

Hazelhurst Highlights



A newsletter by, for, and about Hazelhursters

—Lauren Scott

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This week

All times in the Highlights are local time, Eastern Daylight Time.

Saturday

10 am	Siteholders Meeting	Red Barn
8 pm	Claricello	Red Barn

Monday

10 am	Monday Morning Coffee	Red Barn
10 am	Library Open 'til 2 pm	Mailhouse
Noon	Bike Ride	Red Barn

Tuesday

9 am	Camp Clippers	*
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Wednesday

10 am	Nature Lovers	*
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Thursday

10 am	Library Open 'til 2 pm	Mailhouse
8 pm	Book Club*	Cottage #42

*See bulletin board for details

Check the Bulletin Boards for more!

Saturday Nights at the Barn

Claricello

Back by popular demand, Jason Gresl and Lara Turner will present Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blues at the Barn on Saturday, August 8.

Vietnam Presentation Postponed

The Krusacks' presentation on travel in Vietnam has been postponed until August 29. At this time there is no program scheduled for August 15. Do you have something you would like to offer?

Camp Clippers

Thanks to all the volunteer clippers on August 4. We pulled more vines off trees and removed more invasive bushes at the Catalpa road site across from #130. Tuesday's volunteers were Beth Dahl, Ellen Elrick, Marsha Foote, Bill Hechler with junior clipper Charlie, Kevin and Zofia Oravec, Ana Vincenti, Mike Wenninger. BYO clippers and join in this coming Tuesday!

Siteholders Meeting

Siteholders meet tomorrow, August 8, at 10 am. Draft minutes of the July 4, 2015, meeting are included in this issue of the Highlights.

Go for a Ride this Monday

The biking group will meet for a short ride at noon after coffee hour and cleanup on Monday, August 10. We will bike through Hazelhurst and surrounding communities. All levels welcome.



—Mike Kozubek

Beyond the Gates

Carl Sandburg to Be Honored with Historical Marker in Harbert

Saturday, Aug. 15 will be a big day in Harbert and Chikaming Township. Not only will the popular annual “Taste of Chikaming Township” and “Umbrellas of Harbert” events be taking place on that date, but in between those special happenings, at 3 pm, a Michigan Historical Commission marker to honor the many happy and productive years acclaimed poet and author Carl Sandburg and his family spent at their “Chikaming Goat Farm” in Harbert’s Birchwood subdivision will be unveiled and dedicated at Harbert Community Park.

The two-year project to make the large Sandburg marker a reality began when Christine Byron of East Grand Rapids attended a Chikaming Township Park Board members to inform them that she was thrilled when she learned one of her favorite writers had spent nearly two decades (1928-1945) as a Michigan resident; a time period when he wrote prolifically and was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for his iconic biography of Abraham Lincoln.

Like many Harbor Country residents, Carl, his wife Paula, and daughters Helga, Janet and Margaret began enjoying this area as summertime second-homeowners. And, like many before and after them, they figured out a way to move from the Chicago area and live here full-time.

The spacious lakefront home provided Sandburg with a peaceful and private setting in which to practice his craft, and enough room to store his vast collection of thousands of books related to Lincoln that he used as source material.

The writer loved to take walks here, and the beach was one of his favorite places to roam. My great aunts **Hettie and Maud Gooch** would sometimes see him walking along the shoreline where he’d sometimes stop to look out at the lake and try his hand at skipping stones.

When his animal-loving daughter Helga asked if she could have a cow, her parents suggested instead a smaller and more manageable goat, and that acquisition was the starting point for their famous and award-winning herd of goats.

Paula specialized in breeding goats that produced vast amounts of milk, and in 1940 she won both the “Grand Champion Nubian Golden Cup,” and the

Grand Champion Toggenburg Silver Cup.” The three Sandburg girls would help out with the goats after going to school in Three Oaks, and there are still many local residents who have happy memories of playing with the gregarious goats who were so beloved they were sometimes even granted access to the Sandburg’s kitchen.

As an active member of the community, Sandburg was known to roam at sometimes odd hours between writing sessions, and would often drop-in on neighbors. Sometimes he would bring along his guitar and sing some numbers that were included in his “American Songbag.”

The quiet dirt road in Birchwood that **leads to the** former Sandburg home is still known as “Poet’s Path.”

