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Crane Sisters Preserve 715 Feet
of Shoreline on Their Beloved
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President's Column: Your Conservancy Community

Who cares that the Leelanau Conservancy is conserving the land, water, and scenic character of the county? As we focus on our mission, we are also aware of our commitment to the community that supports and benefits from our work.

A composite picture of the Leelanau Conservancy Community includes the two-year-old who experienced DeYoung on a recent "Hike-It Baby" hike; the 30-year-old who participated in a Fun Run at Palmer Woods; the multi-generational families that explore the Natural Areas and Preserves and the people around the world (more than 25,000) who follow us via email, Facebook, and Instagram to get their Leelanau "fix."

A significant part of this community are the farming families who have lived here for generations and made the choice to protect their farms from non-agricultural development. They are truly superstars in showing their love of the land. These lands are part of the scenic character we love and of the local economy producing valuable crops and jobs. In addition, some farm conservation easements protect the water quality of the county. Through 167 conservation easements—including farmland and natural lands—more than 8,500 acres are protected and remain on the tax rolls.

While we focus on protecting special places, we also have a responsibility to be relevant to those who live here and those who visit. Many of our lands are open for hunting based on the ecology of the property. During hunting season, we also have properties which are closed to hunting so there are Natural Areas for non-hunters to walk. People with disabilities can go fishing on Cedar Lake and enjoy a view across the lake that is protected by conservation easements. School children explore lands that once were not publicly accessible. We have a history of hosting summer interns who return to the county as employees, neighbors, supporters.

Through partnerships, we have been able to

enhance our abilities to both protect land and to be part of more communities. Collaboration with township governments resulted in the DeYoung and Clay Cliffs Natural Areas. Through work with the state government, more recreational land has been added to the Leelanau State Park and the Pere Marquette State Forest (Cedar River). We are helping to support the communities in two townships by keeping the Palmer Woods Forest Reserve on the tax rolls.

As we think about our work for the next 50 years (and in perpetuity), we are committed to growing the Leelanau Conservancy Community. We recognize that we have to earn the trust of each generation who will live, work, visit, and love this special place. It has been five years since we surveyed our Conservancy Community. In the coming months, we will be asking for your input on how we can deepen our mission and grow the community who values this special place called Leelanau.



Sharon Oriel
Board President

Cover photo by
Ann Crane



Earth Week brought out many young families to DeYoung Natural Area for a "Hike it Baby" hike.

Upcoming Events

Take a Hike:

Check out a fantastic summer/early fall schedule of docent-led adventures on our website. Group hikes are a great way to learn about our natural areas and to make new friends. For the docent schedule, visit leelanauconservancy.org/events/hikes/

Sustainers Hikes and Gatherings:

If you are a Sustainer and did not receive info on planned summer and fall gatherings please let us know! Email blepoidevin@leelanauconservancy.org

Workbees:

Watch our website events page for planned workbees.

Conservancy Day:

Thursday, August 3rd (see back cover)



In our Annual Report we told you about a new program that provides matchmaking for farmers. "Farmer to Farmer" will connect buyers and sellers as well as lessors and lessees of farmland, while also connecting farmers with potential employees through an online database.

The Leelanau Conservancy is spearheading the project, which covers five counties, and is working closely with M.S.U. Horticulture Research Center, Taste the Local Difference, and Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy on the initiative. The new Farmer to Farmer website is now up and running, so please spread the word to family and friends who might be interested. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Sam Plotkin, Farm Programs Manager for the Leelanau Conservancy: splotkin@leelanauconservancy.org. Find the new Farmer to Farmer website here: www.f2fmi.com.

Eitzen Family Preserves Land and Legacy of Farming

The Eitzen's prime fruit growing land overlooks Good Harbor Bay. The family has ensured that this land will always be available for farming.

When it comes to the history of Leelanau County, one family's story—that of the Eitzens—is about as intertwined as it gets. The first Eitzen, Johann, arrived in the county in 1885. He homesteaded 160 acres along Townline Road, and after he died, his children carried on. They tended a dairy herd and chickens and grew row crops as well as some of the first cherry trees in the county.

