gateway Church at litigation.

The Community Mental Health Finance Committee second chance to consider a will also meet on Monday at 3 p.m. in the Community whof for \$99,000 for design Mental Health Board Room, and construction engineering located at 12265 James St. in Holland Township.

On Wednesday, Aug. 20, the county's Parks and Recreation Commission will al. meet at 3 p.m. in the Administration Building board room. Commissioners will be asked to accept the draft concerns, playground equip-2026 Ottawa County Parks, Recreation and Open Space and the First Impression Plan, and approve a request for the annual grant distribution Nature Education Center (NEC) Endowment Fund at Kitchel Lindquist Hartger Grand Haven Area Community Foundation (GHACF) in day, Aug. 19, at 6:30 p.m. the amount of \$4,630 to the at City Hall; and the city's Ottawa County Parks Foundation.

Groundwater Board will meet at 9 a.m. in Conference Room H of the Administration Building; and the Community Action Agency day, Aug. 18, at 6 p.m. at the Advisory Board will meet township's administrative ofat 10 a.m. in the Community fices, 13300 168th Ave.

The following is a list of Action Agency main confermeetings scheduled by our ence room, located at 12551

> The Brownfield Redevelopment Authority is scheduled to meet on Thursday, Aug. 21, at 3:30 p.m. in Conference Room H of the Administration Building.

Closing out the week, the Community Mental Health Board of Directors is scheduled to meet on Friday, Aug. 22, at 9 a.m. in the Adminis-

City of Grand Haven

The Grand Haven City Council is expected to hold two public hearings and a special work session at its City Hall, 519 Washington

At 6:30 p.m., the council State, a week-long program will meet for a work session through the American Le- to hear a presentation from the Sustainability and Energy Commission. Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) wildlife biologist Nik Kalejs will discuss up-

> During the regular meetexpected to hold two public hearings regarding the property at 224 Washington Ave., which has been vacant since Grand Haven Jewelry closed its doors in 2017. The first hearing looks at approving a 20-year Brownfield Plan for ond has to do with a resolu-

Council will also revisit The meeting includes action the preliminary zoning oritems on two bid approvals, dinance passed at its last meeting, which would permit short-term rentals by special for the high school's media land use in the Centertown center/collaboration audio Overlay of the Neighborvideo security, as well as the hood Mixed-Use district. The change would go into effect with the passing of a final resolution on Monday night.

In new business, council Schools Board of Education will discuss an amendment meeting on Monday, Aug. er's purchasing policy, and a 18, at 7 p.m. in the Central bid proposal to replace three variable frequency units at Pontaluna Road. The meet- the Northwest Ottawa Wa-

Other city groups meeting next week include the Duncan Park Commission vation District Commission on Wednesday, Aug. 20, at 5 p.m.; and the Human Relations Commission on Thurs-The Spring Lake Village day, Aug. 21, at 5:30 p.m. All

meeting originally scheduled for Aug. 20 has

Spring Lake Township

The Spring Lake Township Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, Aug. 20, at the Barber School, 102 W. Exchange St. The commission is expected to hold a public hearing to consider a private road special land use at wetland banking.

The Spring Lake Township and Village Hall will be closed on Tuesday, Aug. 19, for staff training.

City of Ferrysburg

Ferrysburg's City Council will meet Monday, Aug. 18, at 7 a.m. at City Hall, 17520 Ridge Ave. According to the sider a request to approve a '00 Maple St.

The council will have a proposal from Prein & Nefor Pine Street from Ridge Avenue to Third Street, At a previous meeting, the council failed to approve the propos-

Work sessions will be held to consider lights on Smith's Bridge, 168th Avenue speed ment at William Ferry Park Tourism Program through MSU Extension.

Also in Ferrysburg, the Dunes Board will meet Tues-Recreation Commission will meet Thursday, Aug. 21, at Also on Wednesday, the 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Grand Haven Township

The township's Planning Commission will meet Mon-

OBITUARIES

Elizabeth 'Betty' A. Thompson

1939 - 2025

Elizabeth "Betty" Thompson, age 86, passed away peacefully in Grand Haven, Michigan, on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, following a long illness.

