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Forum on Calumet history
Begins 3rd year Sept. 6

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Immediate Release

This year's series on the cultural and environmental history of the Calumet region, Calumet Revisited, will begin September 6 with a focus on the initial year of the Pullman National Monument and a look to the future.

Sue Bennett, National Park Service and chief of Visitor Services at the Pullman site, will lead the discussion at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6 in Room 265 at Calumet College of St. Joseph (CCSJ), 2400 New York Avenue, Whiting, IN.

Jointly sponsored by the Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative (AWLI) and CCSJ, the September session begins the forum's third year. Participants in the upcoming sessions will be treated to the history of the region from the Indiana Dunes to Blue Island, and locations in between.

The forum seeks to shed light on the Calumet Region's rich human history and environmental treasures. The forum will be held the first Tuesday evening of every month from September through May, 2017.

Following is a list of speakers scheduled and their topics of discussion.

Tuesday, September 6, Sue Bennett on the initial year and future plans for the Pullman National Monument

Tuesday, October 4, Walter Skiba, division chair, Arts and Sciences, CCSJ, on the history of the college

Tuesday, November 1, Walter Marcisz, past president of the Chicago Ornithological Society, on birds of the Calumet Region

Tuesday, December 6, Ders Anderson, Director of Greenways, Openlands, on Calumet Region blueways and greenways

Tuesday, January 3, Dr. Richard Barnes on the Hammond Historical Society

Tuesday, February 7, Jeannie Regan-Dinius, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, on the Underground Railroad in Indiana

Tuesday, March 7, Michael Kobe, retired School City of Hammond administrator, on the natural landscape at Wolf Lake

Tuesday, April 4, Mary Kuzniar, retired School City of Hammond choir teacher, on music from the steel mills

Tuesday, May 2, Alan Resetar, manager of Field Museum's herpetological collections, on amphibians and reptiles of the Calumet Region

AWLI, established in 1999, is a bi-state, not-for-profit organization and land trust with a mission of protecting and enhancing the Wolf Lake watershed.

Calumet College of St. Joseph has been a part of Northwest Indiana since 1951 and lies within the Wolf Lake watershed.

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