The land that Johann homesteaded eventually became part of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. But an adjacent 190 acres—owned then by Lyle Eitzen—was situated just outside the park's boundaries in Centerville Township.

Today, because of the generosity of the Eitzens who inherited Lyle's land, that 190 acres of prime fruit growing land has been preserved with a conservation easement.* The land will remain in agriculture forever—something that was very important to the Eitzen family. "We wanted to make sure that it could always be farmed," says Virginia (Ginny) Eitzen."

"Their commitment to conserving the farm is evident from the donation of 25% of the land's development value," says Sam Plotkin, Farm Programs Manager. "We're grateful to the Eitzens for preserving this globally rare farm acreage and a magnificent view of the Manitou Passage."

The land is private and not open to the public. But views of this pastoral property visible from Good Harbor Trail will be enjoyed for generations to come—especially at blossom time. The Eitzen's land is adjacent to other protected farms, including the Ben Hohnke and Kelenske family farms, creating a 527-acre block of conserved lands. Finally, because the farm backs up to the old Sugarloaf Resort and features fabulous views of Good Harbor Bay, it was at prime risk for development.

"There are not very many communities in the nation that care as deeply about their farming heritage as much as Leelanau does," says Tom Nelson, Executive Director. "Ginny and her family's commitment to create an enduring legacy for farming today and for tomorrow makes them nothing short of heroes in our book. We are so thankful for our partnership with the Eitzens."

*See page 5 to learn about conservation easements.



Shoreline Preserved

*Crane Family Preserves 715 Feet of Natural
Shoreline on Beloved Lake Leelanau*

The Crane sisters' childhood memories of summers spent on Lake Leelanau are as crystal clear as the lake itself. The minute school let out, the exodus from the suburbs of Washington DC to Northern Michigan began. Their father, who worked for the postal service, loaded their station wagon and the large family piled in.

The marathon drive north during the 1960s is embedded in the sisters' memories. Their mother, Kathleen Baxter Crane, was a dietician, but broke the rules for the long trip. "There was a lot of candy," says Ellen Crane, who also recalls "no seat belts, everyone carving out their space, and that great feeling that came over all of us when we crossed the bridge at the Narrows."

"It was like a cartoon when we arrived—the doors flew open and bodies fell out," she adds. They all ran to the lake to check out the sand bars. "For me, the word Michigan conjures up staying up late, northern lights, rowing to the Narrows and seeing enormous catfish and huge schools of yellow perch."

Her grandparents, Edward and Gertrude Baxter, had purchased this seven-acre slice of heaven in the early 1920s. They ordered a cottage to be delivered in all its parts by train to Lake Leelanau. Mr. Baxter and his brother-in-law assembled the cottage piece by piece, which still stands—on a rise back from the shoreline.

For Kathleen and her children, a couple of weeks up north eventually stretched to entire summers, while her husband, Donn, returned to work after a vacation. Ann Crane recalls playing in the water for hours, and the love for the land that grew deeper with each summer. Her grandfather was an early riser, and a fisherman. By 6:30 a.m. he was already back from the lake with a string of perch, banging on their door, announcing that pancakes and bacon were ready.

Kathleen inherited the land after her father died and continued to steward it, removing invasive species, planting wildflowers, and creating bridges from downed logs. Ellen recalls how disturbed her mom was to see wetlands being filled in with dump trucks full of dirt when that was still legal. Houses went up across the lake, she adds, "destroying habitat once filled with swamp roses, cardinal flower and nurseries for painted turtles."



Three generations of the Crane family enjoying their slice of heaven on North Lake Leelanau

Realtors wandered down their lane every now and then. Ellen recalls how one complimented Kathleen on her “nice investment.” Her mother stiffened and replied, “Sir, this is not an investment, it is my land and my home,” then walked away, recalls Ellen.

Their father died in 2006 and their mother began to develop dementia. The Crane sisters—Ellen, Ann, Kathy and Lynne—pondered their options. The non-homestead taxes were nearly \$27,000 a year—a real burden on the family. They knew that their mother would never want to see the land developed, and so Ellen and her sister, Kathy Crane, began to talk with the Leelanau Conservancy over a decade ago. “I really wanted to conserve it all along,” says Ellen. “I loved that place so intensely.” But her mother was wary. Kathleen fretted that she might need to sell the land to pay for nursing care.

