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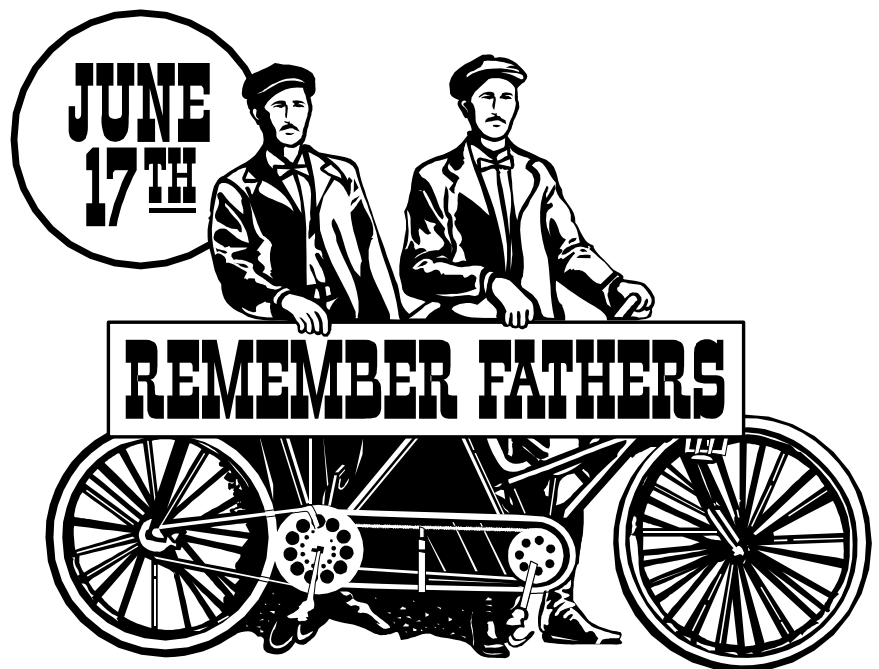
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The comment was made on the 7th MI Facebook page that Daniel Malick is in this year's banner at Greenfield Village. Hmm.. OK, I'm looking... looking... not sure I can find him. Is it him second from the left??? Also maybe a couple more familiar faces??? – The Editor

Our Next Club Meeting
will be at the
Turkeyville Event -
June 16-17
(See article with additional
important info Re: the event on
page 4)

See also information about
a possible **July 4** event
on page 6



Club News Items



Birthday Wishes:

"When I'm 64" To all who have not yet heard, for Rob Stone that day arrived on May 26. Happy Birthday, Rob!

There was also another birthday celebrated during the Greenfield Village/Memorial Day weekend. Andrew McComas turned 30.

Bonnie Priebe-Health Issue:

On May 23 from Vickie St. John on Facebook: Hi all, I'm passing on this message for our friend Fred Priebe (Abraham Lincoln), in case you haven't heard: Bonnie has kidney cancer which has spread to the lymph nodes. Kidney will be removed later today. She is in room 566 in the North Tower at St. Joe's in Ypsilanti. Her phone is 734-787-9850.

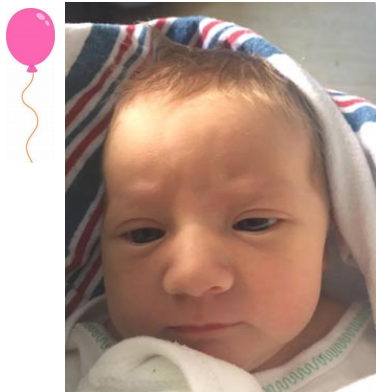
Update: Bonnie has had the surgery, in which a kidney was removed. Please keep her and Fred in your thoughts and prayers.

Fred reported on June 3: "Bonnie is recovering slowly but surely. She is able to do a few things today that she could not do a few days ago. Next week is the meeting with the oncologist. That should provide some direction for us."

