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## Saturday, June 25

# Midsommarfest with VASA

### Cadwallader Park - noon

Keeping with years of tradition, our lodge is invited to join in the fun at the VASA Midsommarfest at Cadwallader Park in Hickory Corners. The activities start at noon and the smörgåsbord meal begins at 1 p.m.

Water and ice will be provided. Bring a dish to pass of any type of food – Scandinavian preferred. There's a covered pavilion and a playground at the park for the kids. Planned activities including a maipole and a round of the Viking game of Kubb.

If you try to search online for directions to Cadwallader Park, you likely will not find any. I can't even give you an address for the park, although it is located on Hickory Road between the Gilmore Car Museum and Hickory Corners. So I advise you to get your directions lined up long before you head out to the park. Directions to the Gilmore Car Museum are available online, so if you can make it there from your location, you can follow our directions the remainder of the way.

**Directions to Cadwallader Park from several points are on page 2.**

Please schedule enough time for travel to these out-of-town events. Note the special times/weekdays of these events.

## Sunday, July 17

# Norwegian Fjord Horses

### Crandall Farm - 2 p.m.

Please join us for this favorite summer outing, a treat for the child in all of us. This is an indoor event, so no worries if it rains. You may want to bring your camera to capture the beauty of the unique Fjord horses.

After the informational program, which is fascinating for both adults and kids, we will be given the chance to ride the horses. Long pants and appropriate shoes (not sandals) are recommended.

You are encouraged to bring drinking water and you may show up as early as 1:30 to visit the horses in their stalls and get pictures (no flash) with them. This is the largest herd of Norwegian Fjord horses in Michigan. The event ends at 4 p.m.

The Crandall Farm (Nottawa Crossing Fjords) hosting July's event is located at 12987 G Drive S, Marshall, 49068, if you prefer to use your GPS locator or **directions from I-94 can be found at the bottom of page 2.**

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## Directions to Cadwallader & Crandall Farm

### Directions to Cadwallader Park from I-94

Exit I-94 at Exit 85 (Galesburg-Augusta). Turn toward Galesburg-Augusta.  
 Travel north on 35<sup>th</sup> St 1 mile.  
 Turn left on M-96/E Michigan Ave and follow .8 mile.  
 Turn right at N 33<sup>rd</sup> St for 3.1 miles.  
 Continue on N 32<sup>nd</sup> St for 5.5 miles.  
 N 32<sup>nd</sup> St turns right and becomes M-43/Wall Lake Rd. Follow 3.3 miles.  
 Turn right (east) onto Hickory Road.  
 Cadwallader Park is 2.1 miles on the left. (If you get to Hickory Corners, you've gone too far.)

### Directions to Cadwallader Park from inside Kalamazoo (Gull Road & Sprinkle intersection)

Follow Gull Road/M-43 northeast for 5.1 miles to traffic light in Richland.  
 Turn left (north) on M-43/M-89 and follow 5.7 miles.  
 Turn right (east) onto Hickory Road.  
 Cadwallader Park is 2.1 miles on the left. (It's before Hickory Corners)

### Directions to Cadwallader Park from US -131 North of Kalamazoo (or M-89)

Exit US -131 at Exit 49A - Plainwell.  
 Follow M-89 east 12 miles to stop sign at M-43.  
 Turn left (north) on M-43 and continue for 5 miles.  
 Turn right (east) onto Hickory Road.  
 Cadwallader Park is 2.1 miles on the left. (It's before Hickory Corners)  
 Directions to Crandall Farm from Kalamazoo (I-94 & Sprinkle intersection)

## Viking ship coming to Michigan!

*Joan O'Bryan, Lodge Facebook Administrator*

People across the state are very excited about the chance to see the amazing Viking ship that set sail from Norway in April and is headed toward a single stop in Michigan on its way to ports in Chicago, Green Bay, and Duluth, Minnesota, for the 2016 Tall Ships Challenge series of races and rallies.

The much-anticipated arrival of the Viking ship at Wenonah Park in Bay City is July 14. The event at Bay City, Michigan, runs through July 17 before the ships depart for Navy Pier in Chicago.

