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BEACH BATHROOM NEARS COMPLETION

Beach bathroom fans will soon be flush with success as the new bathroom caps a long and successful movement, from discussion to planning to construction phases.

SITEHOLDER'S MEETING

SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2017,

10:00 a.m. E.D.T.

Don't even think about skipping it –
the quorum needs **YOU!**

OVERWHELMING PASSAGE!

Dear Hazelhurst Siteholders:

The Prairie Club Board's proposed By-Law changes were overwhelmingly passed on June 10. Printed copies of the revised By-Laws will be available at the Siteholder's meeting on July 1 for you to put into your green notebook (please bring with you). Additional copies will be available in the mailroom. You may also print them from the Prairie Club website.

Thank you for your support and participation!

Douglas Elrick, Prairie Club President

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS:

5:00 p.m E.D.T.:

Volunteers meet at the red barn to set up on the slab.

6:00 p.m. E.D.T.: Dinner on the slab

Evening: Games

Sundown: Bonfire on the beach with singing, marshmallows and cavorting.

Necessary Investment: \$4.00 per person.

GREAT LAKES THREATENED BY ASIAN CARP

By Layton Olson

Recent news shows that Asian Carp are approaching electric barriers only nine miles from Lake Michigan. Some studies report Asian carp DNA already in Lake Michigan. Asian Carp have the potential to decimate the Great Lakes ecosystem and the economy of Southwest Michigan.

In response, Congressman Fred Upton (R-Kalamazoo-St Joseph), on behalf of bipartisan economic development and watershed investment parties, has implored President Trump to release a local study as part of Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, and take action to stop Asian Carp from entering Lake Michigan.

You can read Congressman Upton's statement on his website. You can sign up for weekly Updates. These include often low visibility but important actions from House Commerce and Energy Committee in which Southwest Michigan has been a longtime leader in bipartisan approaches, such as in environmental, smart energy, manufacturing, life sciences and 21st Century workforce development and community college extension activities.

HAZELHURST IN INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT AREA

By Layton Olson

Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas (CISMA) include cooperation among Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties, with advanced data platform of Michigan State University's Midwest Invasive Species Network. Residents can report invasives in local area at www.misin.msu.edu

High priority invasive species in Berrien County Conservation District include: Japanese & Giant Knotweed, Chinese Yam, Flowering Rush, Black & Swallowwort, European Frogbit, Asian Longhorned Beetle and Phragmites.

It would be interesting to learn more about Invasive Species Management Areas along Michigan Dunes and Galien River Watershed, including Lake (Bridgeman), Chikaming, Three Oaks and New Buffalo. And, including

for very local invasive management priorities in Hazelhurst dune and back of dune areas, and in neighborhood homeowner association areas, such as along Ravine Creek from Red Arrow to the Lake.

For info: Berrien Conservation District, 269-471-911 ext 3 (Jared Harmon, Nancy Carpenter). Also on Facebook or at www.berriened.org

LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS!

By: Phyllis Pelletier

Hazelhurst members have suggested an array of new titles for the library this season. Some of our new books include:

THE STORIED LIFE OF A. J. FIRKY features a cantankerous owner of a failing bookstore. A series of monumental events pushes him to rediscover his purpose. This book is recommended by Paula Butler.

Annette Robinson and Ann Cilla suggested A GENTLEMAN IN MOSCOW which tells the story of a dissident aristocrat in communist Russia sentenced to house arrest in a Moscow hotel. Tales of intrigue follow.

BORN A CRIME describes Trevor Noah's life growing up in apartheid South Africa. His book honors his fearless mother and deals honestly and humorously with the racism and poverty of his humble beginnings.

Janice Johnson offered this title and also A MAN OF SALT AND TREES, a biography of Jay Morton, the founder of the Morton Arboretum.

Mary White's choice is THE INVENTION OF NATURE which celebrates the life of Alexander Humboldt, a visionary naturalist. He changed the way people viewed the world around them and thereby created modern environmentalism.

Several additional books spotlight the natural world:

THE HOUR OF LAND features poetic essays on the relevance and splendor of the national parks. Bonnie Pletcher recommended this title. A beautiful book on canoes and their role in North America's natural history was suggested by Corliss Wallingford.

THE KINDNESS DIARIES relays the story of a former stockbroker's quest to circumnavigate the globe armed only with a motorbike and a faith in humanity. Marilyn Gorawara recommended this work.

THE HARROWS OF SPRING describes a futuristic world that must return to 19th century technology to survive. Jeanne Field enjoyed this novel.

