

# Hazelhurst Highlights

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## The Prairie Club

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**This Saturday, July 22, 2017**

is

**Conservation Day at Hazelhurst.**

**10 a.m. - 12 noon** Tidy-up at Legacy Natives Garden (beside Red Barn) Bring gloves and tools.

**6:30 p.m.** Potluck on the slab (if rain, Red Barn) Drinks, hot dogs and brats will be provided.

**8:00 p.m.** Presentation at Red Barn by Chad Hughson, creator of Hidden Savannah Nurseries in Kalamazoo, Michigan, specializing in native species for southwest Michigan.

Please come, bring friends and family, and enjoy friendship and learning more about our core conservation values as members of The Prairie Club.

## FROM THE CAMP CHAIR

By: Larry Bergman

### TRASH PICK UP

I am sure that many if not all have been affected by recent issues with the garbage collection. Last week, Vern and I have met with owner, David Workman, of Lakeside Recycle. As a result, David spent one morning going over our requirements at Hazelhurst, then went one full trip with the collector as he made his rounds. He assured us that the issues will be resolved and apologized for any inconvenience. He has purchased an additional truck of a size more suitable to our needs and winding roads. Please let Vern or I know if there are continuing issues so that they can be addressed.

### BEACH BATHROOM

YES, it is almost finished. Water is hooked up, electrical has been signed off by Mr. Electric and we await the final stamp from Chikaming so that AEP can connect at the pole. There is good natural light in the facility so lights are not essential. The railings were special order so that they match the tan trim and should be in this week. Once installed, we should be open for business.

There are key pads on the doors, but no codes required from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm at which time they will

remain in the unlock position. Remember to use the privacy lock when inside.



## **DOROTHY SIMMONS HONORED AT THE VARIETY SHOW**

**DOROTHY SIMMONS** was unable to play the piano for the Variety Show this year, but her years of dedication, service and just plain fun were honored by those in attendance Saturday evening at the Variety Show, which as usual, went off extremely well in spite of a very short planning, writing and rehearsal time. Many thanks also to Ellen Elrick and all those who worked to create an excellent evening's entertainment!

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

A recent survey of young boys determined that the greatest piece of classical music ever composed was a work entitled, "The Return of the Swallows," by Belch.

It has also been determined that one of the greatest ancient Greek philosophers was Mediocretes, who has had a tremendous influence on contemporary culture.



## **GLORIES OF THE SUMMER PRAIRIE!**

By: Sharon Lemlur

On Monday July 17, 15 Hazelhursters enjoyed a memorable, fragrant, gorgeous and educational tour of a local prairie. Zoe Elrick, after a short introductory session, gave us a tour of one of the prairie lots that she helps to maintain, via her work for a regional firm specializing in eco-restoration. Next to The Blueberry Patch in Sawyer, is a privately-owned prairie of over 4 acres, maintained and nurtured so as to enhance its health and beauty. While there we learned a dozen or more prairie plants that bloom in July, providing not only beauty but also food, shelter, and nesting habitat for various species of animal life and insects. A small pond within the prairie served as home-base for a number of species of dragonflies.

Thank you to Zoe for knowing about, and gaining access for us, to learn more about conservation - one of The Prairie Club's core purposes.

For your own in-camp experiences of some of these wonderful flowers and insects, visit the Legacy Garden and the Pond at Hazelhurst.



## DICHANTHELIUM CLANDESTINUM!



By: Sharon Lemlur

In camp this season, we have a wonderful sign of Mother Nature saying, "thanks for giving me a hand!" - As you walk to the beach or anywhere in the woods, please notice the native grass that is thriving and spreading this season, particularly in areas that were cleared of buckthorn, jet bead and other invasive shrubs in recent years. Its common name is "deer tongue grass", or *Dichanthelium clandestinum*. It's beginning to flower now.



## JUNE BUGS

By Emily Walker & Melissa Kirby

You may see these tiny beetles in Lake Michigan when you go swimming, well, you would be looking at June Bugs. They are also known as June Beetles, May Bugs, Dune Bugs and, as they are called in the scientific community, *Phyllophaga*. (*Phyl-loph-a-ga*) The large *Phyllophaga* genus has more than 260 species, including the well-known June Bug.

