



The Bulletin

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Hazelhurst and our Nature and History Neighbors

by Layton Olson

As many of us think about summer times at Hazelhurst this year, now is a good time to catch up on what's happening with our Harbert and Chikaming neighbor associations and institutions in 'love of nature' and 'love of local history' happenings.

In working with Chikaming's Parks Director (Joe Martin, now building a home in Springbrook, and on the job since winter 2023), he has set priorities for partnering with local conservation groups, schools and neighbor associations like Camp Hazelhurst on cooperative park and habitat projects, such as along the Red Arrow Linear Park and bike paths. Including potentially planting of milkweed and other pollinator friendly plants along Red Arrow highway, in ditchbanks along roads, and in gardens.

The Parks Director is the point person to coordinate Chikaming Township 'nature month' work, which began in 2022 with the declaration of September as Annual Monarch Butterfly Migration Month, and in 2023 with the declaration of April and May as Annual Bird Migration and Blooms and Bugs Months (based on the recommendation of Sarett Nature Center at the spring Prairie Club Annual Meeting at Hazelhurst). Mr. Martin says 'stay tuned' this spring-summer for extension of bikepaths going west from Harbert to Union Pier, including adding benches and landscaping. He also brought to attention the potential for Hazelhurst to undertake Summer Nature Programs with University of Chicago research field station off Warren Woods Road. Something to consider both for Hazelhurst Conservation and Youth Exploration projects and trips.

See early February news items from Hazelhurst Highlights on the next page.

Layton Olson is Hazelhurst History Committee chair, and is working on Berrien County Monthly Calendar for Nature and Heritage.

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(If you would like to receive the weekly Highlights newsletter, filled with seasonal photos and stories, please email your request to editor Rick Krumbacker at hazelhursthighlights@gmail.com)

U of Chicago groundbreaking sustainable field station

Have you been to U Chicago 42 acre research station near Warren Woods State Park, on some back roads and near Chikaming Park along Warren Woods Road?

It was established in 2014 as a temperature sustainable greenhouse, cold lab, researcher cabins and seminar complex with funding from a descendent of Henry Cowles, the father of the modern science of Ecology.

The field station is exploring the potential for partnering with local school, park, environment and other parties on a series of native plant plots. This may present an opportunity for Hazelhurst adults and youth to visit and assist with native planting projects this summer. Especially plantings of milkweed and other bird and pollinator friendly plants.



See more: <https://news.uchicago.edu/story/university-chicago-opens-groundbreaking-sustainable-field-station>

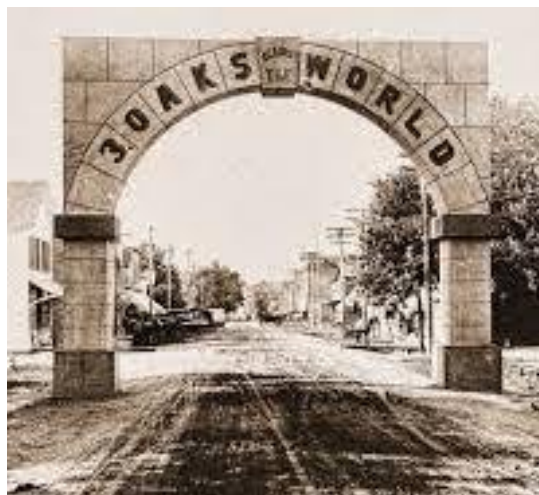
Calendaring for History of Harbert and Three Oaks Region

Last summer, many from Hazelhurst joined a full house at Chikaming Township Hall to hear about and see old photos of the origins of Spring Brook and Hazelhurst from the 1890s to 1950s, sponsored by The Region of Three Oaks Museum (TROTOM), Spring Brook and Prairie Club Archives at Westchester. TROTOM has been active in fundraising and programming, including securing the return of a coach and hearse. It has also hosted continuing in person and zoom presentations, including a February

program on Lakeside Anti-Thief Association and similar nationwide activities in 1880s. The museum also received a grant from Michigan Historical Association for document digitization equipment.

This summer, Hazelhurst History Committee will be exploring cooperation in digitizing Old Hlghlights from before they began to be archived on line. And, we will continue with cooperative programs with Harbert neighbor associations on joint interests, including nature, land management and history.

So, until we meet again: Happy Nature and History to surround us with stories across generations.