Each port city handles ticketing differently. Information in this article pertains only to the Bay City Tall Ships Celebration. The daily admission fee is only \$8 if purchased by June 30. You must purchase one daily admission ticket per person for each day you attend the festival. Children 36" and under are admitted free of charge and must be accompanied by a paying adult. A Souvenir Passport to board those ships that allow it is \$8 more. The Viking ship is not one that has been listed for boarding tours. The Admission ticket and Souvenir Passport prices rise to \$10 after June 30 and a \$1.43 fee is charged for each ticket regardless of when it is purchased. Sail-Away tickets are also available for \$50-\$100 for the two Appledore ships only and also require a Daily Entrance Fee. No Sail-Away tickets are offered for the Viking ship.

Tall Ship Celebration is an outdoor festival with little to no shelter from the weather so dress appropriately. Many other activities will be taking place in Bay City at Wenonah Park as part of the Tall Ships Celebration. Visit their web site for information on other activities as well as directions, parking and shuttle information: [www.tallshipcelebration.com](http://www.tallshipcelebration.com)

### The Viking ship Draken Harald Hårfagre



Vessel Type: Viking Longship  
 Flag: Norway  
 Homeport: Haugesund, Norway  
 Spurred Length: 115'  
 Beam: 26'  
 Rig Height: 78'  
 Sail Area: 2,798 square feet  
 Power: Sail, Oars  
 Hull: Wood

Since the Vikings made few records about ship-building and sailing techniques, the Draken Harald Hårfagre is a replica longship based on details gleaned from Norse sagas and modeled after ships uncovered in archaeological digs. Outfitted with a sail of red silk, the craft can reach top sailing speeds of 14 knots, or 16 mph. When winds are low, 25 pairs of oars propel the ship. Although there are a few modern additions such as safety and navigation equipment and communication gear, the ship itself was hand-built, solely using traditional boat-building methods. To honor tradition, the ornate dragon's head prow of the ship was revealed in a ceremony prior to the ship's launch from Haugesund, Norway in April. The colorful carved adornment was traditionally mounted right before departure to protect the crew from bad weather, pirate raids and evil, and removed while in port.

A task not for the faint of heart, the 32-person crew for the expedition was selected from 4,000 applicants hailing from the U.S. and Europe. Captain Björn Ahlander praised his crew, stating that they have to withstand rain, cold, harsh mental physical demands and get by on little sleep and no privacy.

A: I 94 & Sprinkle Rd, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

	1: Start out going SOUTH on S SPRINKLE RD.	0.1 mi
	2: Merge onto I-94 E toward DETROIT.	28.4 mi
	3: Merge onto I-69 S via EXIT 108 toward MARSHALL/FT WAYNE.	6.5 mi
	4: Take the M-227/F DRIVE SOUTH exit, EXIT 32.	0.4 mi
	5: Turn RIGHT onto MI-227/F DR S.	0.1 mi
	6: Turn LEFT onto 15 1/2 MILE RD.	0.3 mi
	7: Turn RIGHT onto G DR S.	0.7 mi
	8: G DR S becomes 15 MILE RD.	0.2 mi
	9: 15 MILE RD becomes G DR S.	1.4 mi
	10: G DR S becomes H DR S.	0.7 mi
	11: Turn RIGHT onto 13 MILE RD.	0.5 mi
	12: Turn LEFT onto G DR S.	0.0 mi
	13: End at 12987 G Dr S Marshall, MI 49068-9249	

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## Fra Presidenten

Memorial Day has come and gone. Now, it's time for the summer events to begin. No more monthly Lodge meetings until September.

I want to say a few words about one of our Lodge members and the Memorial Day just completed.

This year's Memorial Day in Kalamazoo was very special as a result of the inspiration of one of our Heritage members, James Kraatz. If you remember, the Kraatz Family: James, his mother Elizabeth and his sister, Alice, talked about their 2015 family Norway trip at the March Lodge meeting.

James, a nine-year-old Cub Scout, came up with the idea that the community should show appreciation to the Vietnam Veterans.

After writing a letter to the Mayor and appearing before the Kalamazoo City Council, James' idea became reality on Saturday, May 28, when hundreds of Veterans and their friends attended the community event *A Tribute to Vietnam Veterans and Their Families* held at the Air Zoo in Portage.