Anne Walker suggested BENEATH A SCARLET SKY. Based on a true story, it highlights the courage of young people in the World War II resistance movement.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER STAFF MEETING

We will have a short meeting for our volunteer staff in the Barn directly after Monday Morning coffee on July 3rd. The meeting will last 22 minutes. Thanks in advance for your time.

2017 HAZELHURST LIBRARY HOURS:

June 27 – August 20, 2017: Monday, Thursday,
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

August 20 – 29, 2017: Monday, Thursday, Saturday:
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

MONDAY MORNING COFFEES BEGIN!

Monday Morning Coffees will begin Monday, July 3, 2017, on the lawn at the Red Barn and every Monday morning from 10:00 to 11:00 (Michigan Time) now through Labor Day, September 5, rain or shine.

The Coffees are a great way to greet and meet friends and to fulfill your volunteer hours' requirements. All the supplies, except goodies, are in the barn kitchen. Directions are there also. You can sign up to host a Coffee on the Bulletin Board at the mail house for a Monday that fits your schedule.

This tradition, that began more than 35 years ago when Midge Hughes and a few friends decided they needed to meet to schedule bridge games and play times for the the kids.

Plan to join the fun and good eats. If you have questions or need additional information please call Hilary Critchfield at [217-412-3755](tel:217-412-3755), or Rita & Ed Dickey at 269-612-8535.

VARIETY SHOW MEETING:

July 7, 2017 11:00 a.m. EDT. We'll have a planning meeting at the Barn. Kids and adults are welcome. Bring your ideas for the show—skits, songs, dances, jokes, storytelling, etc., and we'll get started. Ask your friends to come along too!

THINGS WE SEE

By Rick Krumbacher

The howl of twin propellers brought conversation to a halt. We all stood looking north. A small, white, twin-engine aircraft, something similar to a Cessna 421, not more than fifteen feet off the water, was coming straight at us.

When I was a kid, Hazelhurst beach always had a lifeguard stand and a barrel raft. As the name implies, the barrel raft consisted of a wooden deck with four 55 gallon oil drums mounted underneath, on axles held in place by steel brackets. It could roll up and down the beach and float in the water, though it floated somewhat lower throughout the summer because the barrels leaked. The barrel raft in its turn had replaced a large Navy surplus inflatable raft named "Clio's Barge" which lived on our beach for several years, courtesy of the Foote family.

Hazelhurst was also awash in kids in those days, including a layered crowd of teenagers – layered in the sense that we were not all the same ages, and a difference of a year or two can be life or death to one's inclusion in or exclusion from various cliques, which membership often also seems like life or death to the teenaged mind.

Early most mornings, some particularly officious teens would saunter down to the beach, load the cinder block which served as an anchor onto the deck of the raft, roll it into the water and begin pushing it out to the second sandbar, alternately wading and swimming until an appropriate depth had been reached. The raft was then anchored by a ceremonial throwing overboard of the cinder block and the teenagers could get down to the business of being cool for the rest of the day.

Coincidentally, there were two men who flew from Benton Harbor to Meigs Field in Chicago several days a week. It isn't more than about 40 miles across the lake from Benton Harbor to Meigs Field. However, flying straight back and forth wasn't in their flight plan, at least on clear days. Instead, they flew the plane in ground effect, which sounds paradoxical over water. Any time an airplane flies at or less than wingspan above a flat surface – land or water – a cushion of air builds up under the wings and floats the airplane. The pilot can dial back the power setting, essentially throttling back the engines, and maintain a steady speed because the engines don't have to work nearly as hard as normal just to keep the plane in the air.

Flying in ground effect is very exciting and very dangerous. At that altitude, there is hardly a heartbeat of time to react if something goes wrong, before the aircraft hits the water. The pilot in question had closely cropped brown hair, neat brown mustache, and wore expensive looking aviator glasses. I know this because he flew over so low that I saw his face clearly. We would grumble a bit and dive underwater when we saw the airplane coming. Spinning props are scary things.

The pilot probably thought frightening us was fun. He waved at me a time or two while buzzing me in my kayak. Something about his look made me think he was ex-military or Police. The passing of the airplane was a regular and irritating occurrence, flying so low that the propellers left wakes in the surface of the water. So I'll admit that I was neither very surprised nor very sorry when news reports came in that a twin-engine aircraft had crashed into the lake about two miles off of Gary.

The plane was found on the bottom of the lake, virtually undamaged, with both cabin doors wide open. No sign of the occupants was ever found. I don't know for sure whether that was our airplane or the two guys or not, but we never saw them again afterwards.