Birth Announcements:

Joan and Tom Emerick spent the day visiting their first Great-Grand-daughter on Memorial Day in Dearborn, Michigan. Kinsley Marie Osterhoudt announced her arrival to the world on May 27 at 6:38 P.M. She weighed in at 7 pounds, two ounces and 19-1/2 inches. Parents; Ravyn and Austin, Grandparent; Rhonda, and newborn; Kinsley, are all doing well.

Most Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant, Tom



Ronan Wyatt Boomer born May 4 to Claire (Church) Boomer and Robert Boomer, Clarkson. First grandchild of Catherine and Steven Church.



2018 Club Leadership

New Member Chairs:
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Website: www.7thmichigan.us

Annual Membership Dues:

\$16.00 – single

\$19.20 – family

\$6.00 – to receive newsletter as non-participating/non-voting member

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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, Editor

More News....

“The Good Samaritan”

Our comrade Don Everett will probably have a hard time living down the nickname he was dubbed with by The Lansing State Journal, after a harrowing incident in which he was involved on Wednesday, May 9. But let's hear about it from Don and Julie:

From Don: “To all of my friends, in order to not have to answer the same question over again: depending on the media outlet I am the good Samaritan/elderly gentleman that was involved in the unpleasantness on US 127 Wed (May 9) morning. I was carjacked by the suspect that shot and killed a man on Cleveland St shortly before having an accident on US 127 while escaping. I stopped to see if I could help and was carjacked. I am OK. I managed to stop all of his punches with my face. I did delay him some before he took our van. He was caught in the next county heading for Detroit. The van is at the body shop and they will tell us if they are going to fix it or total it. Again I am all right except for a sore nose, fat lip, and bruises. I will go into more detail later.”

From Julie: If you heard about the shooting, accident on US 127 Wednesday morning (front page Thursday on the State Journal) -Don was the “ Good Samaritan” and our van got carjacked. The paper today does say the Suspect pointed a weapon at the Good Samaritan to get him out of the car. This is true – when Don noticed he was trying to flee the scene of the accident and he came to the van his first thought was to detain him till the police got there (Don didn't know at that time that he had just shot someone). Don is doing good; a little sore, as the guy did hit him twice in the face after dragging him out of the van. I will let Don tell you the whole story later. We got the van back yesterday; well, they towed it to the repair shop after CSI was done with it. Don went there this morning to get pictures of it (we were told it wasn't drivable). The guy there told him 'I shouldn't tell you this but I think they may total it.' Don said the suspect trashed the inside of the van pulling out drawers/compartments looking for ??

I have attached two articles – the second is an eye witness account and I don't know if that is how it happened – Don thought he only got hit twice but couldn't remember if it was in the van or outside the van. “

Editor's NOTE: The two news items Julie mentions I have included as separate DOCX attachments. You can also see more at the link below.

<https://www.lansingstatejournal.com/story/news/local/2018/05/09/carjacking-suspect-possibly-tied-morning-lansing-shooting-arrested/593689002/>



Civilian Report

Hi Friends:

We are off to a good start on this season's events. In June we have Turkeyville on Fathers' Day weekend.

On Friday June 15 at 9:00 am there will be a March into Turkeyville for those interested in watching this event it will start at the Calhoun County Fair ground, marching thru Marshall into Turkeyville..

This should be a great time to watch our Military men..

Is anyone interested in doing Celebrate Meridian on June 30, 2018? We would not be using the cabin but we would walk around and visit with people. Please contact me if you can participate.

Thank you

Sue Colegrove
Civilian Coordinator
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Fair warning,
gents, as we ready
for the season

No talking until I've
had my coffee,
please

Captain McComas

My guide for talking to me in
the morning



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

Bill Jarrett, Club Secretary

 btjarrett@aol.com

Battle for Turkeyville:

Last Minute Information And Some Changes



Be sure to see the attached PDF:
Turkeyville Weekend Schedule

The **Turkeyville Event** is set to go on June 17, 18 and 19, but not without some last minute changes. The most notable is that they plan on having three battles...one during the day on Saturday and one at night to show off the pyrotechnics they are employing this year. Because of the night battle scenario, they have cancelled the Ball/Dance for that evening. There will also be one Sunday battle, as usual.