Kalamazoo Mayor Bobby Hopewell and Portage Mayor Pro Tem Nasim Ansari presided over the event, which included a flyover and the singing of the National Anthem by Matt Giraud of *American Idol* fame.

Veterans were presented a special commemorative pin issued by the Department of Defense.

On behalf of the entire Lodge membership, I want to congratulate James for his suggestion and the success of this special tribute to the Vietnam Veterans. The members of Askeladden Lodge are proud of you and the other Heritage members of the Lodge.

As a post script, we want to thank Elizabeth, James' mother, for the tremendous amount of work she did to make this event a success.

Yours truly,

Curtis A. Cleveland, Lodge President

## Gratulerer med dagen!

*Fødselsdag Hilsener*

### June/July Birthdays

June - Kaeler James Stafne  
June - Sandra Shaffer  
June - Amanda O'Bryan  
June - Anne Rapp  
June - Terese Sherman  
July - Terilyn Koretsky  
July - Sondra Phillips  
July - Marilyn Sogge  
July - Karin Loberg Code  
July - Iona Robbins

## Lodge treated to wonderful Grieg piano duet concert for Syttende Mai

*Curtis Cleveland, Cultural Committee Chair*

On May 15, 23 members and guests enjoyed the annual Syttende Mai Celebration.

Our guests included two visitors from Norway, cousins of Joan O'Bryan, who were in the area for a family wedding and dressed in their bunads for Syttende Mai.

Robert Laird and Margaret Hastings, both Charter members, were present at this meeting after an absence of several months. It was nice to see both of them.

We started the meeting with the Children's Parade, followed by a game of Jeopardy, identifying the names of 13 famous Norwegian women.

The highlight of the celebration was the *Four Hands – One Piano* concert performed by Margery Selden and Mary Jane Sullivan. They played the "Norwegian Dances, Opus 35, Nos 1, 2, and 3" by Edvard Grieg.

Joyce Hare, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, presented an award of \$800 to Christina Sherman for the Myrtle Beinhauer –

Askeladden Lodge Scholarship. Christina, daughter of Terese and David Sherman, appearing in a beautiful family bunad, thanked the members for the award. Joyce announced that Joseph Thorsrud, son of Bjorn Thorsrud, won the other \$800 scholarship. Joseph was not able to be present, but he had emailed his thanks to the Lodge prior to the meeting.



We offered the traditional Toast to the King and Queen of Norway and we concluded the meeting with the singing of "God Bless the King."

This meeting was important for our Community Service Program. Members donated 80 items or 73 pounds of non-perishable food for the Food Drive. The food was delivered to the Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes. In addition, members donated \$147 to the three Food Banks that serve this area. The donations were broken down as follows: \$55 to the Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes; \$25 to the Food Bank of South Central Michigan in the Battle Creek area; and \$67 to Feeding America: West Michigan in the Grand Rapids area.

As a comparison, last year at the May 2015 meeting, members donated 60 items or 40 pounds of non-perishable food to the Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes and donated \$247 to the three Food Banks.

The Syttende Mai Smorgasbord featured ham, beef stew, cheeses, breads, herring, salads and desserts.

The set-up and clean-up duties were performed by Sandy Shaffer, Ashlie Niles, Joyce Hare, and Teri Koretsky.

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## JUNI/JULI KALENDER

-  • juni 5 - Grundlovsdag - Constitution Day of Denmark
-  • juni 6 - Sveriges nasjonaldag - National Day of Sweden
-  • juni 7 - Unionsoppløsningen - Norway-Sweden Union dissolved 1905
-  • juni 14 - U.S. Flag Day
-  • juni 17 - Icelandic National Day
- juni 19 - Father's Day
- juni 24 - Sankt Hans Dag - Jonsok - Midsummer Day
- **juni 25** - **VASA Midsommarfest at Cadwallader Park, Hickory Corners - noon**
-  • juli 1 - Canada Day
-  • juli 4 - U.S. Independence Day
-  • juli 4 - HM Queen Sonja's Birthday, 1937
- **juli 17** - **Askeladden Lodge gathering - Norwegian Fjord Horses at Crandall Farm - 2pm**
-  • juli 20 - HRH Crown Prince Haakon Magnus' Birthday, 1973
-  • juli 29 - St. Olav's Day (Olsok)
- juli 31 - last day to submit *Askeladden News* articles for the August issue



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