The Sandburg historic marker becoming a reality was truly a collaborative community effort, and the members of the Park Board have worked diligently to get this done and do it right.

Former Chikaming Township supervisor Jeanne Dudeck volunteered her time and talents to write the successful Pokagon Fund grant that garnered the bulk of funding for the project, and then the Harbert Business Association stepped-up to provide additional needed monetary support. The members of the River Valley Garden Club have volunteered to do special plantings and landscaping around the marker, and they have also pledged to maintain that area in perpetuity.

All are invited to attend the historical marker dedication ceremony and enjoy reflections on Carl Sandburg and the Chikaming Goat Farm presented by local writer and longtime Harbert resident **Charley McKelvy**; and Jack Dempsey, the president of the Michigan Historical Commission.

There will also be some live musical entertainment, and light refreshments will be served. At this time goats and a sampling of goat’s milk are still being sought for the event.

Sandburg said that since it was his decision to move to Harbert, he acquiesced to his wife Paula’s decision to relocate the family and the goat herd to the more temperate climate of North Carolina.

But while his body moved south, his soul remained in the Midwest. For the rest of his life he had very happy memories of time spent in Harbert and Harbor Country.

— John Gunner Gooch

Nature Notes

Time to welcome the annual Perseid constellation's bright meteor showers, which NASA estimates will be most visible after midnight on August 12 and 13, with the benefit of no moon then. They will appear in the northeastern sky, and perhaps 100 meteors may be seen in a 30 to 60 minute time.

Stay tuned for updates at www.stardate.org from the Stardate daily program which comes on Notre Dame's WSND 88.1 at noon and 5pm every day.

From listening to this and other programs, we learn the difference between the annual summer Perseids, and the occasional Leonid showers made famous in November 1833 in lighting up the entire night sky over North Alabama and the memorable song Stars fell on Alabama made famous in the 1930's.

The importance of "night sky" was illustrated by a recent Curiosity story on WBEZ radio from downtown Chicago, tracing the few (perhaps a dozen) stars visible from light-emitting downtown Chicago as people got on a boat at Navy Pier. Accompanied by an Adler Planetarium guide, a few miles out thousands became visible, as well as thoughts of asteroids which hit the Yucatan not so many 10,000 years ago.

This summer's thoughts on stars are also prompted by releases of images of Mars surface and radiation belts, including caverns, which may host human beings, and perhaps bats and birds, in small colonies just 20 years from now. Interesting to hear interviews with NASA and Space X parties, which are already planning the mining of the asteroid belt from a Mars launch, following the slingshot into the galaxies projected by Verner Von Braun and others in the first space explorations in the 1960's and 1970's. Meanwhile, we'll need to work on international cooperation to deflect asteroids and other big stuff from space, in advanced computer simulation games sparked by the imaginations of youth.

If interested in Mars, there's a new book out on Packing for Mars, telling how this can be done, similar in some ways to packing for Hazelhurst Camp today and contemplating the communities of tomorrow gathering around the mailhouse for messages from afar.

—Layton Olson

Hazelnuts

Hazelhursters met in the Barn on Sunday, August 2, to remember those who we've lost since last summer. Memories were shared of **Kit Manthey** playing bridge, **Gwen Mckee's** quilts and contributions to the library, **Cy Young** sharing his knowledge of Hazelhurst and trees, **Nancy Miller** embracing all into her family, and **Janet Calkins** sharing her knowledge of and the world. All felt Hazelhurst was an important foundation in their lives.

Family, family, family! Last week on the beach we saw the merry **Martins**, lots of **Longos**, many **McKees**, and millions of **Millers**. This week look for a bunch of **Burttons!**

Haiku

Trees, Trees lots of Trees

Tall Trees, Small trees, lots of trees

Fat and skinny trees

—Lauren Scott, Age 8
Cabin 127 (Elrick)

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For more information, email your questions to the above email address or contact Beth (Cottage 27) or Diana (Cottage 126).

Looking Ahead

Aug. 13	8 pm	Book Club	Cottage #42
Aug. 8	10 am	Siteholders Meeting	Red Barn
	8 pm	ClariCello	Red Barn
Aug. 15	8 pm		
Aug. 22	8 pm	Readers' Theater	Red Barn
Aug. 27	8 pm	Book Club	*
Aug. 29	8 pm	Vietnam Travel	Red Barn

* See Bulletin Board for more information

**Prairie Club Camp Hazelhurst Siteholders Meeting
July 4, 2015**

Call to order: 10:10 am by Rich Spurgin, Camp Hazelhurst Chair

Roll Call: 65 cottages were represented. Quorum was achieved.

