

Cooper Landing Gem

Diamond in the Winter

Fmerald in the Summer

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Newsletter/Admin Yvette Galbraith 230-3055 yvette@akmarketingconsultants.com Happy August!

Please take some time this month to visit our new website, launching today, August 1st! We are very proud of how it looks and represents our wonderful community. We are asking our members to edit their own listings and give feedback, and now we are asking our community members to send feedback, too. We are working on optimizing the site and also making sure that all information on it is as accurate as possible. We are appreciative of anything you have to add.

As some of you know, the Alaska Realtor's Board will be having their yearly convention in our very own Cooper Landing this year! I hope that many of you have received calls from guests looking for accommodations, rafting or fishing adventures. The dates are September 16-20th at Princess Wilderness Lodge. We initially had planned on holding the regatta this year around this same time, however, due to schedule conflicts and a general lack of interest, we will look into reinstating the regatta next summer. Instead of the Regatta, we will be sponsoring a get together this fall; nothing to be purchased, sold or donated, just good fun and good company with your neighbors and friends. We will have a table set up to address any questions our members have for us regarding membership renewal and advertising for the upcoming year. We are tentatively looking at the last two Saturdays of the month; once we get it narrowed down, we will let you all know!

Hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the Summer Stephanie Lesmeister, President

Cooper Landing Chamber of Commerce

Community Events Happening in the Landing



Cooper Landing Senior Citizens Corporation Inc.

Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 1st, 2017 at 1:30 am

Helen Gwin Commons

Coooper Landing Emergency Services Board Meeting

Monday, August 7th, 2017 at 6 pm

Cooper Landing Fire Hall

Cooper Landing Senior Citizens Corporation Inc.

General Meeting & Potluck

Tuesday, August 8th, at 11:30 am

Helen Gwin Commons

Cooper Landing Advisory Planning Commission Meeting

Wednesday, August 9th, 2017 at 6 pm

Cooper Landing Community Hall

20th Sexy Senior Dumpster Cleaners and Volunteers Luncheon

Thursday, August 17th at 12 pm

Kenai Princess Lodge (RSVP Required to Attend)

Attention B&B, Cabin & Vacation Rentals, Lodge and Motel Owners in Cooper Landing

Cooper Landing will be hosting a large realtor convention September 16th—20th, 2017 up at Kenai Princess Lodge. Their overflow will need accommodations and they have asked the Cooper Landing Chamber to put together a list of businesses who will be open and currently has availability during these dates for their members to call to make reservations. If your business is going to be open Sept 16-20th and you know you currently have availability for guests during these dates, please email the Cooper Landing Chamber at

info@cooperlandingchamber.com with your business name, email

The 2017 Upper Kenai Visitors Guide is available for pick up at the Cooper Landing Visitors Center and around Cooper Landing. Copies should be available also for pick up at Sunrise Inn & Cafe, The Hutch and Wildmans. Please note we will do our best to keep these locations stocked as best possible, but both Wildmans and Sunrise have been known to go thru over 250 copies each during busy weekends!!!

You are also welcome to upload our cover graphic/link to your website or email it out to prospective visitors! Email us at

info@cooperlandingchamber.com and we'll be sure to get it to you!

Other Distribution Locations on the Kenai Peninsula—Seward Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center, Soldotna Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center, Kenai Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center, Kenai Airport, Homer Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center, Sportsman's Warehouse, Soldotna, Begich Boggs Visitor Center, Portage and over 40 locations in Anchorage.



Cooper Landing Community School Update

Chess Club: Chess Club: Summer Chess Club has ended, but watch the Crier for more info on Chess Club during the school year.

Tibetan Singing Bowl Meditation: August 27, Community Hall. Celebrate the New Moon with a Tibetan singing bowl meditation! Singing bowls bring you into the present through sound and vibration. Leave your worries about the future or past behind! You won't believe how peaceful and relaxed you will feel. The doors will open at 7:30pm, the meditation will begin at 7:45 for 30 minutes. Bring a yoga or camp pad and blanket for comfort lying down or sit in a chair. Please leave your cell phones at home. \$5 donation appreciated. Contact Evie Bear 907.830.0178 if you have any questions.