THE FOLLOWING PEAK SEASON DATES ARE STILL AVAILABLE



BUENA VISTA

June 14 – 21 Casa Craig

June 14 – 21 Sandine's Svensk Stuga

June 21 – 28 Sandine's Svensk Stuga



FAMILY COTTAGE

June 14 – 21 Ravinia

June 14 – 21 Windsong

June 21 – 28 Ravinia

June 21 – 28 Windsong



FARMHOUSE

June 16 – 21

Aug. 25 – Sep. 6

View full details of all our rental properties at: <https://www.theprairieclub.org/rental-facilities/>

Contact the office today to make your reservation!

You may reach us by phone at (630) 620-9334 or by e-mail at prairieclub@sbcglobal.net



Join Spring Grove for the Spring Clean-Up

Join the Spring Grove Camp for a Spring clean-up on April 27th!

Bring your gardening gloves and enthusiasm as we work together to make our camp even more beautiful. This event is a great opportunity to connect with fellow members and show our appreciation for the environment.

Mark your calendars and get ready to make a positive impact on our surroundings.
See you there!

Membership Corner Updates

The Prairie Club Board approved two new Sponsorship Policy updates regarding membership at the March 20, 2024 Meeting. They are as follows:

1. Sponsors must be an active member in good standing for at least two years (Exceptions at Prairie Club Board discretion).
2. During one calendar year, an active member in good standing of at least two years, may sponsor no more than two candidates for prospective Active Membership, and no more than two candidates for prospective Student Membership (Exceptions at Prairie Club Board discretion).

As a refresher, here are the current Prairie Club Sponsorship Policies and Guidelines:

- All classes of membership (except Honorary Life Membership) must be sponsored by two active Prairie Club members and interviewed by at least one member of the Membership Committee.
- Active Prairie Club members must have been a member in good standing for at least two years.
- During one calendar year, an active member in good standing of at least two years, may sponsor no more than two candidates for prospective Active Membership, and no more than two candidates for prospective Student Membership (Exceptions at Prairie Club Board discretion).
- Sponsors must not be directly related to the applicant (Parent, Child, Sibling, Spouse, Partner, Significant Other, Uncle, Aunt, Niece, Nephew)
- Sponsors must not be directly related to the applicant's other sponsor (Parent, Child, Sibling, Spouse, Partner, Significant Other, Uncle, Aunt, Niece, Nephew)



The key to a successful Application for Membership is how well the Sponsor has known the applicant and is able to earnestly support the applicant for membership. We encourage our current members to help us maintain the values and goals of membership in the Prairie Club, and to continue to sponsor candidates that will make The Prairie Club a better place for future generations.

Please remember that when you decide to sponsor a potential member, and complete the sponsor's form, you are not only attesting that you have known this individual for a minimum of six months, you are also personally vouching for the character and conduct of the applicant. As a sponsor, it is your responsibility to act as a guide for a potential member of the Prairie Club, including Club history, mission, ideals, rules, and regulations, as well as privileges. Your role also does not merely end by submitting the sponsor form.

A sponsor should play an active role in guiding and involving the new member. Make sure applicants are aware the Prairie Club is a volunteer run organization, and the importance of participation.

As a sponsor, your job is to help make the Prairie Club stronger with each new member. The role of the Membership Committee is to ensure that the prospective member has been oriented to the club before completing the application process.



SAVE *The* DATE

Saturday, June 8, 2024

*The Prairie Club's
116th Annual Meeting
@ Hazelhurst Camp*

The event will begin at 11:00 with a meet and greet of
new and old members

The meeting will commence at 11:30

Lunch will be at Noon

The lunch will be followed by a program Cathy
Maloney will present on wildflowers.

All times are Eastern Time.

**Watch your inbox for your invitation to
The Prairie Club's 116th Annual Meeting!**

Our Departed Members and Friends

The following members and friends have passed away since our Bulletin's last publishing. Please keep them and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

Nadine Utten passed away on *May 8, 2023*

James Utten passed away on *January 30, 2024*

Carol Simmons passed away on *March 29, 2024*



Donations

Thank you for the continued support of our Members. **Please remember that donations to the Prairie Club are not tax deductible.**

The following members made generous donations along with their yearly dues:

The Cahill Family	Jaime Haas	Alex Timberg
Connie Cranford	Barbara Hertel	Angelo Varias
James Downey	Adrian Johns	James Volkman
Kay Downey	Melissa Kagann	The Wallingford Family
Douglas & Ellen Elrick	Deb & William Kinney	Ilona & Piotr Warcholek
Zurich Esposito	Ellen Nadelhoffer	Marcia Warter
Marsha & Robert Foote	Joanne Nadelhoffer	Mary Lou Wehrli
The Ford Family	Eleanor Nicholson	James & Mary White
Nancy Gray	Nancy Reiter	Dianne & Randy Williams

In memory of her dear friends, **Wendy Lyford** has made generous contributions to various Hazelhurst activities. Wendy's gestures serve as a touching tribute to her friends and their love for Hazelhurst community.

