

# Hazelhurst Highlights

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## DID YOU HEAR TAPS PLAYING?

If you thought you heard Taps playing on Monday at 11:00 a.m., it was not your imagination. It was the final salute to the Whites Port-a-Let leaving the grounds for, if not its final, but at least its next resting place.... not in Hazelhurst. “Those who need to GO salute you.”

**Yes, the long-awaited Beach Bathroom is available. Please use the foot and body showers outside before entry, in order to keep sand away from our new plumbing.**

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## FROM THE CAMP CHAIR

### IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

Yes, it is time to evaluate Vern Kits, the Hazelhurst Caretaker and Property Manager. You will receive the emailed Evaluation Form soon if you haven't already. There are also forms in the Mail Room. When completed, you may email, or fold, staple, address Larry Bergman and drop it in the mail slot. Only one evaluation per site please, and be sure to include your site number in the appropriate box. All evaluations must be returned by August 6, 2017.

## WILLEM LUTTER

**FRIDAY, JULY 28, 8:00 P.M.**

Our popular guitarist, WILLEM LUTTER, returns to the red barn playing an eclectic mix of new and old songs for all ages.

## ALICE PIXLEY YOUNG

**SATURDAY, JULY 29, 8:00 P.M.**

Award-winning artist/teacher, Prairie Club member and “Hazelhurster” (Cy Young’s daughter) from Cincinnati, Ohio, will present a program showing her art and sharing how her creative work and teaching continue to be influenced by the environment, literature, theater, and her travels.

# LEGACY GARDEN AND CONSERVATION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

By: Sharon Lemlur

The Legacy Garden, created of native southwest Michigan plants, got a spruce-up boost on Saturday July 22, from the following volunteers:

Ana Vincenti, Mary White, Nancy Baum, Sally Rosen, Ellen Elrick, Jim Lemler and Sharon Lemler

Thank you to these noble nature-tenders and thank you to **ALL CONSERVATION CONTRIBUTORS!**

Opportunities to participate in camp conservation efforts "on your own time" include:

- Removing, root-and-all, barberry bushes (note those marked with red ribbon). Remove the ribbon to the trash, and put the bushes into an established brush pile.

- Removing ANY invasive vines or shrubs that you confidently identify in any of the commonly shared areas of camp. Again - place the invasives in an established brush pile. These include burning bush, privet, jet bead, Oriental bittersweet, Japanese honeysuckle, and buckthorn. There are still a few spots of garlic mustard here and there, but they are few and far between. (Proof positive that our collective efforts DO make a difference!)

- Removing ivy from tree trunks in all common areas. You need not pull it off of the trunk. Simply cut out of few inches of vine at the level that is comfortable for you to clip - The vine above the cut will wilt and die. You can, if desired, dab the cut surface of the lower portion with a sponge dipped in Round-Up, which will help to kill the vine below the cut. (Adults only should do the cut-n-dab technique.) We must be more vigilant about keeping the ivy from climbing the trees, where it blooms and makes seeds, which then exponentially increase ivy in camp. English ivy is a seriously damaging invasive. Nothing eats it - nothing benefits from it - and it gradually kills everything in its path, including the forest itself.

It goes without saying that doing any of these things around your own particular site is important as well. - However if you want to count it for volunteer hours - do it in common areas.

For more info you can email me -  
[slemler@gmail.com](mailto:slemler@gmail.com)

## A ROBINSON AND FLYNN WOODS VISIT

By: Mike Kozubek

On a recent Saturday morning, more than a dozen other volunteers and I spent a few hours in moist soil, planting native plugs of purple-flowered wild Bergamot (bee balm) and Spiderwort, along with Columbine and Wild Rye in the wetlands at the entrance to Robinson Woods, off East Road, a little over a mile east of Red Arrow.