There will be a complimentary reenactor meal on Saturday night and this year they are inviting the public to "Eat with the Soldiers" to encourage interaction with us. Of course the public will have to pay for their meals. The schedule of activities at the event is still not posted on the webpage, but I've been able to get a copy of it and hopefully "Ellyn the Super Editor" will be able to include it with this article.

Another item of interest is the "Soldier March In" from Marshall. Chris Sodman is our contact on this undertaking if you need specific information. It's my understanding they'll be marching about 6 miles to the event.

Other specifics...they said we are welcome to set up anytime after 10 am on Friday. If you missed my May 1st deadline for being included in the group registration I sent in, you need to register ASAP. Just go to the webpage and complete/submit the registration form. The webpage is <http://www.turkeyville.com/events/battle-for-turkeyville/>, then click on the link to the registration form.

As I said in the April Newsletter, I have registered the following members who contacted me as planning to attend the Turkeyville Event:

Military – Chris Sodman, David Graham, Scott Graham, Chris Cook, Wyatt Strauss, Bill Jarrett, Adam Jarrett, Ethan Jarrett, Dave Downing, Daniel Malick, and Al Baerren.

Civilian – Bob & Carol Smith, Ellyn Painter, Coletta Crews, Vonda Warren, Sue Colegrove, Hannah Zywicki, and Pat Downing.

In reviewing the above list for this popular early summer event, I note that quite a few of those who usually attend are not present. Not to worry! In our unit registration I mentioned that some members may be registering individually, so they are expecting some additions. Just go to the Turkeyville webpage and take one of the options...email, webpage or mail in registration. I DID NOT send in a complete roster of the club as that is unfair and misleading to the sponsors and leads them to over estimate their prospective attendance.

As I mentioned in the club meeting this event is continuing to grow in popularity. This year they expect units from both Ohio and Pennsylvania to be present. They always feed us well and they will have a ball this year. Ground charges under the supervision of a professional at pyrotechnics will add to the realism of the battle scenarios.

If you haven't been to this event before, expect a laid back, fun event with good food and a few zany scenarios to enjoy. It's easy to find. Just take I-69 to exit 42, go west less than a mile and you can't miss it on the south side of the road. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to give me a call or send me an email.

Hope to see a nice turnout for this very worthwhile in- state event.

Bob Smith, Event Coordinator

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Greenfield Village

Civil War Remembrance Weekend— May 26-28, 2018



Photos on this page are by Rachele Brown, shared on the 7th MI Facebook page by David Graham.



Greenfield Village After Action Report

The men of the 7th came to our first event 14 strong, the largest Union military at the event. We joined with our dear friends the 4th Michigan for the weekend and were 1st company. The boys of the 4th are our great friends and I'd especially like to thank Russ Paul and Buster for their assistance and guidance with our new officer/nco corp. That said, the boys performed magnificently. No one would have been the wiser that it was the first event in the role for our

Lt., 1st Sgt, 2nd and 3rd Sgt, and Corporal, despite the fact that they had 3 different officers in 3 days. The weather was extremely hot but the men took care of each other and we had few problems. We messed together for 5 meals including the birthday dinner at the Eagle Tavern for Andrew McComas who turned 30 at GFV. The boys enjoyed getting paid but some blew their money on a shady sutler or gambled it away. That said it appeared they stole back more than they were swindled out of. Sgt. Malick had his first taste of command after the entire front rank was slaughtered. I suspect it won't be the last of his reenacting career. On Monday our thoughts turned to Corporal Dennis Zank whose passing was noted with a "present arms" at the memorial service. I had the great pleasure of watching my son take command for the first time and couldn't have been more proud. It was good to have new men and old friends. It should be an amazing season if this was any indication. Oh, by the way, if you see the Jarrett boys--Adam Jarrett and Ethan Jarrett--they have now been officially christened Alluette and Silhouette.