Book Club: 7pm at Cooper Landing Community Library. Coming up:

August 16 - Bear Town by Frederik Backman

September 15 - 1984 by George Orwell

For more information, contact Marilyn Gravenhorst at 595-1710 or Ann Hanson at 847-767-8968.

Introduction to Ashtanga Yoga: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, through September. 8-10 am (Arrive anytime between 8-9 am to start your practice.) All ages and levels welcome! No flexibility or prior yoga experience required. Bring your own mat or borrow one provided by the Cooper Landing Community School. \$10 drop-in or \$70 punch card (10 practice sessions).

Ashtanga Yoga - 2 Day Workshop: Thursday, August 10 (8-10am) & Friday, August 11 (8-11am) at the Cooper Landing Community Hall. Led by Faiza Moore from Ashtanga Yoga Fairbanks

(www.ashtangayogafairbanks.com) Includes 2 days of traditional mysore style classes followed by "Chat and Chai" on Friday. All are welcome! \$15 (drop in), \$25 (2-day workshop). A mysore style class is the traditional way to learn Ashtanga. The student works at their own pace with a teacher. This is ideal for everyone from brand new beginners to dedicated students. At first the student's practice will be shorter as they are taught the poses one-to-one by the teacher. As students gradually learn more poses, their practice takes longer. Students can arrive at any time during the session, as long as they allow enough time to finish their practice and take rest. Mysore style classes are named after the city of Mysore in India. This is where Shri K. Pattabhi Jois lived and taught until 2009. Today his grandson (R. Sharath Jois) and daughter (Saraswathi Jois) continue to teach at the KPJAYI. ABOUT FAIZA Faiza started her daily ashtanga practice in 2004. She made her first trip to Mysore in 2014. Since then Faiza has made yearly trips to study at the KPJAYI. In 2016 Faiza received authorization to teach from her teacher. R. Sharath Jois.

Tai Chi - 2 Day Workshop: August 19 and 20, Cooper Landing Community Hall TAI CHI Workshop given by "Sensei" Steven Ballenger WORKSHOP FOCUS

- Building the foundation of movement necessary to improve overall health in your daily life.
- Fundamental meditative Qigong practice to calm and center the mind.
- Introduce a basic understanding of the "Three Treasures": Essence (Jing), Internal Energy (Chi) & Spirit (Shen).

Sat. 8am-10am Silk Reeling

Sat. 10am-11am Laojia Yi Lu (1st Section)

Sun. 8am-10am Silk Reeling & Laojia Yi Lu (1st Section) Review

Sun. 10am-11am Push Hands (8 Energies)

Early Registration Ends Aug 1

1 day \$45 early/ \$60 late

2 days \$90 early/ \$120 late

Private Lesson (1 hour and thirty minutes) \$50

Cash or Card only at the door. Send Check or Money Order to:

Steven Ballenger

2908 West Ave. Ste. 3

San Antonio, TX 78201

Please make payable to Steven Ballenger. If you have any question please call or email Senseiballenger@yahoo.com (210) 430-5458

Interested in teaching/hosting a class or event in the community, or have a recommendation? Contact Deb at carlsons@arctic.net with your ideas.

Cooper Landing Community School Update Continued...

Gather Hear Alaska: Sunday, August 20, 5pm, Cooper Landing School FREE ADMISSION (Donations appreciated). Please visit: www.facebook.com/GatherHearAlaska
Pianist Miki Sawada tours with a piano in a van in her Gather Hear Alaska tour, accompanied by a documentary filmmaker. Together they explore the idea of the piano as a gathering place - a rare place for people to pause their lives and open their ears, increase awareness, and listen deeply. This tour is a social experiment: Can classical music touch us more personally and powerfully when taken out of the concert hall and placed in local community hubs? Can we grow to be more empathetic to each other through this shared occasion of focused listening? Miki will perform standards ranging from Bach to Gershwin, pieces lovingly written for her by close friends, and a work by Homer-native Conrad Winslow. She will thread together the program through commentary and questions, and also will lead the audience in group participation pieces. This program is for everyone, whether you're knowledgeable about classical music or you've never encountered it live.

