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Summerfest is June 19 -21. See schedule on page 3.

Music in the Park starts June 18. Schedule is on page 10.

Lakeview Farmers' Market is coming Saturday, June 28 from 9 to noon. This year it will be at the corner of Lincoln and 4th Street, which is the old Kelsey Hospital site.

Lakeview is the place to be in June.

Enjoy!

## Spring Forecast

**Thu** A 10 percent chance of showers before 8am. Mostly sunny, high 77. East northeast wind 5 to 7 mph.

**Thu Night** Mostly cloudy, low 54.

**Fri** Partly sunny, high 71.

**Fri Night** Partly cloudy, low 51.

**Sat** Mostly sunny, high 74.

**Sat Night** Partly cloudy, low 50.

**Sun** Mostly sunny, high 77.

**Sun Night** Showers likely. Mostly cloudy, low 55.

**Mon** A chance of showers. Mostly sunny, high 73.



## CASA Advisory Board Builds "Wind Phone"



Left to right: Deb Powers, Jane Anderson-Beach, Scot Donley, Jamie Gorby (Montcalm CASA Coordinator), Gary Copp, Anne Turner, and Diana Turner.

In a heartfelt tribute to longtime Montcalm CASA Advisory Board member Jane Anderson-Beach following the passing of her husband, Calvin Beach, the Montcalm Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Advisory Board has created a unique and lasting gift for the entire community—a wind phone to support those navigating grief and loss.

A wind phone is a symbolic, unconnected telephone placed outdoors—often near a bench or chair—where visitors can engage in one-way conversations with loved ones who have passed away. Originating in Japan, the wind phone offers a space for people to express

unsaid words, process emotions, and find peace in moments of solitude. Though simple in design, the experience is deeply moving and can be powerfully healing.

CASA Program Coordinator Jamie Gorby introduced the idea during a board meeting, inspired to create something meaningful in Cal's memory that would serve others. After watching a short CBS feature on the emotional power of wind phones, the board was unanimously supportive. Board President Dan Eagles offered his enthusiastic backing, and board member Gary Copp volunteered his carpentry expertise to bring the vision to life.

"We wanted to do

something that reflected the compassion and community spirit Jane and Cal both embody," said Gorby. "This wind phone is not just a tribute—it's a gift of healing for anyone who needs it."

The wind phone was designed as a traditional phone booth to offer protection from the elements. When presented with the concept, Jane was deeply touched and provided input on a commemorative plaque design—featuring a deer and fisherman to reflect Cal's love of nature and sportsmanship.

Copp built the structure with care and attention to detail and collaborated with Montcalm Community College's maintenance team to professionally in-

stall the phone along the college's scenic nature trails. MCC holds special meaning for the couple, both of whom are alumni.

On May 22, 2025, the CASA Advisory Board joined Jane, her friends, and family for a quiet walk to the wind phone site for a dedication ceremony. Emotions ran high as Jane shared a quote from Lao Tzu: "Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage." She reflected on how much Cal loved the outdoors and how meaningful it is to have this tribute in a place he would have cherished—overlooking a tranquil lake nestled within the MCC campus.

"We hope people

come here, try the wind phone, and find some comfort in their grief journey," Gorby shared. "It may seem like a small thing, but it has the power to help in ways you don't expect. It's a place to feel connected, to remember, and to heal."

The Montcalm CASA wind phone is now listed on [www.mywindphone.com](http://www.mywindphone.com), joining more than 260 other wind phones across the United States. A trail map showing its location is available to guide visitors to the site.

(See page 2 for a map of the trail on MCC Sidney Campus.)

## Shopping Local

By Marian Stockwell

In these crazy times, it is understandable to make many purchases now, hoping to avoid the tariff trickle down. Consider shopping local, even Marketplace or Craigslist to make your purchases from your own community. I was one of those, on the road, looking for a few local purchases. I didn't want to drive all over, so within a few miles, look what I found.

For my first local purchase I went on Marketplace where I found the perfect gift that my grandchildren loved for

just five dollars in Alma, the furthest I went, ten miles away. All I had to do was go to the address given, put my exact change into a slot and received an outside/inside target throwing game. Don't worry, they threw inflatable little oblong shapes. That was the hit of our Memorial Day together, along with lawn bowling and the Memory card game.

My second local purchase just happened to be two miles from my house, in Riverdale.

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