When Kathleen died in 2014, the four Crane sisters circled back to the Leelanau Conservancy. Matt Heiman, Director of Land Programs, visited the property to explore their options and was wowed. They saw turtles and green heron near shore, mink swimming and otters sliding on their backs into the lake. It is a stretch of shoreline so rich in habitat for waterfowl, fish and other animals that

it’s common, says Ellen, to see kayakers pause to watch the nature show.

Ultimately, three acres and 715 feet of shoreline—one of our largest lake frontage projects ever—were preserved with a conservation easement purchased by the Leelanau Conservancy (see box). The Cranes’ land is private, and they continue to own, visit and enjoy this place they love. But it will never be developed beyond their current family cottages because the Cranes have sold their development rights to the Leelanau Conservancy. “The land was imminently developable into several home sites but thankfully, that was not in the Crane family’s wishes,” says Matt Heiman.

“Had we divvied it up, we could have gotten a lot of money for it,” says Ellen. “But, it would have been like turning your back on a family member. How can you sell what you love?”

The family contributed more than 25% to the cost of the project, funded in large part by Michigan’s Clean Michigan Initiative and private donations. “Matt has been wonderfully helpful and reassuring every step of the way,” says Ann. “I look at North Lake Leelanau and see land protected as a magnificent thing. The right thing. I feel like we’re doing something good for Leelanau.”

A Conservation Easement:

- Is a legal agreement: Protecting the natural qualities of your land by restricting development.
- Is flexible: You negotiate the terms of your Conservation Easement with the Conservancy’s Land Protection Specialist.
- Keeps land in private ownership: Many people mistakenly think that when they place a conservation easement on their property, it becomes open to the public. Not true! Conservation easement landowners retain the right to keep their land private.
- Can result in an income tax deduction and reduced property and estate taxes.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE *Leelanau*.

Earth Week 2017

We hope you loved our 2nd Annual Earth Week as much as we did! Earth Week was all about celebrating Leelanau and the work we do to protect it. There were many highlights, including our first ever Trail Fun Run at Palmer Woods with M22, and over 200 people coming out to celebrate Earth Day with us at Tandem Ciders with music by the Moxie Strings. Thanks to Tandem Ciders and Hop Lot for supporting our efforts.

A huge thank you to M22, who partnered with us this Earth Week and donated 100% of their record sales on Earth Day to us.

We're also grateful to Bill and Jeannie Dennler, who launched the Volunteer Matching Challenge the first day of Earth Week. Each person who volunteers will be matched with a \$50 donation to the Leelanau Conservancy. The Dennlers will match the work of up to 100 volunteers.

9 Earth Week Events

141 volunteers and hikers participated

39 runners hit the trails at the Palmer Woods M22 Trail Run

200+ friends celebrated Earth Day at Tandem Ciders

30 photos submitted to the Photo Contest: #LeelanauEarthWeek

\$18,500+ donated from M22 Earth Day sales



Docent Ann McInnis (left) helped Director Tom Nelson lead a hike at Kehl Lake Natural Area during Earth Week. We love her sentiment about Earth Week (see page 8.)



Photo by Mark Smith

Our thanks to the many volunteers, like Amy Tennis (above), who turned out to wage war on garlic mustard. We held 13 workbees at five natural areas and pulled garbage bags full of this evil invader. We were most encouraged to pull the plant from lightly infested areas, knowing that we are protecting the wonderful plant diversity in these places. More depressing are the places where garlic mustard is gaining a foothold in larger patches, and in some cases, taking over and decimating our native plants. We are already talking about how we can tackle this problem next spring and make greater inroads in eradicating garlic mustard from our natural areas. We will certainly need your help again next year; stay tuned.



M22 staff and friends celebrate after the Earth Week Fun Run at Palmer Woods. Many thanks to M22 for all their help, and for generously donating 100% of their sales on Earth Day.



Over 200 people turned out to celebrate and bond on a beautiful Earth Day at Tandem Cider and enjoyed the unique sound of The Moxie Strings.