Betty was a resident of Grand Haven since 1976, where she was an active and beloved member of the community who will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Betty moved to Grand Haven with her husband, Terry ("TJ") Thompson, then a member of the U.S. Coast Guard serving as officer-in-charge of Coast Guard Station Grand Haven.

Betty was a registered nurse at North Ottawa Community Hospital for almost four decades and was recognized as "Nurse of the Year" in 2001. Over her career at North Ottawa Community Hospital, she worked as a MedSurg nurse, an OB nurse, an Emergency Room nurse, and ultimately finished her career as an Operating Room nurse.

Betty was born on January 19, 1939, to James and Fran-Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. She grew up in Wyandotte and St. Ignace, Michigan, and went on to receive her nursing degree from Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. She married Terry "TJ" Thompson in 1960, and the two of them had two children and spent many wonderful years building a life together until he preceded her in death in 2013.

Betty was passionate about life and giving back to the community. An avid and voracious reader, she spent many years as a volunteer at the Loutit District Library in Grand Haven. She was a regular volunteer supporting the American Legion in Grand Haven and was a the Dunes, where she was a Stephen minister.

Betty will be best remembered for her commitment to her children, grandchildren Any interest or hobby of her children or grandchildren instantly became her interest. She passed her love was committed to her many 49417. friends in the community, who will remember her for always being available in their times of need, many of



whom reciprocated her love and support during her time of illness.

Betty is survived by her children and their spouses: James Thompson (Sandra), a corporate and internation-Ann Arbor, Michigan; and Michael Thompson (Maren), at Scripps Clinic and a U.S. Navy veteran, in San Diego, California; five grandsons: and one great-granddaugh-Marcia Murray and Dunless other friends and extended relatives.

We would also like to thank the dedicated and compassionate staff of Lakeshore Grand Haven and Julia Parker of Coastal Connect.

A Celebration of Life will be held to commemorate her life at 11 a.m. Saturday, August 23, at the United Methodist Church of the Dunes, 717 Sheldon Road, Grand Haven, MI 49417. Following the service there will be a time of fellowship and refreshments.

For those unable to attend United Methodist Church of can watch the livestream of the service here: www.you tube.com/@duneschurch grandhaven/streams.

> In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made great-grandchildren. to the Loutit District Library in Grand Haven or the United Methodist Church of the Dunes.

of learning, education, mu- The Vanzantwick Chapel of August 20, 1968, in Grand sic and the arts to them and Sytsema Funeral & Crema- Haven to Robert Earl and took tremendous pride in tion Services, 620 Washing- Rose Mary (Stearns) Hayes. their accomplishments. She ton Ave., Grand Haven, MI Robert worked at Federal



Lois M. McAllister

vallis. A private family Cel- obituary. ebration of Life for Lois will be held. Ash Scattering will be at Lake Forest Cemetery.

time into the Human Rights

After graduating, Veach at-

tended the culturally diverse

Macalester College in St.

Paul, Minnesota, where they

continued to dance alongside

academic pursuits, perform-

ing and choreographing for

the Macalester Showcase

Dance Theater. Veach grad-

uated cum laude with a ma-

jor in international studies

and concentration in African

studies, human rights and

Cameroon and working with

an immigration attorney in

Minnesota, Veach joined the

country of Niger in Africa,

working as a community li-

there, Veach learned the lo-

between French, Zarma and ministrator of Fountain Street

English. Later, Veach was Church in Grand Rapids.

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Coalition.

French.

Lois Marilynne (Meyer) In lieu of flowers, donations McAllister, age 94, of Cor- may be made to a children's vallis, Oregon (formerly of charity of the donor's choice. Grand Haven), passed away Please visit www.klaassen on August 7, 2025, in Corfuneralhome.com for full



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> assigned as a health worker in Botswana, studied the language of Setswana, and taught dance to the nurses and local children.