Approval of August 9, 2015 Minutes: Larry Bergman moved that the word “not” be stricken from the sentence regarding quorum. Rob Burton seconded. The sentence shall read “Quorum was achieved with 53 sites present.” The change was approved by the Siteholders. Ed Millermaier moved that the siteholders approve the minutes of the August 9, 2015 Siteholders Meeting be approved as corrected. Janice Johnson seconded. The motion passed.

Announcements: - Rich Spurgin

- The Prairie Club office bills mailed the summer assessment bills on July 1. Payment is due August 1.
- Siteholders may discuss the draft new site lease with members of the Lease Committee after the Siteholders Meeting. A meeting for discussion of the new lease will be held on Sunday, July 5, at 1 pm.
- The caretaker will be away next weekend so if you need him you must contact him by Wednesday, July 8. After that he will not be available until Monday, July 13.

Treasurer’s Report: - Kevin Oravec

The Camp Hazelhurst Treasurer’s Report is included in the meeting handout. The Hazelhurst Checking Account balance is \$6,922. As of May 31, 2015, there was a total of \$67,216 in Camp Funds included in the Prairie Club Account. At this time the amount of Camp Funds is slightly lower due to the payment of some of the Red Barn renovation expenses. The grand total of funds available for Camp Hazelhurst at this time is slightly less than \$74,138.

Camp Council: - Beth Miller

The written report describes the proposed changes to the rules.

Dog Access to Beach

Rob Burton moved adoption of the following revised beach rule:

7. Pets are not allowed on the Prairie Club Beach. Owners who wish to walk their pet along the water’s edge must access the beach on the dog access path located north of the Beach Bulletin Board. Between June 1 and October 1, dog access is only allowed in the morning before 10 AM (ET) and in the evening after 8 PM (ET). From October 1 through May 31 there is no time restriction.

Marilynn Gorawara seconded.

Deirdre Worden moved that the motion be amended to allow dog access to the beach after 6 pm between June 1 and October 1. There was no second.

Mike Rosen moved that the motion be amended to allow dog access to the beach after 7 pm between June 1 and October 1. Marilynn Gorawara seconded. The amendment passed.

The Camp Chair rules that proxies would be allowed.

The motion passed.

11. DOGS & CATS:

Must be kept on a leash when outside. Unleashed domestic animals may be impounded. Please remove animal waste from pathways and open areas. Dog walkers must remove all animal waste material. Pets are not allowed on the Prairie Club beach. Owners who wish to walk their pet along the water’s edge must access the beach on the dog-access path located north of the beach bulletin board. Between June 1 and October 1, after Labor Day, dog access is only allowed in the morning before 10:00 AM and in the evening after 8 PM (ET). Off-season From October 1 through May 31 there is no time restriction.

Site holders are responsible for notifying renters and guests of this rule.

The Camp Chair rules that the amendment to the beach rule changing the time that dogs are allowed on the beach between June 1 and October 1 from after 8 pm to after 7 pm also applies to Camp Rule 11 regarding Dogs and Cats.

The rule passed.

Alcohol—because the August 2014 were revised to state that a quorum was present, it is not necessary to vote on these revisions again.

Fires

Patti Craig moved that the following rule regarding fires be adopted.

Outdoor fires may be built only on the beach in the communal bonfire area set aside by the Beach Committee.

Outdoor fire pits are not allowed on the Camp Grounds.

See also special Hazelhurst FIRE PROTECTION INSTRUCTIONS.

Diana Spurgin seconded. The motion passed.

Grills

Patti Craig moved that the following rule be adopted:

Outside barbecues, incinerators, etc. may not be operated at any other location except the gas grill by the Farmhouse except portable grills subject to the conditions below.