Cooper Landing Historical Society Museum

CLHS is honoring the Sexy Senior Dumpster Cleaners for their twenty years of service to Cooper Landing by a museum display featuring photos and memorabilia during the month of August.



The museum will be open through Labor Day and after that by appointment only by calling Mona at 598-1042. Cooper Landing Historical Society's annual meeting will be October 7 at the museum. More on that in Sept.

Photos below show the front page of a 2003 issue of USA Weekend when the Sexy Senior Dumpster Cleaners won a national Make A Difference Day Award, a very wet cold day cleaning the Hope transfer site (Martha Brewer, Alma Fowler, Mona Painter, and photographer Mayme Ohnemus), Gene Craig following a bear/garbage trail at the Cooper Landing site before the gates were locked overnight and bear resistant Dumpsters were used, Sexy Seniors in a 4th of July parade in Kenai before parades at Kenai Princess Wilderness Lodge, and this July when the CLSCCI bus filled with the Sexy Seniors for a Monday morning run and a car carried the five "overflow."











Seniors Caroline, Helen, Gene, Jan & Mayme ride float in the Kenai 4th of July parade



In 2005, Sexy Seniors supporting their supporter ConocoPhilliips Alaska. Gene Craig, Fay Corbey, Agnes Schmitz, Al Fleetwood, John Corbey, and Nick LeMieux.

Cooper Landing Senior Citizen Corp. Inc. Senior Links



New President on Board for CLSCCI

Ken Green, newly elected president of the Cooper Landing Senior Citizen Corp. Inc, CLSCCI, board, chairs his first meeting Tuesday, Aug. 1 at 1:30 in Helen Gwin Commons, Eagles View. Other Board members are Shirley Wilmoth: Vice-President, Alma Fowler: Treasurer, Alison Rein: Secretary, Ed Holsten, Glen Maupin, and Gary Galbraith. Former President Ronald Sloan quietly retired after eight years of hard labor with admiration and appreciation expressed by many. CLSCCI is a multi-million dollar enterprise with responsibility for 12 housing units for seniors 55 and over, as well as for two buses and a transportation program that includes transporting people to Soldotna and Kenai for appointments and shopping, rides to local events, and Sexy Senior Dumpster Cleaners Monday commutes to transfer sites in Cooper Landing and Crown Point. Board meetings are open to the public. CLSCCI members are urged to attend.

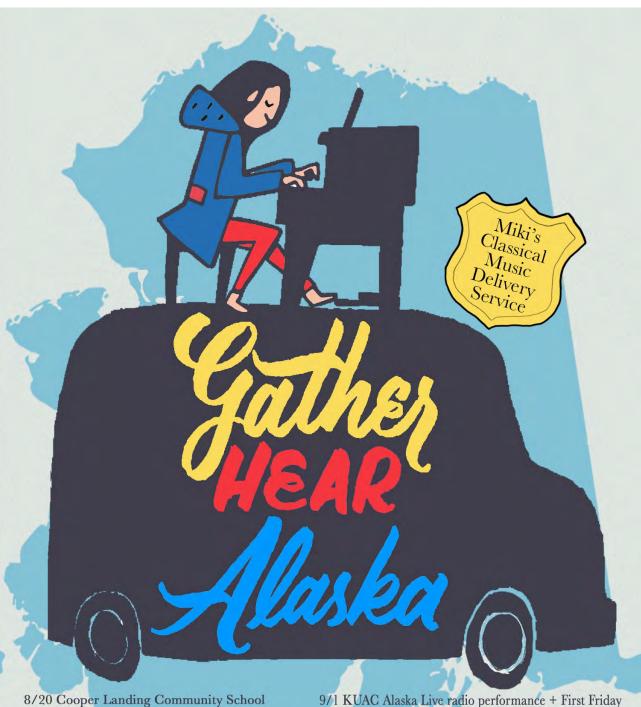
PDC Inc. Engineers to appear at CLSCCI August Meeting

Becky Cronkhite with PDC Inc. Engineers working with the Kenai Peninsula Borough will be at the August 8 CLSCCI quarterly general membership meeting to present information about the Kenai Peninsula Borough's Comprehensive Plan update.