After the Peace Corps, Veach attended City University of New York School of Law, where they published an article on restorative justice, worked to help immigrants and non-citizens to understand their rights, and first Class A state title. also worked on the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) Parole Preparation Project. Upon graduating, they joined a small defense firm in Queens before becoming a National Lawyers Guild legal observer After studying abroad in and an attorney in New York. Later relocating to Michigan, Veach became a member of the NLG Michigan Chapter Peace Corps and was as- and briefly aided the law firm signed to the Francophone at Lighthouse Immigration Advocates in Holland, providing legal services for imaison to help families access migrants and refugees, and government services. While advocating to help develop a more inclusive and diverse cal language of Zarma and community in West Michiassisted with translations gan. Veach is currently the ad-



Kaye M. Nedderman

Kaye Marilyn Nedderman, age 83, of Grand Haven, passed away on Friday, August 1, 2025, at Grand Pines Assisted Living. She was born on March 19, 1942, in Muskegon, Michigan, to the late Walter and Doris (Bauch) Galimore. Kaye married John Nedderman on June 29, 1963, in Grand Haven.

graduated from Kaye Grand Rapids Creston High School and went on to receive her bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Western Michigan University. She began her teaching career working for a year at Oshtemo Public Schools and then spent al attorney now residing in the next 30 years as a ninthgrade biology teacher and taught and created the curan orthopedic hand surgeon riculum for seventh-grade sex education for Grand Haven Area Public Schools (GHAPS) before her retire-Ryan, Alexander, Christo- ment in 1994. Kaye was a pher, Matthew and Michael; long-time member of St. Todd (Monika) Nedderma, John's Lutheran Church. ter and great-grandson; five During her teaching career, siblings and their families: she coached Grand Haven ces (Bettes) McMillan in James McMillan, Miriam student teams to prepare for children, Bryce and Livia; Champion, Laurel Lannen, the State and National Science Olympiad competitions can McMillan; close friend and received awards for ex-Cathy Bingham; and count- cellence in teaching from multiple students. After retiring from teaching, she also various civic organizations. Assisted Living Homes in Kaye was also the original founder of C.O.R.E. (Cleanbeginning the movement on March 17, 2006, and serving Grand River entering Lake Michigan and increasing public awareness.

activities were traveling to Kaye's online guestbook. Chicago for shopping excursions with friends, attendlongtime congregant at the the service in person, you ing sporting events with her family, coordinating social



activities with her neighborhood, watching the cinema and predicting Oscar winner competition in the Grand Haven Tribune, and spending time with her grandkids. She also enjoyed photography, walking, reading, crossword puzzles, Sudoku, and being a member of her local book club.

Kaye will be lovingly remembered and missed by her loving husband of 62 years, John; and their two sons: along with their daughter, Kamila, and Troy (Jamie) Nedderman, along with their and her sister, Debra (Timothy) McDowell, along with their son, Emil.

The Memorial Service for Kaye will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, September served as science consultant 27, 2025, at Klaassen Famfor GHAPS, speaking at ily Funeral Home, and will be officiated by the family's dear friend, Judy Mosterd. Visitation will be held one up Our River Environment), hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made as president in 2010, im- to the Student Scholarship proving water quality of the for Environmental Science, c/o GHACF; or St. John's Lutheran Church or School. Please visit www.klaassen Some of Kaye's favorite funeralhome.com to sign



Robert Dale Hayes

1968 - 2025

Robert Dale Hayes, age 56, of Grand Haven, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, Arrangements entrusted to at home. He was born on

Mogul until a shoulder injury forced him to retire. He was a lifelong resident of Grand Haven. Robert loved tubing down the Muskegon River with family and bikes, literally all things mechanical.

He is lovingly remembered by his daughter, Desirae (Chaise) Hayes-Balcom; stepdaughter, Christina Potter; stepson, Robert Potter; of Sytsema Funeral & Cretwo sisters, Peggy (Randy) mation Services, 620 Wash-Goodin and Mary Rose ington Ave., Grand Haven, Rhineburger; his aunt, Celeste Engale-LaForest; and many friends. He was pre- line guestbook at www. ceded in death by his par- sytsemafh.com. ents; and his sister, Sue Ann Hayes.

A celebration of Robert's life will be from 2-6 p.m.



friends. He prided himself Friday, August 22, 2025, on being able to repair cars, at the Grand Haven Community Center - Mackinaw Room, 422 Columbus Ave., Grand Haven, MI 49417. Please bring a dish to pass.