Portable grills are allowed at individual sites under the following conditions:

- a. No charcoal grills or wood-burning grills are allowed at individual sites. All grills shall have a lid or cover over the fire surface made from the same material as the grill. Grills shall not be located closer than three feet (3') or farther than twelve feet (12') from the building and less than mid-point from any neighboring cottage. Siteholders shall consult with neighbors before placement of grill. Placement of grills may be appealed to the Building & Sites Committee which will then decide.
- b. Only electric, propane or natural gas grills are allowed. No kerosene or other gas in liquid form is allowed. Permanent, built-in grills are NOT allowed at individual sites.
- c. The grill must sit on a solid non-combustible surface such as stone, brick, pavers, concrete, composite decking material with a gypsum base or a similar noncombustible material. The surface the grill sits upon must be continuous around the grill a minimum of three feet (3') in all directions.
- d. The grill must not sit on treated lumber, sand, gravel, grass, wood based composite decking materials, "fire-treated" lumber, or any combustible material.
- e. A working fire extinguisher must be present within reaching distance to the grill when the grill is in use.
- f. All grills must also be covered with a tarp or grill cover when not in use to help maintain the interior components of the grill. The Siteholder must inspect their own grill annually to maintain burners and the interior of the grill so that rust is not allowed to eat away at the interior components.
- g. Outdoor fire pits are not allowed on the Camp Grounds.

See also special Hazelhurst FIRE PROTECTION INSTRUCTIONS.

Marilynn Gorawara seconded.

Randy Lutter moved to remove section (f) from the proposed rule. Leo Krusack seconded. The motion failed.

Discussion: Siteholders raised concerns regarding the need to limit the size of noncombustible surface, the number of grills allowed per site, and the impact on the Hazelhurst community of allowing grills at individual sites.

Leo Krusack moved that the proposed rule be sent back to Camp Council for revision. Mike Rosen seconded. The motion failed.

Tom Taylor moved that item (g) be removed from the proposed rule because it is included in the rule regarding

fires. Leo Krusack seconded the motion. The motion failed.

Diana Spurgin called the question. The siteholders voted to end debate.

Mike Rosen moved to table the motion. Doug Elrick seconded. The motion passed.

Overview of Proposed Changes to the Site Lease - Doug Elrick

Site leases are issued to siteholders by the Prairie Club Board. Two years ago siteholders authorized a committee to provide siteholder input to the lease development process. New leases will be signed in April 2016.

The lease committee has developed a draft proposal of a lease to present to the Prairie Club Board. This draft and additional material were emailed to all siteholders. Printed copies of these packets are available. The committee requests that siteholders familiarize themselves with the material, ask questions, and discuss it.

The lease committee has not yet finalized the section of the proposal regarding insurance requirements. When the proposal is finalized the lease committee plans to have it reviewed by a Michigan lawyer.

Siteholders will vote on the proposal August 8 siteholders meeting. This is an advisory vote as the Prairie Club Board has the authority to issue leases to siteholders. The lease committee plans to have the proposed lease reviewed by a Michigan attorney.

Rich Spurgin moved that the siteholders authorize the expenditure of up to \$2000 of operating funds for review of the proposed lease by a Michigan attorney. Patti Craig seconded. The motion passed.

The siteholders expressed their appreciation of the hard work done by the members of the lease committee: Doug Elrick, Patti Craig, Larry Bergman, Leo Krusack, Nelson Pelletier, Bob Foote, Bill Breach, Barb Burton, Rich Spurgin, Rick Baum. They are especially grateful for the committee's effort to assist the siteholders in understanding the lease, offering 3 opportunities to meet with committee members.

Camp Chair - Rich Spurgin

The camp operating budget for 2015 totals \$93,000. About \$13,000 is supplied by off-grounds fees. The remaining \$80,000 is divided among the sites so each site pays about \$800.

The 2015 budget is about 4% higher than the 2014 budget. Due to a surplus in 2014, the 2015 assessments are lower than the 2014 assessments.

Committee Reports: See Handout for written Committee reports.

Barn – Diana Spurgin & Patti Craig

Thanks for the countless hours of labor that went into outfitting the new kitchen and bathrooms. Patti Craig designed & oversaw the project. Volunteers include Patrick MaGuire, Bill Breach, Terri Breach, Larry Bergman, Hilary Critchfield, Rita Dickey, Doug Elrick, Bob Foote, Marsha Foote, Patrick Gilligan, Alex Halfpenny, Brett Halfpenny, Matt Halfpenny, Mike Halfpenny, Derrick Knight, Leo Krusack, Tyler Peterek and Bill Rosenthal.