This very common bug has a fairly long lifespan of 3-4 years during which it goes through many different stages of life; including the following: egg, larva, pupa and adult. Larvae live underground for three years and eventually pupate and turn into adults. Adults live for about a year. Over the course of a two week period in midsummer females lay between 50 and 200 eggs in a hole 2-5 inches deep in soil.

These minuscule insects range in size from 12-35 millimeters (0.47-1.38 inches). They are blackish or reddish brown in color, with no prominent markings. It also shares features with other beetles with its hard casing and wings. The June Bug is also nocturnal, as the 'Dune Bug' song suggests.

As a larvae, the insects live underground and eat the roots of grasses and plants for most of their life. As adults, they feed at night on leaves from trees and bushes. If there is a large gathering of adults in one place they can cause considerable harm to crops and other plants. Adults are chafers, which is any scarabaeid (skar-uh-bee-id) beetle.

When June Bugs are adults they swarm in great numbers during early summer; especially if there is a lot of artificial light as they are strongly attracted to it. June Bugs are found all over North America and they get their name from emerging in great quantities in the month of June. A natural predator of the June Bug is the Waved Light Fly; but, the beetles also make good snacks for a pet toad or lizard. June Bugs, even though it may seem unlikely, can actually swim, which is where one may see them as they swim in Lake Michigan. (Ed.'s note: "June Bug" is also a fairly irritating song by the B-52's).

## VARIETY SHOW LEGACY

By: Jan Millermaier

Greetings Hazelhursters! Sharon Lemler and I put on a Kids' Variety Show from 1989-1999 which was then taken over by my daughter Sarah in 2000-2001. I am wanting to create some sort of poster to memorialize those years in the Red Barn as we are not currently represented in the "Hall of Fame". If you, your children or grandchildren participated please send me the names of participants and any photos you might have. Those were great years!

## **POND LIFE: A Golden Guide**

Written by George K. Reid, illustrated by Sally D. Kaicher and Tom Dolan, from St. Martin's Press

By: Layton Olson

Thanks to Patrick Gilligan, Hazelhurst Library has 5 copies of the beautiful and detailed Pond Life, a guide to the plants and animals of ponds and lakes in North America.

It's a great guide to take to Hazelhurst's newly restored pond because it contains wonderful illustrations of plants, insects, amphibians and animals found in and around the pond. The dragonflies are especially beautiful. Frogs, turtles and ducks are also featured, as seen at a tour given by Patrick Gilligan. I used the guide as part of an introductory nature drawing exercise, starting with dragonflies. (Why do we see so few lightning bugs this year?).

Check one out, and learn about the characteristics of water at various temperatures and depths, oxygen, carbon dioxide and sedimentary materials in free flowing and in marsh-building ponds. You can also check out many great pond photos on Hazelhurst Camp's Facebook site, posted by Patrick and others.

## **IN MEMORIUM**

**Sunday, August 13, 1:30 p.m.**

By: Janice Johnson

A memorial for the loss of the following people from our Hazelhurst community will be held in the Barn at 1:30 PM on Sunday, August 13, 2017. All are welcome to attend.

Bob Burton, John Lambros, Otto Becker, Joan Buchele, Pat Peschel, Tony Longo, Bob Nielsen and Carl Welch

## **ELECTRONICS RECYCLING**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 5, 2017**

**9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Chikaming Township.**

By: Layton Olson

Coming up: Local electronics recycling drop off is scheduled for Saturday August 5 from 9am to 1pm at Chikaming Township offices on Red Arrow Highway. Clean up your old home and business stuff. Recycling reduces costs and protects the environment.

## **CAMP COUNCIL MEETING**

July 22, 2017, 10:00 a.m. Red Barn

## **SITE HOLDERS MEETING**

**AUGUST 12, 2017, 10:00 a.m.**

## **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

September 2, 2017, 10:00 a.m. Red Barn

## **CELEBRATE CHIKAMING!**

By Leo Krusack

**Saturday, July 22, 2017, 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**RAIN OR SHINE!**

Harbert Community Park on Red Arrow Highway

Join this Community Event! Fun for everyone, kids and adults, alike: Volleyball, sack races, egg toss, face painting, sand castle building, corn husk toss, and a bounce house. A magician will show us some truly magical tricks, plus lots of excellent food and beverages, including popular brews from local Greenbush Brewery and wine selections offered by the Round Barn Winery. There will be something for everyone. Come on out and support the community all of us love so much. It's going to be a great day!