> Arrangements entrusted to The VanZantwick Chapel MI 49417. Share memories with the family at their on-



2012 Girls Varsity Basketball Team Athletic Achievement

The 2012 GHHS girls varsity basketball team finished the season with a 27-1 record and mounted one of the greatest comebacks of all time in a gap to 44-32 going into the state championship game, de- fourth. Momentum switched, feating Grosse Pointe South, and Grosse Pointe South, 54-53. It was the program's

The Buccaneers were down as many as 18 points with just under two minutes remaining in the third quarter, finding themselves on the losing end of a 44-26 score. However, a Shar'Rae Davis 3-pointer spurred a 6-0 run, closing the

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under pressure, committed 19 turnovers. Grand Haven capitalized, making its way back into the game and eventually taking the lead.

With her team trailing by a point and just seconds left on the clock, Davis drove the length of the court for a layup and a 54-53 lead, allowing Grand Haven to clinch the win and celebrate its first-ever championship.

Head coach Katie Kowalczyk-Fulmer called it the longest game of her life, and also an emotional one.

The team played knowing five students from Grand Haven were hospitalized with serious injuries suffered in a car crash on their way to cheer on the team in the semifinal game.

The team featured Abby Craymer, Taylor Shar'Rae Davis (first-team All-State), Morgan Hawver, Cassie Holwerda, Jordan Keefe, Grace Kendra, Alex Law (first-team All-State), Megan Newhouse, Angie Schultz, Kaeding Skelton, Courtney Springer, Hannah Wilkerson, head coach Katie Kowalczyk-Fulmer, and assistant coaches Katie Erickson, Gary Hogeboom, Scott Przystas and Korie Schmidt.

2013 Girls Varsity **Basketball Team Athletic Achievement**

Following a championship season isn't exactly easy, especially if the team graduated seven seniors. However, the 2013 Grand Haven girls basketball team didn't let that get in their way. With six returning players and six newcomers on the squad, they not only proved they were still contenders, but also pushed aside pressure and expectations to finish with a perfect 28-0 record and went on to bring home the state title for the second year in a row.

The state championship game turned out to be a rematch against Grosse Pointe



2013 Grand Haven girls basketball team

to double digits, but that's when their 6-foot-5 powerhouse Abby Cole went to the bench in foul trouble. Like a reversal of the previous year, Buccaneer turnovers allowed the Blue Devils to close the gap. The game eventually went into overtime – just the seventh overtime game in on all-area recognition. state tournament history.

began, the Bucs wasted no becoming a diately going on a 5-0 run. a score of 60-54.

Abby Cole (first-team All-State and Class A Player of the Year), Taylor Craymer, Krysteena Davis, Jami Hogeboom, Grace Kendra, in his senior year he made the Amanda Merz, Angie Schultz, Emily Sexton, Courtney Springer, Bailey TeBeau, Hannah Wilkerson, head coach Katie Kowalczyk-Fulmer, and assistant coaches Katie Erickson, Taylor Nauta, Scott Przystas and Korie Schmidt.

Aaron Cummings Athletic Achievement Class of 2015

GHHS, Aaron Cummings sionally and went on to earn was known for his work eth- a spot on the USA Rugby Na-South. The Bucs led most of ic, determination, grit and tional Team, representing the the game, entering the second enthusiasm. He was captain USA in more than 28 internahalf on top 26-17. By the third of the football and track and tional tournaments, eventual-

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tling team. In all-conference honors

and Muskeg-

Cummings started wres-When the extra minutes tling his sophomore year, conference time taking control, imme- champion and state qualifier in both 2014 and 2015. With Cole back on the court, He was named all-district the Bucs shooting 76 per- three times, all-region twice, cent from the floor and key and garnered two honorable free throws made down the mention all-state honors. As stretch, Grand Haven became a senior, he helped lead the back-to-back champions with team to a regional championship, earning Grand Haven's The 2013 team champions wrestling program its first included Mallory Beswick, appearance at the team state wrestling finals.

> In track, Cummings was a gifted sprinter and middle-distance runner; however, switch to rugby, which ultimately became a life-changing decision. In only one season, Cummings led the team to the state championship game, and though he attended Davenport University on a football scholarship, he once again switched to rugby, playing on the university's team, which was third best in the nation.