The Aug. 8 meeting begins at 11:30 with a potluck lunch in Helen Gwin Commons. After a short business meeting, Jean "Nana" Sether will present HATS! A style show with live models and dialogue with all imaginable puns. (Of course Mayme will model the Coffee Pot; she's so perky!) This meeting is also open to all interested and CLSCCI members are encouraged to attend. Three door prizes will be given to CLSCCI members.

Sexy Senior Dumpster Cleaners Appreciation Lunch

The Sexy Senior Dumpster Cleaners are celebrating 20 years of community service with an August 17 luncheon and program at Kenai Princess Wilderness Lodge. We could have been Trash Troops or Garbage Grannies, but Helen Gwin came up with the Sexy Senior label and it stuck! I was one of those lacking foresight regarding the name, until we went to Juneau to request grant funds to build the community hall kitchen and bathrooms addition. I like to think we were the toast of the town. We were on radio and TV and our legislators got to know the "Sexy Seniors" as we presented the need for indoor plumbing and all. And we got the money. Mayme, with help from the Brorsons, has a slide show of highlights from 1997 on as part of the program. We are taking names to reserve places for the lunch and program. Email me (Mona) at painter@arctic.net or call Mayme at 598-1017.



8/21 Ninilchik Senior Center | Ninilchik

8/22 Trail Lake Lodge | Moose Pass

8/23 Zudy's Cafe | Seward

8/24 Veronica's Cafe | Kenai

8/25 Odie's Deli | Soldotna

8/27 Bunnell Street Arts Center | Homer

8/30 Fairview Inn

8/31 Tri-Valley School+Tri-Valley Library | Healy

f @GatherHearAlaska

(O) @Gather_Hear_Alaska

GatherHearTour

9/1 KUAC Alaska Live radio performance + First Friday pop-ups | Fairbanks

9/2 Fairbanks Arts Association | Fairbanks

9/3 Tonglen Lake Lodge | Denali

9/5 Kenny Lake School | Kenny Lake

9/6 Upstream Learning + Glennallen School | Glennallen

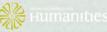
9/7 Slana School | Slana

9/8 Church of Love | Anchorage

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Visitor Center **Summer Hours**

Open 7 days a week 9am - '5pm

Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center Soldotna

Thursdays: Family Explorer

Hands-on afternoon (2pm) fun for all ages.

August 3: Geology & Beach Rocks August 10: Stories of Sourdough Alaska

PEEPS Preschool Program

Hands-on nature fun for preschoolers ages 2-5.



Thursday, August 17

Two sessions: 9am & 10:30am at the Environmental Education Center

Learn all about Antlers vs Horns this month through activities, storytime, snack and a fun take

Daily Wildlife Movies 11am, noon, 2pm: Kenai Refuge film, 1pm Bears of the Last Frontier, 3pm Wolverine: Chasing the Phantom

Fridays: History Walk

August 4, 11 & 18 at 2pm

Enjoy a Tale of Two Cabins: the 1930's Berg Homestead Cabin and 1940's Elwell Cabin during a short walk to these historic, restored buildings.

Saturday Showcase

Delve deeper into the Refuge with staff and special guests every weekend at 2pm.

August 5: Preserving Wildberries

August 12: Bears of Russian and McNeil Rivers

August 19: "Meh, it's just a..." Cool facts about

"boring" Alaskan plants and animals

August 26: Mushroom Forest Hike

Sundays: Fitness Hike

August 6, 13 & 20 at 2pm Take a moderately-paced 3-mile guided hike on Centennial Trail

(Please leave pets at home)





Friday, August 4 & 11 at 1 pm

Meet a ranger for a guided hike in the Skilak Wildlife Recreation Area! Great for older children and adults. Hikes range from 1 to 3 miles roundtrip. Call 907-260-2820 for details. *No pets please*.

AUGUST 4- VISTA TRAIL (IN UPPER SKILAK CG), 11- UPPER KENAI RIVER TRAIL (TO THE CANYON OVERLOOK)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is committed to providing access to these events for all participants. Please direct all requests for sign language interpreting services, close captioning, or other accommodation needs to Refuge Visitor Center staff: 907-260-2820, TTY 800-877-8339 by close of business 7 days before each event.



