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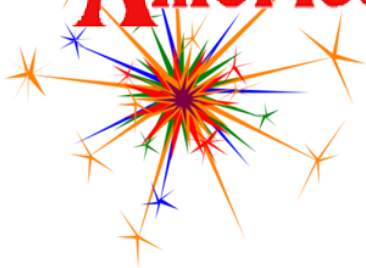
NEWSLETTER OF THE 7TH MICHIGAN VOLUNTEER INFANTRY, CO. B, INC.

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7th Michigan members at Greenfield Village Military Ball, Memorial Day Weekend, 2019 – Photo by Nicole Wilson Mai

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
America



Thanks Again!

To all of you who provided event photos. It is much appreciated, and makes our newsletter more exciting!



Our Next Club Meeting: **At the Charlton Park Event, July 20-21** **Hastings, MI**

The Park is open for Camp setup after 7:00am on Thursday, the 18th.

(7th MI coordinator is Don Everett.)

We will have a Club Meeting and potluck supper, as usual, on Saturday evening, in the modern camp.

(See map to Hastings on page 6)



2019 Club Leadership

New Member Chairs:
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Nicole Mai (civilian)
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Vice President: Steve Church
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Chris Sodman, Anson Roland, Joy Henderson
Quartermaster: Don Everett
Club Historian: Doug McComas
Newsletter Editor: Ellyn Painter
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Annual Membership Dues:
\$16.00 – single
\$19.20 – family
\$6.00 – to receive newsletter as
non-participating/non-voting member
Mail payments or inquiries to:

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Newsletter Submission Guidelines:

Thanks to all who submitted information for this month's issue. Deadline date for submissions is the 25th of each month. Please have all reports, articles, notices, etc. in print-ready form. I am able to accept documents in most of the usual word processing programs or formats.

If accompanying maps or images are needed, **please** include them (in jpg format), if possible. Be sure to ascertain that any items coming from another source are properly credited, or have obtained reprint permission.

Personal news items are welcomed and encouraged, or photos of special events. Original articles (800-1000 word limit) pertaining to the Civil War or reenacting are also desired.

Email submissions to me at:
7thminewsletter@gmail.com

Or mail to:
736 Gettysburg Ave.
Jackson, MI 49203

Thank-you.
Ellyn Painter
Ellyn Painter, Editor



Photos this page shared by Nicole Wilson, from "Friends of Greenfield Village" Facebook page. Various photographers.

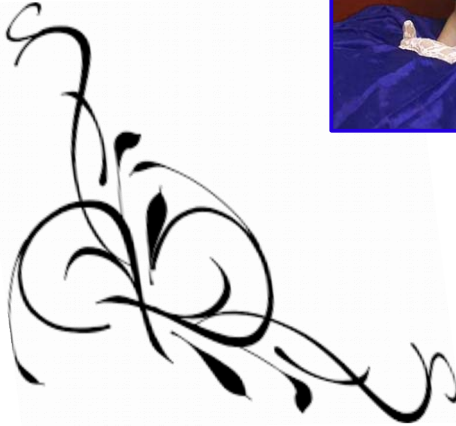


Photo by Diane Kaluza on Friends of GFV



More *Greenfield Village* Photos...

Photos this page by, or courtesy of Nicole Mai. Above: Vonda, in her patriotic pose; Right: At the ball-Lily Wilson Mai; Far Right: Caitlene Elwell, Paul & Nicole Mai, and friends.



Important News!!! About the Jackson Civil War Muster

Those of you who follow our 7th MI Facebook page are already aware that **there will be NO JACKSON CIVIL WAR MUSTER this year.** Jackson Civil War Society president, Kim Conant, announced in a June 23rd Jackson Citizen Patriot article that the event planners have decided to take a year off to "reinvent" the Muster. The 2018 reenactment, in its new location at Ella Sharp Park, drew 27,000 visitors, which is a nice number, but far fewer people than in the "old days" of the event, when crowds twice that large were common. Conant explained that taking a break to revitalize, "find new ways to grow it, and...add new elements" will be the work of the Society in the coming year. The Muster will return in August 2020, the 35th anniversary of the event that began in 1985.