From there, Cummings As a four-sport athlete at began playing rugby profes-

time captain largest stage: the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris. Cummings is Grand Haven's first his senior year and only Olympian, playing football, a game he first learned as a earned Buccaneer.

Cummings is now captain of the national team and is currently earning his bachelor's degree in sports management from Bellevue Uni-

Thomas Treutler Service to Society Class of 1986

Thomas multi-talented man whose ball in Vietnam, and his work love of base-

tran-

ball scends continents. After grad-

uating from University of Michigan's engineering school, Treut-

ler studied Vietnamese at Stanford while working in California, volunteering for an immersion program in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. He and taught English literatranslator and emcee, and appearing in commercials.

TREUTLER

He married, returned to America, graduated magna cum laude from Indiana the task. University Law School and Hanoi, Vietnam, Treutler be-

first and only organized youth baseball team.

The Hanoi Capitals debuted in 2008 with just six kids, a whiffle ball and bat. Completely new to the sport (besides Tom's son, Ben, who'd played in the U.S.), they lost 34 straight games. However, under Treutler's tutelage and with hard work and determination, the losing streak ended and interest in the game grew. In 2011, they won the Southeast Asia 12U championship of Pony Baseball and in 2015 made it to the Colt

World Series. In their U.S. home, the Treutlers hosted 11 Hanoi negie Hall, and even overplayers who, with their son, attended Muskegon Catholic Central High School, helping the baseball team to the state championships. Several Hanoi players earned all-district, all-region, and/or allstate honors and later attended college in the U.S.

To date, the Hanoi club has bers over the years who've participated in more than 25 international tournaments, including a friendly competition with the Grand Haven Young Bucs. Treutler not only founded but also served Treutler is a as president of Pony Basein youth baseball has made news worldwide, covered by the Wall Street Journal and the Los Angeles Times. All the while, Treutler practices and teaches intellectual property law in Vietnam.

Shirley Lemon Honorary Award for Service to GHAPS

In 1981, GHAPS hired Central Michigan University graduate Shirley Lemon to not only teach vocal music Chautauqua organization to became fluent in Vietnamese but also build an excellent commission and conduct a program. With the support of ture there, later working as a Assistant Superintendent Dr. Bill Cansfield, Music Department Chair Craig Flahive, as well as music faculty and staff, she knew she was up to

had two sons. Relocating to attitude, she encouraged, challenged and empowered came managing director and her students to work as a Directors partner of one of the oldest, team, instilling confidence, largest and most prestigious commitment, respect and as president elect and preslaw firms in Southeast Asia. responsibility, and helping quarter, their lead had grown field teams, as well as a two- ly competing on the world's He also founded Vietnam's them realize their potential Symphony Chorus.



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not only in

numbers, but in quality as

Lemon spread the stellar reputation of Grand Haven across the Midwest and beyond, her choirs performing nationwide in places like Washington, D.C., and Carseas in Vienna and Salzburg, Austria. Along the way, they collected awards such as Outstanding Choir in Michigan (2000, 2003, 2008) and invitations to prestigious events like the Michigan Music Conference (1993, 1998, 2000, 2006).

Close to home, their exhad more than 400 mem- ceptional performances were experienced by many businesses, municipalities and organizations, and at special events like the Musical Fountain's 50th Anniversary, the Hospice of Ottawa County Memorial Service and the Tri-Cities Historical Museum Grand Opening ceremonies.

"Songs for Baby", one of seven CDs that Lemon recorded with the high school, was given to every child born at North Ottawa Community Hospital. She was a founding member of the Grand Haven Education Association's Celebration of Learning (1994, 1996, 1998) as well as the Night of 100 Stars (2000, 2004) honoring area volunteers. Lemon collaborated with the Tri-Cities choral work premiered by a 150-voice community choir and the GHHS Chamber Choir at Waterfront Stadium (2000, 2001).

She served as president elect, president and past pres-With her contagious upbeat ident of the Michigan School Music Association (MSV-MA), the American Choral Association-MI secretary, and spent five years ident of the Grand Rapids



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