

Event celebrates young Hemingway's "real summer home" in Horton Bay

The 2nd annual celebration of Ernest Hemingway's summers in Horton Bay will be held Sunday, August 25, at the General Store and Red Fox Inn beginning at 5 p.m. There will be music, storytelling about the area's hidden history, readings from Hemingway's short stories about his youth here in the north, and a cash bar, according to organizers. A fee of \$5 for the party will be collected at the General Store door.

George Colburn's documentary on "Young Hemingway & His Enduring Eden" will be screened at the United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. There is no charge to view the film. DVDs and flash drives of the 75-minute documentary will be available for \$10. According to Colburn, the film makes it clear that Hemingway's heart and soul "belonged to Horton Bay."

Organizers of the event say it is time that the small community on the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road is recognized for the important role it played in the development of the writer who would be known worldwide shortly after leaving this region. "Nick Adams is known to the world, and Nick Adams was created here in Horton Bay," says long-time resident G.T. Long.

An organization is being established, Long says, that will begin the process of raising money to create an appropriate statue for a site in Horton Bay.

"A statue as good as the one in Petoskey belongs here," he says. A guest at the party will be Andy Sacksteder of Gladstone, an Art Prize winner who is the sculptor of the life-size statue on young Hemingway in Pennsylvania Park that was dedicated two years ago.

Chris Struble, President of the Michigan Hemingway Society, will offer the audience his view of young Ernie and friends living the good summer life in the Horton Bay area with the locals and the "summer people." He notes that "most people are not aware of what a presence young Ernie had over here on Lake Charlevoix, far from Walloon Lake and the family's Windemere cottage."

Also on the agenda at the General Store party are stories about Boyne City's "hidden history" as a logging and manufacturing center that was "wide open" to young men like young Ernie Hemingway and his friends from Horton Bay. It was a scene "they could not resist," according to Robin Lee Berry, co-owner of Freshwater Art Gallery in Boyne Center. She has been busy this summer creating a "Hemingway Portal" at the gallery, which will introduce people to the fascinating tales of Boyne City in the Hemingway years of the early 20th century. The Portal will be launched in mid-October.

> Reserve your spot at the party by calling 231.535.2440 or emailing gac@starbrightmc.com.

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