The kitchen has been supplied with new dishes, pots & pans, knives, etc., and a dishwasher. Use of these instead of disposable supplies will reduce the environmental impact of our events. Rules for kitchen use are posted in the kitchen. Diana Spurgin will maintain the Barn calendar.

Beach and Boats - Larry Bergman - See written report.

Beach Path – Mike Clancy - See written report.

Building and Sites – Nelson Pelletier

Construction on Laurie Kagann's Cottage (#) continues.

Community Relations – Leo Krusack

The Prairie Club and individual members gave a significant portion of the funds required for Chikaming Open Lands to purchase the Krumrie property in Sawyer. This participation has established the Club as a positive force in this community. The property has been named for Prairie Clubber and famed landscape architect Jens Jensen in honor of

our contributions.

Conservation - Sharon Lemler - See written report.

Dam/Pond - Patrick Gilligan

The pond is in good order. There is increased surface area due to the removal of weedy islands. A pair of ducks has taken up residency. The frog population seems to be up this year due to wet the spring. Contact Pat if you would like to find out more and to volunteer.

Entertainment - Ellen Elrick

Wonderful programs are planned for you on Saturday nights and some Friday nights this summer. They are listed in the written report. This Friday Willem Lutter will perform. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board seeking volunteers to bring treats and/or write reviews of performances.

Fire Safety - Don Nielsen

Be able to correctly use the new addresses for calls to emergency responders. The Chikaming Fire Chief is concerned about the narrow roads and sharp turns in the Camp. Please keep these areas clear. See written report.

Fourth of July - Patrick Gilligan

Come to the grills today for dinner at 6 pm. The cost is \$4/person regardless of age. Chicken, hot dogs, and corn-on-the-cob will be provided. The Reading the of the Declaration and singing will be at the Slab followed by a bonfire on the beach. Games at 4 pm at the Junior Clubhouse.

Hazelhurst Highlights – Beth Miller

To reduce the amount of paper wasted on printing copies of the Highlights that siteholders don't take out of their mailbox, the Highlights is now available for pick-up from a box on the Mailhouse bulletin board. Back issues will be available for pick-up inside the Mailhouse. Diana Spurgin is publisher. See written report.

Historical – Patti Craig - See written report.

Junior Activities –

July 25 - Ice Cream Social. Aug 1 - Variety Show

Junior Clubhouse – Joanna Burda-Smith - See written report.

Library – Phyllis Pelletier

The library is open on Mondays, Thursdays, & Saturdays. There are lots of new books. Thanks to the volunteers.

Memorial Service – Janice Johnson.

Celebrate the lives of people we've lost during the year. Service Sunday, August 2, 1 pm at the Barn. Hazelhursters who have died since last summer include Janet Calkins, Gwen McKee, Cy Young, and Nancy Miller.

Monday Morning Coffee – Hilary Critchfield

Begin July 6. We now have dishes and a dishwasher in the Barn kitchen for your use. If you use the dishwasher please empty it. Monday morning coffees are at 10 am Michigan time.

Nominations – Patti Craig

The Nominating Committee will meet Saturday, Aug. 1, at 10 am to nominate siteholders for positions on Camp Council. See written report.

Roads – Don Gray - See written report.

Service Hours – Teri Clancy

Committee Chairs: when you report volunteer hours, please include the volunteer's site number as well as their name.

Siteholders are invited to nominate others for volunteer awards. Include descriptions of the jobs the volunteer does. A group will meet July 30 to choose the volunteer of the summer, who will be announced at the August siteholders meeting.

Square Dance – Ellen Elrick

We have found a new caller! The square dance will be on Friday, July 17.

Tennis – Lisa Pratt

Lisa is investigating the cost involved to repair & re-surface the court. She has gotten two estimates, is getting another. She hopes to have selected a proposal to present at the August meeting.

Waste Management – Vern Kits

Two changes - using Lakeshore Recycling for both trash & recycling. Will save at least \$3000. Tuesdays & Fridays.

Recycling every week instead of every other week, as it was in the past. Trash continues twice-weekly pickup.

Recycling is picked up on Tuesdays and trash on Tuesdays and Fridays.

PC Facilities

Buena Vista - Paula Flanagan - See written report.

Family Cottage – Carla Klauser - No report

Farmhouse - Deb McGrath & Barbara Wittersheim - No report

Adjournment:

Rick Krumbacher moved for adjournment at 11:45 pm. Joyce Geary seconded. The siteholders approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Miller