Your Obedient Servant,

Captain Doug McComas



Proposed July 4th CW Event Needs Reenactor Participants

From Keith Harrison

Last month, the city of Eaton Rapids had asked if we (i.e., Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum) could see if a small living history could be arranged for on G.A.R. Island Park for July 4th. We informed them that we would try but not to expect too much during the first year with such short notice (i.e., living histories and reenactments take years to cultivate and develop).

The city of Eaton Rapids, as do many cities in Michigan) has a strong sense of its Civil War-era history. However, Eaton Rapids is especially aware of not only the role its citizens played during the Civil War, but also afterwards with the G.A.R. Post and Woman's Relief Corps that once existed in the city and their and the city's association with the Eaton County Battalion (a post Civil War G.A.R. organization that was composed of the all the G.A.R. posts in Eaton County) that met on G.A.R. Island Park every year.

We are looking for anyone who would like to spend some time between 8 AM and 5 PM on July 4th on the city's G.A.R. Island Park providing the public with a glimpse of what it was like to be a Civil War soldier and Civil War-era civilian. We would like to provide the public with demonstrations on Civil War-era military Camp Life, Drills, Musket firing, equipment explanations, Civilian Life, and Medical Practices of the day. In terms of amenities, there are none this year (the city's budget is virtually nonexistent). After this year's event, we will have more time to plan and get the city to possibly budget for some amenities for next year.

We would be greatly appreciative if you could participate in some fashion during the day. Please let JimPahl(jbpahl0824@yahoo.com), Chris Allen (mrcoalition@yahoo.com), or me (pcinc@prodigy.net) know if you might be able to participate.

Thank you.

Keith G. Harrison, Board President
Michigan's GAR Memorial Hall & Museum, Eaton Rapids, MI

Website: <<http://garmuseum.com>>

Historic Fort Wayne 2018 Civil War Days Event - Detroit, MI June 9-10

WHEN:
Saturday June 9, 9am - 5pm
Sunday June 10, 9am - 4pm

WHERE:
Historic Fort Wayne buildings and grounds

ADMISSION: \$5 /person. Children under 12 free.
Parking is \$5 per vehicle.
Fort tours available - \$5 per person.
Meet Living Historians and historic personality impersonator/interpreters all day. Visit wartime cooking demos, Union Headquarters, garrison living, a vintage base ball game and more...

Saturday Schedule:
Infantry Drill 10:00 -11:30
Cannon Demo 11:25 (US & CS Artillery pieces)
Tactical Demonstration 2:30 - 3:15
Event Closes at 4:00

Sunday Schedule:
Drill 10:00
Baseball Warm Up 10:30-11:15 (on Riverfront Parade ground)
Cannon Demo 11:15 (Confederate Artillery piece)
Vintage Baseball Game 11:30 (on Riverfront Parade ground)
Cannon Demo 1:00 (Union Artillery pieces)
Tactical Demonstration 2:00-3:00
Event Closes at 4:00

<http://www.historicfortwaynecoalition.com/cwdays.html>



Vonda & Joy at Greenfield Village, 2016. From Isaac Smith's Facebook post; shared by Gloria Kirschensteiner.



Cornwell's Turkeyville presents

Civil war reenactment

June 16 & 17, 2018

Saturday

- 9:30 am Roll Call
- 10:30 am Camp Life - Settler life
Abraham Lincoln and Robert E. Lee
- 11:30 am Fashion Show
- 12:00 Noon Kid Time – Period themed games
- 1:00 pm Battle Part 1:
- 3:00 pm Wedding
- 5:00 pm Dinner with the Soldiers
- 5:30 pm Abraham Lincoln and Robert E. Lee
- 7:00 pm Camp Tour
- 8:00 pm Battle Part 2:

Sunday

- 9:00 am Camp Opens
- 10:00 am Church – Rev Hauk
- 10:30 am Abraham Lincoln and Robert E. Lee
- 11:00 am Funeral
- Noon Lunch
- 1:00 pm Battle Part 3:
- 2:30 pm Abraham Lincoln and Robert E. Lee
- 3:00PM Break Camp

Throughout the two day event there will be living history playing out within the camp. Cooking demonstrations, croquet, living like a soldier, so much more.

women's suffrage demonstration and

Christopher Haxel, Lansing State Journal Published 10:10 a.m. ET May 10, 2018 | Updated 10:22 a.m. ET May 10, 2018



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Police blocked the 700 block of Cleveland Street in Lansing due to a shooting Wednesday, May 9, 2018. Police believe the shooting happened at the yellow house.(Photo: Robert Killips / Lansing State Journal)

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LANSING - Police today identified a Lansing man who was shot and killed Wednesday morning on the city's northeast side.

Lawrence Leslie McDonald Jr., 27, died at a local hospital after he was shot at a home in the 700 block of Cleveland Street, Lansing Police Public Information Director Robert Merritt said.

The suspect, who was later arrested in Livingston County, has not yet been identified because he awaits arraignment in connection with McDonald's death, Merritt said.

Investigators believe the incident was domestic in nature, and that the victim and suspect knew each other, Merritt said Wednesday.

Related: [Victim in early morning Lansing shooting dies; police have suspect in custody](#)

Police were dispatched to the 700 block of Cleveland Street shortly after 7 a.m. Wednesday. Upon arrival, police found McDonald unresponsive with apparent gunshot wounds. McDonald later died at a local hospital.

A vehicle similar to one seen leaving the scene of the shooting then crashed into the median of U.S. 127 near Dunkel Road.

When a good Samaritan stopped to provide assistance, the shooting suspect, who had been driving the crashed vehicle, used a weapon to steal the vehicle of the person who stopped to help, Merritt said. The driver who stopped to help sustained minor injuries during the confrontation.

The suspect and stolen vehicle were located in Livingston County after police released a description of the stolen vehicle to other law enforcement agencies, Merritt said. The suspect was then taken into custody. Police did not release where in Livingston County the arrest occurred.



Suspect charged with 7 felonies after fatal shooting and carjacking

He's accused of driving off and crashing his car on US 127 near Dunckel Road and then carjacking a man who was trying to help him.

Witness to carjacking shares what she saw on US 127

LANSING, Mich. (WILX) -- Rebecca Taylor was on her way to class when she saw a man driving erratically on US 127. She said she wasn't prepared for what she saw next.



"I've never seen anything like this in my life," Taylor said.

According to Taylor, the car, allegedly driven by Michael Burton, was going over 90 mph on the highway when it crashed in the median. She says she saw a cloud of dust after the crash, when multiple good Samaritans pulled over to help the suspect. That's when things escalated.

"I stopped, and I look over to my right and I see this guy come around this red van. He comes around this red van and opens the door and starts pounding on the guy in the van, this is an older guy. He's pounding on this guy in the van," she said.

Taylor said he then pulled the man out of the van and continued to attack him.

"All of a sudden, I see the guy that was in the van, have a gun, pointing it at this guy's face," she said.

Rebecca started honking her horn in hopes of distracting them.

"Then this guy that was carjacking hit this guy a few more times, he went down, got in the van and took off," she said.

After he fled, Rebecca she wasn't sure what to do next.

"I was freaking out. I was freaking out. I was trying to get my senses back to figure out what I was going to do," she said.

Then, she called 911 but it took a few seconds to get through because so many people were calling. Rebecca says witnessing the event changed her life, and inspired her to take safety into her own hands.

"Now, after this event, I'm going to a class. And I'm probably going to have a handgun and get my license. In case something like this ever happens to me on the road."

Taylor said she didn't know the carjacking and the shooting were connected until she saw it on the news. She told News 10 she wanted to make her story public to encourage others to speak up if they see something.