Then, Executive Director, Ryan Postema, led the volunteers and members of the Harbor Country Hikers on a narrow path "2 track" through the newly acquired 34-acre Flynn Woods, across the road from Robinson. He showed us where hiking trails will be laid out, a stone and gravel parking lot will be built, picnic pavilion and interpretive signage will go. Water fountains, faucets and a porta-potty will also be erected, making this a good stop for hikers, bikers and other visitors.

Containing oak and hickory, the trees in Flynn Woods are different from the beach and maple that dominate in Robinson Woods. We also passed a stand of dead ash trees, victim to the emerald ash borer. It was interesting to see where in 1918, the county installed a drain when the land was used for farming. As water flows from holes through the buried pipes or naturally in the stream beds, it spurts up today as springs, attracting wildlife.

Chikaming Open Lands is now active in 9 townships, from the Indiana border on the south, to Buchanan on the east, acquiring new lands to own, or obtaining conservation easements, particularly where contiguous to its existing lands. In June, Mary and I attended the dedication of another recent acquisition, the Turtle Creek Preserve adjacent to the New Buffalo Elementary School. We are glad that the Prairie Club has partnered with this group successfully on projects since its formation in 1999.

We now look forward to the next native plant work day at camp. If you're interested in hiking with other Prairie Club members, check out the schedule at: [http://theprairieclub.org/activity\\_calendar](http://theprairieclub.org/activity_calendar) or speak to Art Anderson.

## **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!

### **HAZELHURST 717**

By: Linda Christianson

Layton asked if I might share my impressions of Hazelhurst as a Prairie Club “newbie”.

Until this year my visits to Hazelhurst have been with other members of our Women Outdoors group, who rent Buena Vista for most Columbus Day weekends. We are an active gaggle of about 15, sharing rooms and meals, rising early to pack lunches for our chatty hikes at the Indiana Dunes, Sarett Nature Center, Warren Woods, returning to BV for long communicative beach walks, lively porch discussions, delicious feasts and time together over Scrabble, knitting, or Play Nines. So many exchanges, so much news to catch up on!

By contrast, last week my husband Rick and I, along with our Bichon poodle, Alfie, stayed at Burtons’ cottage on Catalpa. Silence! Sheltering trees over the cottage cast patterns of light and shadow on the floor of the porch. Inside, family group photos on the mantle, a cupboard full of spices, olive oil on a shelf above the stove, all made us feel at home.

And with no schedule! We found a case of books in the upstairs bedroom – mystery, poetry, history. No computer or email! Time for us to explore, we enjoyed the calamari salad at Gulestan, the native prairie wildflowers at Chikaming Township Nature Preserve, a long walk with Alfie at the Warren Dunes Dog Beach, the delicious pickings at the Blueberry Patch.

We had time to read, walk and reflect without distraction, absorb the beauty of Hazelhurst’s unpaved, shaded winding lanes, the native ground cover (no lawn mowers growling – such a blessing!) and muted cottages almost hidden in the trees. Above all, we had time to appreciate the commitment of generations of families who have created and maintained this space. Ladies in their wide-brimmed hats carrying on the tradition, weeding and watering the heritage garden!

At the Red Barn, Doug showed us the Shifting Sands video to help us all understand the biodiversity of the dunes, the responsibility we all have to sustain this rich environment.

We’re already looking forward to our visit next year!

## **IN SO MANY WORDS, PART I**

By Rick Krumbacher

Anne Walker gave an excellent talk entitled: “An Evening of Light Linguistics for All Ages,” on Friday evening. Starting with a series of seemingly irrational rules commonly used in English – we get onto a bus but into a car, the soldier deserts his dessert in the desert – through a linguistic history characterized by the blending of several languages into Old German, most prominently from French, but also including Latin, Danish, Hindi, Persian and for us, Native American, and now Spanish, with a smattering of many more.

English is both an interest and a pet peeve of mine.

