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KEVIN RIVOLI, THE CITIZEN

Highland Park Golf Club in Sennett is celebrating 100 years.

Highland Park Golf Club celebrates 100 years

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SENNETT - Since 1925, Highland Park Golf Club has endured through patience and persistence – much like the game it-

In August, members of the Sennett club and guests commemorated its 100th anniversary with music, fireworks and more festivities. Days later, The Citizen sat down with board of directors President



OF VIEW: For more photos and a video from Highland Park Golf Club, point your smartphone camera at the QR code and tap the link. **NEWSVU**

Dom Basile and members Kathy Becker, Sharon Franchina, Marisa Carnicelli and Jack Weinerth to talk about Highland Park and the people who cherish it.

"We've played golf together, we com-

pete against each other, and yet we are great friends," said Becker, the club's first and only woman president. "We've built lifelong friendships up here."

Basile said a great deal of work goes into maintaining the 145-acre property, which gets its name from its elevation.

The club offers memberships, and they come with first choice of tee times. But

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CRIME

Man arrested in child sex sting sentenced

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A man arrested in a child sex sting last summer in Auburn has been sentenced to prison.

Wilver O. Laparra-Gonzalez, 35, was sentenced to 1.5 years in prison by Judge Jon Budelmann on Tuesday morning in Cayuga County

Laparra-Gonzalez, who gave officers an address in Throop but is in the U.S. illegally, was charged Aug. 8 with second-degree attempted rape and second-degree attempted criminal sex act.

His arrest at Melone Village apartments followed a child sexual exploitation investigation that led to two other arrests and a suicide in front of officers.

The suspects came to the site to pay for sex with what they thought was a 14-year-old girl, but was actually law enforcement.

On Tuesday, Budelmann said that while there was no actual child involved in the crime, it was still "very serious."

However, the judge said he decided to give Laparra-Gonzalez a shorter sentence than the three years sought by the Cayuga County District Attorney's Office because it was the defendant's first crime, he has been supporting his family, and the Cayuga County Probation Department believes he has a low risk of recidivism

The sentence will be followed by three years of post-release supervision.

Asked by Budelmann through an interpreter if he had anything

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KEVIN RIVOLI, THE CITIZEN

Investigators collect evidence at the scene of a suicide during a confrontation with Auburn police at Melone Village in August 2024.

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