For information call: (269) 469-1676 or email Deborah Hall-Kayler at [dhall-kayler@chikamingtownship.org](mailto:dhall-kayler@chikamingtownship.org)

## **BARODA: PARTY ON THE PAVERS**

**August 5, 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., Admission: \$10.00**  
Featuring: Zelvis Zelvis and Top Secret Band, live!

By: Layton Olson

What is agritourism, and what does it mean for Berrien County? Agritourists visit farms, farm stands, farmers markets, ag processing and hospitality centers, and support local agriculture. Southwestern Michigan agritourism features art, education and food, and the simple beauty and bounty of the Berrien County.

See [www.supportlocalagriculture.com](http://www.supportlocalagriculture.com) to learn about local farms, hospitality, art and market places, including contact information, with a link to the photo book: A Portrait of Baroda, Michigan Businesses, or call [269-422-1779](tel:269-422-1779).

What about art in food and nature?: Baroda's Tabula Rasa Gallery and other art places help with communication and supporting local artists. A copy of the 2017 Agritourism Guide and Map for Southwest Michigan can be picked up at Mesa Luna restaurant in Sawyer.

## 2017 BARN PROGRAMS

Saturday Nights...plus **TWO** Fridays:

### July Events

**July 21 (Friday)** Anne Walker will give a talk entitled: "An Evening of Light Linguistics for A I I Ages."

**July 22** Conservation speaker Chad Hughson, owner of Hidden Savannah Nursery, Kalamazoo--with **POTLUCK DINNER PRECEDING THE TALK.**

**July 28 (Friday)** An Evening of Songs-- **Willem Lutter**, guitar

**July 29** An Evening with Alice Pixley Young, artist

### August Events

**August 5** Ice Cream Social—time TBA

**August 12** Travel Program—Nepal & Bernie & Beth Dahl will share photos and stories from China along with Doug & Ellen's photos and stories from Nepal.

**August 19** "Summer Nocturne" Charley McKelvy, clarinet and Dorothy Simmons, piano

All evening Barn events begin at **8:00 p.m. Eastern Time**, except as noted.

Thanks to: Ellen Elrick & Janice Johnson

## PRAIRIE CLUB RIVER TRIPS

*(SEE PC WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION)*

July 23 - Kankakee River

Leader: Hope Little

August 6 – North Branch, Chicago River

Leader: Art Anderson

August 26 – Galien River

Leader: Art Anderson

## JOIN CHIKAMING OPEN LANDS ON A FUN AND EASY KAYAK RIDE AS WE EXPLORE THE GALIEN RIVER MARSH!

**Friday, August 4th 9:30 a.m. Outpost  
Sports, New Buffalo**

By: Leo Krusack

Join Chikaming Open Lands and [Love Creek](#) naturalist, Kip Miller for a guided paddle through the Galien River Marsh, including our very own [Louis J. Sima Great Lakes Marsh Preserve](#)! We will meet at Outpost Sports in New Buffalo, where we'll pick up our kayaks and be shuttled over to the Red Arrow Highway launch site. Kip will take us to new places in the marsh you might not have explored yet! We will paddle down to the New Buffalo Harbor where Outpost Sports will pick us up and shuttle us back to their store.

## HAZELHURST BOOK CLUB READINGS FOR 2017:

All meetings at 8:00 p.m.

“The Underground Railroad,” by Colson Whitehead

Hosted by: Mary Swanton

August 3, 2017

“The Heart of the Matter,” Graham Green

Hosted by: Annette Robinson

August 17, 2017

“A Lady’s Life in the Rocky Mountains,”

by Isabella Bird

Hosted by: Mary White

August 31, 2017

## DUNES THEATRE, MICHIGAN CITY (219) 879-7509

### COMPANY

Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. Directed by Shawn Stengel

**July 20 through July 30**

*Thursday/Friday/Saturdays 7PM & Sundays 2 PM*

35 years old, still single, Robert struggles with a steady relationship. He juggles three girlfriends and is often in the company of five couples, trying to determine if he would be happier married or single. Over a series of dinner parties, first dates, thoughtful conversations, and astute observations, Robert comes to understand the pros and cons of ‘till death do you part.’