- In memory of Joan Hughes, she made a thoughtful donation to the Monday Morning Coffees and the Hazelhurst Library.
 - In memory of John McKee, the Hazelhurst Boat Program and the tennis courts.
 - In memory of Dorothy Simmons, she contributed to the tennis courts, as well.

New Applicants for Membership

The following candidates have applied for membership since our last Bulletin was published. If you know of any reason why an applicant should not be admitted to the Club, please write to the Membership Committee, via the Club office address: 12 E. Willow St., Unit A, Lombard, IL 60148

Josephine Bellalta & John MacManus

Three Oaks, MI 49128

Sponsors: Beth Dahl, Susan Moseley Taylor

Interviewed by: Barb Burton

Matthew & Michelle Juknius

Saint John, IN 46373

Sponsors: Patrick Gilligan, Rita Dickey

Interviewed by: Terese Clancy

Margaret Janavicius- Ciacciarelli

Oak Park, IL 60302

Sponsors: Angie Dodd, Meredith Burlew

Interviewed by: Mary Padilla

Elizabeth Lee

Webster, NY 14580

Sponsors: Alan Pitt, Roberts Burton

Interviewed by: Jo Burda-Smith

Michael Ciacciarelli

Oak Park, IL 60302

Sponsors: Richard Mertz, Andrew McDonald

Interviewed by: Mary Padilla

Lauren Love

San Antonio, TX 78209

Sponsors: Jean Simmons, Nan McRaven

Interviewed by: Jo Burda-Smith

Maureen Gallagher & Steven Knight

Cincinnati, OH 45220

Sponsors: Jacqueline Bloom, Susan Taylor

Interviewed by: Patrick Gilligan

Ashley Nelson

Harbert, MI 49115

Sponsors: Barbara Warren, Marie Burke

Interviewed by: Sally Cook

James vonMeding

Chicago, IL 60630

Sponsors: Rob Burton, Randy Ball

Interviewed by: Anne Walker

Reminder for Spring Grove Siteholders

Final Trailer Site payments
are due by April 30th

Reminder for Hazelhurst Siteholders

Upcoming Camp Council Meetings
Saturday, June 15, 10am EST
Saturday, July 13, 10am EST

Join The Prairie Club on hikes, kayaking, and other activities!
Be sure to follow the Prairie Club on [meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com)
Search for "Prairie Club of Chicagoland Activities Group"

WANTED: WATERFRONT DIRECTOR 2024

Hazelhurst Camp seeks a Waterfront Director/Swimming Instructor for its beautiful Lake Michigan beach in Harbert, MI, for summer 2024!

Pay: \$15.40/hr, plus end-of-season bonus of up to \$400.

When: 400 hours over 10 straight weeks from June to August. Starting date is negotiable.

Duties: Watch over swimmers and other beach users to promote safety and compliance with beach rules. Respond appropriately to any emergency situations. Provide swimming lessons to small groups. Manage equipment and supplies.

Requirements:

- High School graduate or equivalent
- Red Cross (or equivalent) Lifeguard Certificate, First Aid, CPR & AED
- Must be capable of working with a large group of people.

Additional information: <https://www.theprairieclub.org/hazelhurst/>

- Experience preferred, especially on Lake MI beaches.
- Schedule may be split between two candidates if agreeable.

Visit our website to view the full Job Description

Apply / inquire with the Beach Chair, Randy Lutter: (240)271-8430 or rwlutter@gmail.com

Prairie Club Officers 2024

President	Mike Maloney
1st Vice President	Sarah Craig Pratt
2nd Vice President	Hope Little
Treasurer	Mark Sever
Recording Secretary	Wendy Lyford
Hazelhurst Camp Vice President	Barb Burton-Halfpenny
Spring Grove Camp Vice President	Erin Kiehm

Standing Committees 2024

Audit	Kevin Oravec
Elections	Terry Riban
Finance	Charles Manthey
Historical	OPEN
Membership	Jo Burda Smith
Nominating	Dan Gapen

Activity Committees 2024

Activities/Walkers	Terry Riban
Annual Meeting	Hope Little
Buena Vista	Linsey Crowninshield
Conservation	OPEN
Family Cottage	Terri Breach, Barb White
Farm House	Deb McGrath, Barbara Wittersheim
Promotional	Barb Burton-Halfpenny
Publications	Natalie Brennan
Hazelhurst	Barb Burton-Halfpenny
Spring Grove	Erin Kiehm, Brian Reed
Spring Grove Lodge	Mickey Hanson
Website	Natalie Brennan



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