Dates Details

he derby starts with an official bang at 6 a.m. on Saturday, August 12. It ends at noon Sunday, August 20. See complete rules & regulations on page 9.

Derby Etiquette & Safety

Derby days are Seward's busiest fishing time of the year. Thousands of anglers descend on Resurrection Bay — but the bay can only accommodate so many anglers and boats at one time! It's big enough for everybody, as long as we all adhere to these basic rules of the water when boating in close proximity to others:

- Be courteous with fellow boaters, and respect rights of way. You may even want to brush up on maritime practices before heading out.
- Keep watch at all times, looking and listening for any danger as per U.S. Coast Guard
- Always boat with a buddy, and take turns at the helm or behind the wheel. There's also the option of setting anchor to mooch in the passing schools of fish.
- Keep your distance from other boats. One of the most common risks for collisions & accidents is multiple boats converging on hot fishing spots or start crowding schools of fish. If you can pitch something to a neighboring vessel, you're too close.



Derby Ticket Locations

Derby Booth The Fish House Aurora Charters J Dock Seafood J Dock Charters Miller's Landing Bay Barge Company

- Maintain safe & respectful speeds at all times. We know you may need to "let 'er rip" in order to reach a distant fishing site in good time, but take it easy when leaving and entering the harbor or operating along the shore and near other vessels. If others are fishing nearby, cut the engine back and try to be silent so as to preserve schools of fish.
- Let others know where you plan to fish & when you expect to return. It could prove difficult to track someone down in the open water or along the coast outside the bay. A little trip planning in advance can do a lot of good in the event of an incident.
- Share the fun! Our goal is for everyone to have the fun, world-class fishing experience for which Resurrection Bay is known.



2017 Cooper Landing Chamber of Commerce & CVB

Please support our local businesses!

5 Dogs Fishing	907/598-3525	Hotel Seward/A Cabin on the Cliff 907/224-8001			
Alaska Heavenly Lodge	907/599-0022	Inn at Tern Lake (MP)	907/288-3667		
Alaska Horsemen Lodge	907/595-1806	Jason's Guide Service	907/351-3036		
Alaska Kenai Fishing for Fun	888/495-2194	Kahtnu Spirit Lodging	907/299-2855		
Alaska Marketing Consultants	907/230-3055	Kenai Cache	907/595-1401		
Alaska Outdoor Woodstoves	907/598-1633	Kenai Fjords Tours (Seward)	888/478-3346		
Alaska River Adventures	907/595-2000	Kenai Kayak Company	907/521-0244		
Alaska Rivers Company	907/595-1226	KPB Mayor - Mike Navarre (Sold.)	800/478-4441		
Alaska Streamers	907/205-0000	KPBSD Superintendent Sean Dusek 907/714-8836			
Alaska Troutfitters	907/595-1212	Kenai Peninsula Econ. Dev. Dist.	907/283-3335		
Alaskan Angling Adventures LLC	907/595-3336	Kenai Princess Wilderness Lodge	907/595-1425		
Alpine Inn Motel	907/595-1557	Kenai River Drifters Lodge	907/595-5555		
Angle 45 Adventures (Hope)	907/782-3175	Kenai River Float-n-Fish, Llc	907/595-3505		
Bean Creek Gallery	907/595-3488	Kenai River Fly Fishing	907/598-1400		
Best Route Productions	303/570-2081	Kenai River Day Trips &			
Blue Yeti Food Truck	907/231-6089	Kenai Riverside Lodge	800/334-8730		
Boatman's	907/202 -1004	Kenai River Trout Anglers	907/599-0085		
Camp K on Kenai Lake 907/279-3551		Kenai Riverside Campgrnd/RV Park/B&B			
· ·	Conoco Phillips Alaska, Inc.(Anch) 907/276-1215		907/595-1406		
Cooper Landing Community Club		Kim's Essential Oils & Gifts	815/751-7959		
Cooper Landing Community Library		Major Marine Tours (Seward) 907/274-7300			
	907/595-1241	Natalia with Century 21 Realty			
Cooper Landing Community School		Solutions @ Freedom Realty 907/830-1069			
		Professional Testing-Carrie Williams			
Cooper Landing Emergency Serv			907/598-1633		
	907/595-1800	•	907/598 -1808		
Cooper Landing Fish Camp	907/595-3474	Seramur Home Services	907/599-0019		
Cooper Landing Gun Club	907/599-0004	Spruce Moose Chalets	907/677-7543		
Cooper Landing Historical Society		Stevenson Retreat	907/595-3489		
Cooper Landing Senior Citizens Corp.		Sunrise Inn & Café 907/595-1			
		Talon Air Service, Inc. (Sold.)	907/262-8899		
Eagle Landing Resort	907/595-1213	The Hutch Bed & Breakfast	907/595-1270		
First National Bank Alaska (Sold.)		Wells Fargo (Sold.)	907/262-4435		
Fish & Sons Kenai Charters		Wildman TR Inc.	907/595-1456		
Gwin's Lodge	907/595-1266				