However, on June 20, Douglas McComas reported on Facebook that: "I have received and verified information that the Jackson Ella Sharp event has been cancelled and this is likely a permanent cancellation. Rob Van has suggested Hale farm as an alternative and I will get info to you as soon as I can on this. I have no further details but that the event was cancelled for 'logistical reasons'."

We await further developments. Discussion on the 7th MI Facebook page involved possibilities for an alternative August event we may consider attending. Hale Farm is a possibility, but is in Ohio, a 3 hour drive away. There are three Michigan events listed for August on the Michigan Civil War Event site that are potential choices.

<http://www.micw150.us/2019events.htm#h>



Photo by Michelle Behnke

Turkeyville After Action Report

Friday began with a nearly 7 mile march through the town of Marshall to the event site. The weather was favorable and the dozen or so men who made the march did well. We had elements of the 7th, 17th, 1st, 5th, and 18th Michigan on the March. Our new recruits John Noto and Chris Harward made the trek and jumped right into Civil War reenacting.

Saturday the weather held off and the 7th was 15 strong, bolstered by two of our good friends from the 17th Michigan. We practiced skirmish drill and were “surprised” on the field by a rebel attack that the lads fought off.

Unfortunately, on Saturday, we sent the lads searching for a spy through civilian camp. They were deft at following the leads and clues and to the horror of all we found that our own Caitlin Ewell was a turncoat. The boys were so angry they wanted to shoot her on the spot but the Captain and Colonel intervened and she was placed on arrest and escorted by her captors to the ice cream parlor. Thanks to all our civilians who participated in the activity; it was an interesting and fun experience.



The battle scenario required the boys to galvanize and they got a taste of rebel leadership and tactics as they repeatedly charged the cannons until the artillery ran out of ammunition and the boys overran the guns.

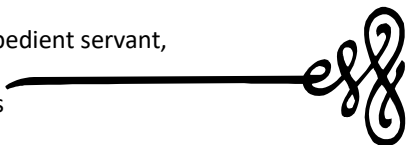
Saturday night brought a care package from home and the boys read their letters aloud to their pards and civilian friends. As seems to be the case, the Jarrett boys received letters from the lovesick ladies at home which included cdvs. Let's just leave it at that as Adam's correspondent was quite the handful (right, Vonda?). We also learned several of the lads required doses of mercury and that I as captain was footing the bill. Speaking of Bill, Sgt. Jarrett's family attempted to smuggle a little “Oh be Joyful” in a loaf of bread but it was confiscated (and almost accidently destroyed). The skies opened Saturday evening and it continued on and off through Sunday, when we, as our Union selves, once again found ourselves facing artillery and a small rebel force, but in a battle ending in a double quick charge the lads drove the rebels from the field and captured the cannon.

On a more serious note. The event was wonderful. I especially would like to commend our NCOs who taught and instructed all weekend. I was proud to walk out of camp and see the men drilling on their own, working together to get better, and Sunday's drill was truly the very best I have had with this company in my tenure as captain. We are growing and growing closer. I am proud of all the men and most proud of the fact that they are owning and leading our group.

Our next event is Hastings. We usually lose our bugle and a private to Pinkerton duty but hope that we have another great turnout and continue the great progress and friendship that we experienced at this event.

I am your most obedient servant,

Captain McComas



Turkeyville – June 15, 2019 Photo by Dave Downing





Two more photos of the "March to Turkeyville" – by Michelle Behnke, shared on Facebook