Photo by Barb Wood

Wildflower Rescue kicked off their season during Earth Week with their annual meeting, and the first dig with these dedicated volunteers followed just days later. Over Memorial Weekend volunteers sold rescued wildflowers at the Village Green annual sale, which raises thousands of dollars each year to benefit the Leelanau Conservancy.

Volunteers!

Volunteers have always been critical to the Leelanau Conservancy achieving its mission. Volunteers help with all areas of Conservancy work, like building trails and fighting invasive species at workbees, monitoring water quality, designing marketing materials and helping address envelopes. Volunteers are some of our most committed donors and ambassadors and are instrumental in accomplishing the good work of the Conservancy. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Claire at cwood@leelanauconservancy.org.



Above: (l-r) Community Engagement Coordinator Claire Wood met with trail stewards Bill Rosemurgy, Karen Mulvahill, Melanie Rogers, and Bruce Barnes and volunteer Mina Weymouth-Little at the Trail Steward Kickoff meeting this spring at Whaleback Natural Area.

Left: Wildflower Rescue Volunteer Barry Dove. The volunteer group rescues native wildflowers from destruction at construction sites across the county.

Photo by Barb Wood

"I view the role of the Conservancy as one of the last best ways to instill in people a strong enough appreciation for the natural world and its awesome interconnections and interrelationships with the hope, of course, that they will be inspired to do all they can to insure its future." - Ann McInnis, Docent



Above: Volunteer Edie Juno pulls garlic mustard at Lighthouse West.

Photo by Mark Smith



Above: Students from Kingsley High School joined us at Clay Cliffs to pull the invasive garlic mustard near the old homestead site.

Below: A scarlet tanager from volunteer photographer Bert Thomas. Calling all photographers! We are looking for volunteers willing to share their images of Leelanau. If you are interested, please email photos to info@leelanauconservancy.org or share on social media using the hashtag #whyeelelanau. We promise to credit photographers when we use your content.



Volunteers Keep Trails in Great Shape

Chuck and Janet Whetsel (right) live just a few miles from Kehl Lake Natural Area. They often hike this spectacular place, so serving as Trail Stewards just comes naturally. About once a month, Chuck hauls a sled loaded with a chainsaw and pruners, and he and Janet walk all the trails, with an eye out for problems.

For safety's sake, it's crucial that staff or volunteers who are using a chainsaw have a partner along and also complete a chainsaw safety training. In addition to making sure Chuck stays safe, Janet tosses branches that have fallen onto the path into the woods and keeps an eye out for trail markers that are obscured by branches and need a quick pruning.

At Kehl Lake, trees have shallow roots because of the high water table. As a result, it's not unusual for strong winds to topple trees that can block our trails. If it's a small tree, Chuck and Janet just pick it up and rotate it away from the trail. When it's too big to lift, the chainsaw is needed to clear the path.

In a video that you can watch on our website, Chuck talks about why he loves being a trail steward. "The advantage is that you become intimate with the property that you are responsible for...and it really becomes a beautiful process," says Chuck. He and Janet also love getting exercise in a spectacular place. "It's fun," Chuck adds, "I highly recommend it."

Chuck has been helping to care for our natural areas for nearly 20 years and in 2007, he was honored as our Volunteer of the Year. Over the years he has helped to build boardwalks, kiosks and benches. "We are grateful to Chuck and Janet for their dedication to keeping Kehl Lake Natural Area safe and welcoming," says Tom Nelson, Executive Director.

If you are interested in becoming a trail steward, please contact Claire Wood: cwood@leelanauconservancy.org. Trail stewards are needed at multiple properties to help be our eyes, ears, hands and more. Don't own or want to use a chainsaw? No worries. We can pair you up with someone who does.





Palmer Woods Update: Autumn Tree Harvest Planned

When we acquired the 707-acre Palmer Woods Forest Reserve in 2016 with your help, we took on our largest project ever. As predicted, this beautiful woodland, unfragmented by development, has become a four-season recreation destination. It also provides stellar wildlife habitat and is a vital component in protecting the water quality of nearby Glen Lake and Good Harbor Bay.