Years later, I walked into Chicago City Hall, on my way to the Daley Center, and was confronted by a large blow-up poster image of the aircraft sitting on the bottom of the lake. Beside it was a map, showing a line from Benton Harbor to Meigs Field, the intended flight path, and a dotted line around the shore, ending in a question mark where the plane had crashed. As I gazed at this, knowing the question mark was to ask why the plane was so far off course and what happened to the two men inside, a reporter popped up and pointed a microphone at me.

“Do you know anything about this?” I thought about telling her about being chased off the barrel raft by a couple of hotshots. But as I did so, I looked past the reporter and saw the pilot's widow getting up, looking expectantly at me. I doubt that her husband ever told her about buzzing rafts and small boats or skirting the shoreline a few feet above the water. I don't know what actually brought the plane down or what happened to the men inside, so I shook my head and went on.

2017 Barn Programs

Saturday Nights...plus a Friday:
New Listings!

July Events

- July 8** Square Dance--Teresa Berger, caller
- July 15** Variety Show—**PLANNING MEETING** on Friday, July 7, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. EDT at the Barn.
- July 21** Anne Walker will give a talk entitled: “An Evening of Light Linguistics for All 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

"If your cat starts thinking outside the box, it's time to clean the box." - **Pseudo Confucius**

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

Resuming June 28, 2017: 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.

Here's the line-up at the time of writing:

July 5: (open)

July 12: Lynne (Elrick) Scott --- TBD

July 19: Zoe Elrick --- trip to a local prairie restoration project

July 26: (open)

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

To volunteer or ask a question, contact Sharon Lemler slemler@gmail.com

FREE CONCERT SERIES

Bridgman's Weko Beach every other Sunday concerts continue Sundays at 7:00 p.m. at the pavilion, featuring free park access and concert, July 9 & July 23, August 6 & 20, finishing up on September 3.

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

I Hate Hamlet

06/29/2017 7:00 pm – 07/02/2017 6:00 pm.

TV actor Andrew Rally struggles with the dream role of Hamlet, while dealing with a girlfriend who is keeping a grip on her chastity. The ghost of actor John Barrymore

comes back to earth to convince the star to accept the role of Hamlet. Barrymore is very convincing, especially after an animated sword fight. But when offered a role in a high-paying television pilot, Andrew is conflicted. Will he go for the big pay check or risk facing the same dilemma that haunts Barrymore beyond his grave?

HAZELHURST BOOK CLUB READINGS FOR 2017:

All meetings at 8:00 p.m.

"The River of Doubt," by Candice Miller
Hosted by: Carol Gapen
July 6, 2017

"Hillbilly Elegy," by J.D. Vance
Hosted by: Sue Tingle
July 20, 2017

"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

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

GIFTED

Rated PG-13 language, suggestive themes

Synopsis: Frank Adler (Chris Evans) is a single man raising a child prodigy - his spirited niece Mary (Mckenna Grace) - in a coastal town in Florida. Frank's plans for a normal school life for Mary are foiled when the seven-year-old's mathematical abilities come to the attention of Frank's formidable mother Evelyn (Lindsay Duncan) whose plans threaten to separate Frank and Mary. Octavia Spencer plays Roberta, Frank and Mary's landlady and best friend. Jenny Slate is Mary's teacher, Bonnie, a woman whose concern for her student develops into a connection with her uncle as well.

ACORN THEATRE, THREE OAKS

(269) 756-3879

July 1: Heartache Tonight – tribute to the Eagles with opener, Chad Michael
July 7: Original Chicago Blues Band
July 8: Open Mic with host Peter Joly

PEAK SEASON AVAILABILITY AT HAZELHURST

WINDSONG

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Each side sleeps 4 - 5 people with a queen bedroom on the main floor and a large loft area, with two twin beds and a twin trundle bed, that provides beautiful views.

Both sides are Central Air equipped. Cleaning service and linens provided during peak season.

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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.

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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: hazelhursthighlights@gmail.com.

You can now view availability on our website: http://www.theprairieclub.org/hazelhurst_camp/farmhouse

2017 COMMUNITY EVENTS AT SILVER BEACH COUNTY PARK

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

Tuesday, July 4, 2017 - Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra Concert

Saturday, July 8, 2017 - Smooth Jazz at Sunset

Friday, July 14, 2017 - Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra Concert

Saturday, July 15, 2017 - Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra Concert

Saturday, July 29, 2017 - Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra Concert

Saturday, August 5, 2017 - Summer Jam

Friday, August 11, 2017 - Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra Concert

Saturday, August 12, 2017 - Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra Concert

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

**Hazelhurst Camp
PO Box 146
Harbert, MI 49115**