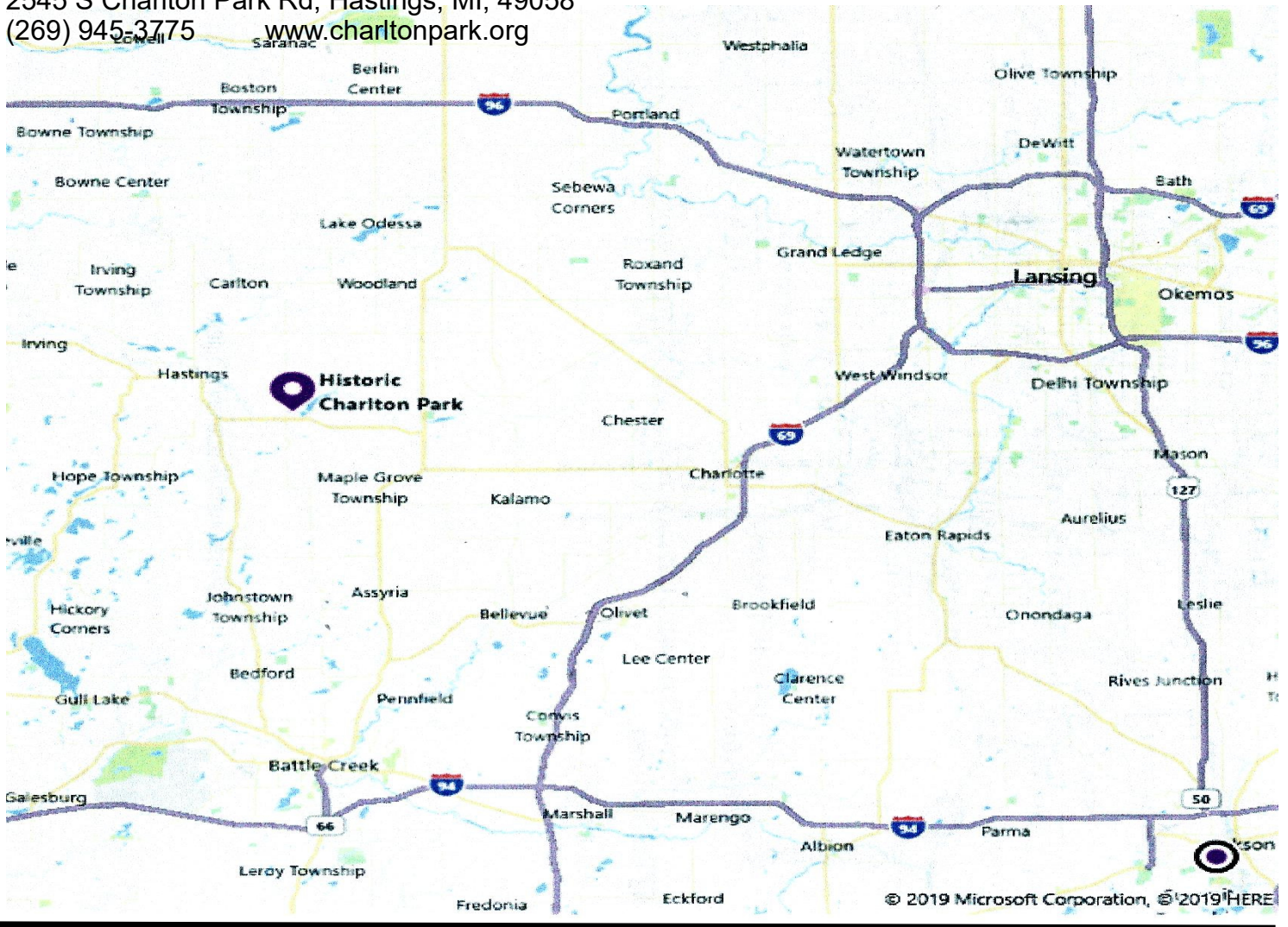


I think it's really summer now. Yeah?

Map to Historic Charlton Park

2545 S Charlton Park Rd, Hastings, MI, 49058

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“A copy of the minutes of previous club meetings is available upon request to all members in good standing.”

Bill Jarrett, Club Secretary

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I would like to thank Pat and Dave Downing, Don and Julie Everett, and Celeste Hude for their participation in the Meridian Village event on June 29th.

Civilians

A Special Thank You to Vonda Warren for the use of her Vintage coffin and all the special touches she brought with her.



Also, to Jim Kirschensteiner for setting up in the heat and demonstrating what a soldier's life was like. He braved the heat and humidity..

Again, Thank you all for a special day!

Sue



Hope you all had a great 4th of July!