English has the largest vocabulary of any language. Depending on how one defines the term, “vocabulary,” English has nearly a million words. Being essentially overwhelmed with options, English speakers use many words in one narrow context only, and then put them back in storage, filling other contexts with other words rather than with other forms of the same words.

If someone says, “he was impervious to the pain,” I would rejoin with, “not me brother – I’m pervious! I’m REAL pervious!” No such word as, “pervious.” We say “impervious” and then discard the word in favor of other words for other contexts. If I say, “I dismantled my carburetor,” it follows that I should then say, “and following the instructions, I remantled my carburetor and now it’s fully mantled (sitting on my mantle, next to the peg where I hang my mantle).”

If helium is “inert,” it follows that methane is “ert” and that hydrogen is “REALLY ERT!!” On paper, “inert” and “exert” look like the opposites, though we don’t use them that way. Is anything is ever merely “ert?” It seems outrageous that nothing is ever merely “rageous”

or perhaps “inrageous.” We journey to the “hinterland” but never climb stairs to the “hinterfloor.”

A fortress may be considered, “impregnable.” Yet, if a weakness is discovered, one does not then declare the fortress, “pregnable” (which might lead to a discussion of strategic contraception). That which is called a “shovel” ought more practically to be called a “diggle.” It would follow therefrom that “dignity” is something one ought to achieve with a shovel, though it usually isn’t.

## TWO UPDATES ON 911 SERVICE

By: Layton Olson

1. Berrien County's 911 Dispatch Office in St. Joseph tells us that in emergencies "call 911 if you can;" you can now "text 911 if you cannot." This is in an announcement of the new 'text to 911' service for phones with major carriers launched in September 2016.

Voice calls are faster for giving out location and details. A text to 911 may be necessary for speech or hearing-impaired persons, or if you can't get through on a cell phone. When a text is connected, however, it may set up chat questions for more information. Berrien County does not yet have capacity to receive photos. Again, **VOICE CALLS ARE FASTER!**

2. Berrien County is now part of the national Smart 911 App System, in which you can provide information for a First Responder, including health conditions, the number of persons in a household, and special access information. If you sign up for Berrien County, this information will be available to First Responders when you make a 911 call.

Cell coverage can be spotty on the beach. There is information on the Waterfront Director's observation tower about specific mileage post information to report.

Cell coverage may be better at the top of the tower, or up on the dunes. Just beware that you may reach a 911 operator in Chicago instead of Berrien County, if you call from the beach.

For more information: Berrien County Public Safety/ 911 see <http://berriencounty.org/PublicSafety911Dispatch>

## JIM GRAHAM'S ON SATURDAY MORNING

By: Kenneth Ogle

Uncle Sarge took me down, took me downtown, down to Jim Graham's on a Saturday morning. Squinting in the sun, we stopped and I stood staring at the barber pole. Uncle Sarge packed his snout with snuff, yanked me out of my nirvana and took me in to a lost tradition. Calico trimmings on a checkerboard floor, fat old farmers filled the air with the smell of cigars that mixed with the piercing scents of spices which came from the bottles of oils, ointments and after-shaves that lined the marble shelves and multiplied in the mirrors.

Neat and trim, slim Jim Graham, gold rimmed glasses and slick blond hair, slapped a booster board into the barber chair, snapped a bib about my neck and cranked me up and up, clickety click, as high as I could go. Snip snip. “Say, how's your girlfriend?” Snip snip. “Whaddaya mean, you don't have a girlfriend?!” Snip snip. “Why somebody told me you had a girlfriend!” Snip snip. “What? You? Only 4? Why that's old enough to have a girlfriend. Say Bob, didn't you tell me he had a girlfriend?” Snip snip. “No Jim, t'weren't me that told you that.” Snip snip. “I wonder who it was.”

Click buzzzzz. “Hold still now.” Zip zip. “I can't understand it.” Zip zip. “Fine looking young man like you ought to have at least a dozen girlfriends! Those blue eyes oughta knock 'em out!” Zip zip click. Pot bellies trembled at my expense. The chair swiveled. “How's that?” A red-faced blond with white walls around the ears was looking back at me. He looked vaguely familiar. “Fine, thank you.”