Wildman's Hours



Open 7 Days a Week 6:00 am to 11:00 pm

Come in and eat lunch with us or take it to go!

Enjoy Wildman's awesome chicken fingers, fries and ice cream!



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Community Activities Soldotna Shuttle Bus Wednesdays 8:30 am Game Night Fridays 7 pm Helen Gwin Commons After School Group Wed 3:30-5:30 pm CL Comm. Hall Sew & Sew Quilters Mondays 10 am Community Hall Trap at Gun Club Sat at 12 pm			1 CLSCCI Board Mtg. 1:30 pm @ Helen Gwiin Commons	2 CL Fire Training 6 pm @ CLFH Subsistence Permits 6-8 pm @ CLCH	GCI Tower Update/ Community Meeting 7 pm @ CLCH	4	15)
	6	7 CLES Board Meeting 6 pm @ CLES	8 CLSCCI General Mtg. & Potluck 11:30 am @ Helen Gwiin Commons	9 CLAPC Meeting 6 pm @ CLCH	10	11	12
	13	14	15 CL Book Club 7 pm @ CLL	16 CL Fire Training 6 pm @ CLFH	17 20th Sexy Senior Dumpster Cleaners and Volunteers Luncheon 12 pm @ KPL	18	19
	20 Gather Hear Alaska Piano Concert 5 pm @ CLS	21	22	23	24	25	26
Church Services KL Baptist 11:00 am Catholic 12:30 pm CL Community Lutheran 9 am	27	28	29 August Gem Newsletter Submissions Due	30	31	1	2
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(Cooper Landing Calendar Acronym Definitions!)

CLAPC—Cooper Landing Advisory Planning Commission

CLC—Cooper Landing Chamber

CLCC—Cooper Landing Community Club

CLCH—Cooper Landing Community Hall

CLCS—Cooper Landing Community School

CLES—Cooper Landing Emergency Services

CLFH- Cooper Landing Fire Hall

CLGC—Cooper Landing Gun Club

CLHSM—Cooper Landing Historical Society Museum

CLL—Cooper Landing Library

CLNSC—Cooper Landing Nordic Ski Club
CLPAC—Cooper Landing Parent Action Committee

CLS - Cooper Landing School

CLSCCI—Cooper Landing Senior Citizens Corporation Inc.

CLWCP—Cooper Landing Walkable Community Project

Cooper Landing Library Summer Hours

Monday & Tuesday 1 - 3 pm Wednesday & Thursday 12:30 - 3 pm Thursday Evenings 5 pm - 7 pm Friday 11 am - 5 pm Saturday 11 am - 3 pm



Cooper Landing Chamber of Commerce And Visitors Bureau, Inc.

- Chamber Newsletter
- Member Meetings
- Referral Service
- Brochure Display
- Web Listings
- Visitor Center Displays
- Events Management
- Visitor Inquiry Mailing List
- Membership Directory
- Bulk Mail Stamp
- Joint Advertising
- Networking

- Teamwork
- * A Voice In The Community
- Insert in Chamber Newsletter
- * & Much, much more!!

For more information on becoming a member, contact:

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Phone at (907)595-8888 Email at info@cooperlandingchamber.com

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