The original production of **COMPANY** was nominated for a record-setting 14 Tony Awards and won 6.

## VICKERS THEATRE, THREE OAKS (269) 756-3522

### THE HERO

**Synopsis:** Lee Hayden (Sam Elliott) is an aging Western icon with a golden voice, but his best performances are behind him. He relives old glories and smokes weed with his former-co-star-turned-dealer, Jeremy (Nick Offerman), until a surprise cancer diagnosis brings his priorities into sharp focus. He strikes up an exciting, contentious relationship with stand-up comic Charlotte (Laura Prepon), and tries to reconnect with his estranged daughter, Lucy (Krysten Ritter), while searching for one final role to

cement his legacy. **Rated R:** drug use, language and some (?)

**EDITOR’S NOTE:** I fondly remember my high school English teacher every time I use the word, “gainsay,” in conversation, which happens, never.

## SUMMER RENTALS AT HAZELHURST

### WINDSONG

Two identical units to choose from. Sleeps 4 - 5 people with a queen bedroom on the main floor. A large loft area has two twin beds and a twin trundle bed. Central Air equipped. Cleaning service and linens provided during peak season. \$995.00 per side per week during peak season

### FARMHOUSE

Offers 7 rooms, ranging from singles up to rooms for 4 people. Exclusives available year round. Comfortably sleeps 18. Seven lovely rooms in the Farmhouse are available. Peak season individual room rates range from \$435.00 - \$630.00 per week or just \$66.00 - \$100.00 per night. A one-night Exclusive is only \$535.00. Rates are discounted in the off seasons. You can now view availability on our website:

[http://www.theprairieclub.org/hazelhurst\\_camp/farmhouse](http://www.theprairieclub.org/hazelhurst_camp/farmhouse)

## PRAIRIE CLUB PARAPHERNALIA

T-Shirts \$ 10.00 Sm(1), M-2xl

Long sleeve only 2xl remaining

Hats 15.00

Mugs \$ 5.00

Phone Jean Burton McTaggart 219-262-4511

Or stop by 53 Chestnut Road

## WEDNESDAY MORNING 10:00 a.m. PLAY DATES WITH NATURE

Contact Sharon Lemler at: [slemler@gmail.com](mailto:slemler@gmail.com)

Check the mail house bulletin board for open dates, or **volunteer to lead one.**

These are very casual, intergenerational fun activities for anyone who loves enjoy Nature.

**Aug 2:** Mike Kozubek --- an in-camp nature walk in the Japanese tradition called a "ginko walk" - where all ages observe, experience, write and enjoy simple haiku-style poetry

**2017 COMMUNITY EVENTS AT SILVER  
BEACH COUNTY PARK**

101 Broad Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085 [\(269\) 982-0533](tel:(269)982-0533)

**Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra Concerts:**

**Friday, July 14, 2017 - Saturday, July 15, 2017**

**Saturday, July 29, 2017 - Friday, August 11, 2017**

**Saturday, August 12, 2017**

**Saturday, August 5, 2017 - Summer Jam**

**Saturday, September 23, 2017 - [Household Chemical  
and Electronics Recycling Collection](#), 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**THIS JUST IN: HIGHLIGHTS EDITOR FIGURES OUT HOW TO DOWNLOAD IMAGES:**



**July 8 square dance action at the Red Barn, submitted by Nancy Baum.**



**July 15 Variety Show, creatively created and skillfully presented.  
Thanks to Ellen Elrick, talented cast and crew.**



After receiving appropriate recognition and thanks, Dorothy Simmons got back to doing what she does so well. Thank you from all of us!

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[hazelhursthighlights@gmail.com](mailto:hazelhursthighlights@gmail.com).

## PLEASE WRITE!

The Highlights is “by, for, and about Hazelhursters!”

We like stories, poems, news, etc., related to Hazelhurst and Hazelhursters.

Please remember that shorter articles are more likely to be read...and we do reserve the right to edit! Send your submissions to:

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