Uncle Sarge took his turn with the added pleasure of hot cream from a porcelain mug, scraped away by a real razor, sharpened on a real strop. Uncle Sarge closed his eyes. Leaning back, he seemed lost. Jim Graham's steady hands slowly slid the razor's blade across his neck while gruff old goats gossiped and swore. Deacon John jumped in now and then to remind them that a child was there. But no one seemed to hear him.

Our sandpaper necks felt cool and clean as we stepped back out into the sun. Uncle Sarge took his tin to pack his nose once again and caught my curious eye. With a devilish grin, he held down that strange black powder and he told me to put some of it in my upper lip. Expecting honey, I was stung by bees, and I spat, spat, spat in the street, to the sound of my uncle, laughing like a mule.

# CANOES: A NATURAL HISTORY IN NORTH AMERICA,

by Mark Neuzil and Norman Sims

By: Layton Olson

330 pages packed with beautiful page photos, paintings and graphics, narrating the development of the canoe, is a great addition to the Hazelhurst library. 'Canoes: A Natural History,' vividly illustrates the history of canoes (the word comes from the Carib language), beginning with dugouts used in the Caribbean, through to the highly decorated sea canoes in the Pacific Northwest.

The book shows long canoes from archeological digs, everyday birch-bark and elm canoes for trapping, trading and war in the U.S. and Canada. The canoe's place in cultural history is documented, from the beginning of the gentleman canoe clubs and outdoor magazines in the 19th century, canoeing for romance at the turn of the 20th century, to women's canoe associations in the 1920's.

They complete the picture by describing wood, canvas, metal and synthetic construction materials and techniques used in canoes and kayaks. The book concludes with modern canoe enthusiasts: Olympic competitions, and the advocacy of paddlers (including CBS journalist Eric Severaid) in Wild and Scenic Rivers and other river trail legislation and planning from the 1960's until now.

## 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

## SITE HOLDERS MEETING

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

## OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

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

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

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

**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 BARN PROGRAMS July Events

**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 11 (Friday)** "Shifting Sands" video telling the story of saving the Indiana Dunes.

**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 13 (Sunday)** Memorial Service at the Red Barn **1:30 p.m.**

**August 26** "Cuba—Beyond the Classic Cars" – Christine and Mark Sever

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

Thanks to: Ellen Elrick & Janice Johnson

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

## THE WOMEN'S BALCONY

**Synopsis:** An accident during a bar mitzvah leads to a gender rift in a devout Orthodox community in Jerusalem, in this good-hearted tale about women speaking truth to patriarchal power. When the women's balcony in an Orthodox synagogue collapses, leaving the rabbi's wife in a coma and the rabbi in

By: Leo Krusack

Join Chikaming Open Lands and [Love Creek](#) naturalist, Kip Miller for a guided paddle through the Galien River Marsh, including our [Louis J. Sima Great Lakes Marsh Preserve](#)! 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. 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

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Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. Directed by Shawn Stengel

## SUMMER RENTALS AT HAZELHURST WINDSONG

2 units sleep 4 - 5 people each: main floor bedroom, 2 twin beds and 1 trundle bed in the loft. Central Air, cleaning service and linens provided during peak season. \$995.00 per side per week.

## FARMHOUSE

7 rooms, from singles up to rooms for 4. Exclusives available year round. Comfortably sleeps 18. 7 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 1-night Exclusive is only \$535.00. Rates are discounted in the off seasons. View availability on our website:

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

## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING SATURDAY AUGUST 5, 2017

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

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.

## 2017 COMMUNITY EVENTS AT SILVER BEACH COUNTY PARK

101 Broad Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085 [\(269\) 982-0533](tel:2699820533)  
Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra Concerts:

**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.**

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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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