As you know, Palmer Woods is and has been for decades a sustainable working forest. That means the trees are grown for both the ecological health of the forest and for timber production. We'll continue managing the forest as a model for other northern hardwood forest owners to show that we can both enhance overall biodiversity and enable sustainable timber harvesting. This approach is the best one we can envision for maintaining healthy forests throughout our region.

This summer you may notice trees marked for harvest with orange paint; red denotes trees that will stay. In the fall, we are planning a selective harvest over a larger than usual area—about 160 acres—that will be visible from the trails. This is because we will be removing dead and diseased ash and beech trees to improve the forest's health. The harvest will help limit the spread of tree diseases and give saplings a chance to grow. Similar to what's happening in the places hit hard by the August 2015 storm, lush forest growth and rebound will occur naturally in this selective harvest area over the next few seasons.

Photo left: Beech tree at Palmer Woods exhibiting signs of Beech Bark Disease.

Students Learn, Play, Explore

A neat program called Wheels to Woods pays for bus transportation so that teachers can get their students out into a forest like Palmer Woods to learn about the natural world. We hosted a group from Leelanau Montessori in Suttons Bay this winter. Forester Kama Ross helped children to identify trees using fun metaphors to describe their bark. Examples: think elephant legs when looking for beech trees, or wavy ski trails when searching for oak.



Photo above: Students created salamander houses and will return later to see who has taken up residence. The 4th-6th graders also measured off an acre, counted tree rings and observed an owl pellet. Thanks to you, places like Palmer Woods exist now and for future generations to discover nature's wonders. "A lot of kids don't have the opportunity to get out in a place like this," says Montessori teacher Emma Kelly. "It was great to spend a day outdoors in the woods to play, explore and learn all at the same time."

Gull Island Research: Year 49 for Dr. Scharf

Dr. Bill Scharf and fellow herring gull researchers visited Gull Island in May to document herring gull nesting behavior; staffer Emily Douglas went along too.

Gull Island, off the coast of Northport, is owned by the Leelanau Conservancy. It has been preserved as a sanctuary for thousands of herring gulls, whose populations have declined in the last 30 years. Herring gulls are different from the more common ring-billed gulls in our region. These birds nest on the island from April to June, mate for life and will abandon their nests at the slightest disturbance. Dr. Scharf authored an article that summarizes more than four decades of his research in a recent issue of *Michigan Birds and Natural History*.

Photo: Dr. Scharf walks the shore of Gull Island looking for herring gull nests.



Home Sweet Home

No one is happier than Property Maintenance Specialist Chase Heise that we now have a permanent home for our stewardship equipment and tools. We are so grateful to Fred and Linda Miller and Laura Paine who generously donated storage space in their barns for a number of years. Thanks also to Roger Newton, who has granted the Leelanau Conservancy a long term lease (for \$1) for our current workshop housed in his pole barn near Suttons Bay. "It's great to be so organized and have everything in one place," says Chase. On the day this photo was taken, Chase was working on a new kiosk and signage for our natural areas.

Honoring His Father

Dick Ristine Jr. loved his father very much. And so did many of us at the Leelanau Conservancy. Richard O. Ristine served the State of Indiana in many capacities, including as Lt. Governor. In retirement, he was a Leelanau Conservancy board member from 1994 to 2003, serving as chairman from 2000 to 2003. To recognize those who have included the Conservancy in their will or other estate planning documents, he launched our planned giving initiative. The Conservancy established the Richard O. Ristine Heritage Society to recognize Dick, because he was a tireless volunteer whose chief passion was to ensure the long term sustainability of the Leelanau Conservancy through planned giving.

Now his son, Dick Ristine Jr., has honored his late father by joining the Heritage Society. "On Dad's birthday, I got an email from the Conservancy about planned giving," says Dick Jr. "At the time, my wife, Karen, and I were about to leave on an international trip and so it just seemed like the perfect time to update my will."

Like his father, Dick Jr., 69, is well-versed in the ways of planned giving. Dick Jr. had a long career in corporate and private banking and later worked as a development officer for The Nature Conservancy's Indiana Chapter. Before retiring, he landed his "dream job" at Lilly Endowment, where he spent six years granting funds to worthy arts and cultural organizations. Today, partially retired, he helps raise funds for the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum, Conner Prairie Museum, and other not-for-profits.

Dick Ristine Jr., (captain's hat), with his father and brothers Tom (next tallest) and Jim overlooking Fishtown and the Leland River. Photo courtesy of Fishtown Preservation Society.



"I've never been a high-income earner kind of guy and now that I'm on a fixed income I can't really make significant annual gifts at this time," says Dick Jr. "But there are six entities in my current will that will receive a modest boost after I kick. Really, it is so very easy to add a beneficiary to your will—even easier to add one to a life insurance policy. You don't even need a lawyer for that."

Dick Jr. has spent time every summer of his life in Leland. His parents owned a house on the Leland River, which he and his wife Karen purchased from his two brothers after his parents passed away. Years ago he and Karen had thought about buying a cabin in Leelanau County's beautiful countryside, but they "could never reconcile giving up being able to walk out on the dock and dive into this pristine body of water," says Dick Jr.

His passion for conservation goes back to his boyhood days walking the woods of central Indiana with his father, checking on the trees they had planted and nurturing their classified forest.

"My dad taught me how precious clean water is and that it wasn't just about toxic waste being dumped but also about the damage runoff can do," says Dick Jr. Father and son often canoed Sugar Creek near their home. "Dad would lament when he saw how some farmers had planted right up to the creek's edge. He talked about how important it was to use proper drainage, no-till methods and to maintain buffers to protect lakes and streams."

The environmental ethic he shared with his father is the reason behind Dick Jr.'s planned gift. "I'm thrilled to be involved in an organization that is doing so much to preserve this very special part of the world," he says. "The Leelanau Conservancy should be very proud of stemming the development at the Lake Leelanau Narrows where we could have had some catastrophic environmental outcomes. I was thrilled to see that preserved."

When he was alive, did Dick's father ever ask his son to join the Heritage Society? "If he did, he was very subtle about it," says Dick Jr. "But he did have a very good way of planting seeds."

Sustainers Explore Belanger Creek Preserve

Our Sustainers enjoyed a beautiful spring ephemerals hike in May, led by staffer Emily Douglas.

This amazing group of over 500 families pledges a minimum annual gift of \$500 to support the Leelanau Conservancy, ensuring that the long-term goals of conserving Leelanau's land and water resources can be met. The promise Sustainers make enables the hiring of

bright, passionate, skilled staff. Sustainers are crucial to protecting our agricultural heritage, our sweeping, as-yet undeveloped landscapes, and our vast, green forests.

To learn more about becoming a Sustainer, and about the exclusive activities held just for this very special group of contributors, email Betsy LePoidevin, Director of Charitable Giving, or call Betsy at 231-256-9665.



Emily Douglas leads an exploration of Belanger Creek for Conservancy Sustainers.



Marsh marigold at Belanger Creek.
Photo by Maia Hausler

Honor & Memorial Gifts

Happy Anniversary

60th - Tom and Jane Evans

Amy Evans Rullo
Mike and Julie Rogers

Marriage Congratulations

Patrick and Lisa McCarthy

Michael and Lesli Marasco

Happy Birthday

50th - Lisa Benjamin

Ms. Lianne Somerville

22nd - Robert Blenz

Mrs. Nancy Eaton

Paul Cobb

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Medaris, Jr.

Jim Fisher

Kelly and Jay Billings

25th - Barbara Mathia

Lynn Mathia and Ron Woodall

Sharon Oriel

Drs. John and Judy Hoeffler

Lianne Somerville

Lisa Benjamin and Tyler Hesterhagen

H. Carl Walker

David Walker and Maribeth Malecki

80th - Nikki Workum

Ms. Debbi Workum

In Honor Of

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Ms. Mary Appel

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Paul and Shirley Edmond

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Ms. Debbi Workum

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Bob and Randi Sloan

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Ed and Bobbie Collins

Mrs. Anne W. Kelly

Charles Dickerson

Elk Rapids Garden Club

Matt Forschner

Bryan and Katie Koehler

Margaret Gast

Mr. and Mrs. David Kirshenbaum

Jonathan Gray

Bryan and Katie Koehler

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Mr. David Tris

Matt and Katy Wiesen

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Mr. and Mrs. Steven Martineau

Ignacius Wolf-Meyer

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Martineau

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