

THE UNION VOLUNTEER 7TH

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Mark Heath, Dave Slayton, Bill Jarrett, Dan Conklin - 3rd Annual Charlie Colegrove Memorial Shoot, Sat. May 23, 2016 at Eaton Rapids Conservation Club

Please note a change For the Next Club Meeting:

Originally scheduled for
Sunday May 22 at
Robbins UMC, it will be
held instead on
Saturday, May 21
At the Ella Sharp event
during our supper break.

June 18 meeting – at Turkeyville
– Sat. at supper



Jim Kirschensteiner, winner of this year's shooting contest, poses with Sue Colegrove. See page 3.





Club Leadership

New Member Chairman:

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Dave Downing
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Website: www.7thmichigan.us

Annual Membership Dues:

\$16.00 – single

\$19.20 – family

\$6.00 – to receive newsletter as
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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
Ellyn Painter, Editor

A Word From the President

One could say the month of April literally “went off with a bang,” as we gathered at the Eaton Rapids Conservation Club for our annual live shoot, and the Charlie Colegrove Memorial Shoot. The ladies enjoyed an indoor sewing party while the gents took potshots at targets with a variety of vintage and modern rifles and pistols. The weather was terrific, the turnout very good and the food at breakfast and lunch beyond compare. My thanks to everyone that attended!



This month we're getting down to the nitty-gritty of the campaign season. I would encourage all members to attend the first-ever Civil War Days at Ella Sharp Museum (May 20-21). I wrote at length about this new event in the April newsletter, and hope it encouraged you to support this tremendous opportunity to educate young people about the War Between the States. Remember, the Seventh Michigan is the designated host unit for Civil War Days at Ella Sharp Museum. Young attendees, the unit and the future of the hobby will benefit if we make a point of taking part in this promising event. I hope to see you there.

As usual, the Civil War Remembrance at Greenfield Village provides the opportunity for a pretty relaxed weekend. I've always found it a good time to re-connect with pards from the Seventh and from other clubs. You can also interact with members of the public as they stroll around the village. Greenfield Village is also a great venue for people that might be checking out the hobby.

By the way, if you find you're missing or need to replace a piece of equipment or uniform, or need caps or powder, check with Quartermaster Don during a regular club meeting. He has a vast array of quality items for your consideration, available at prices you won't find on the Internet!

Rob

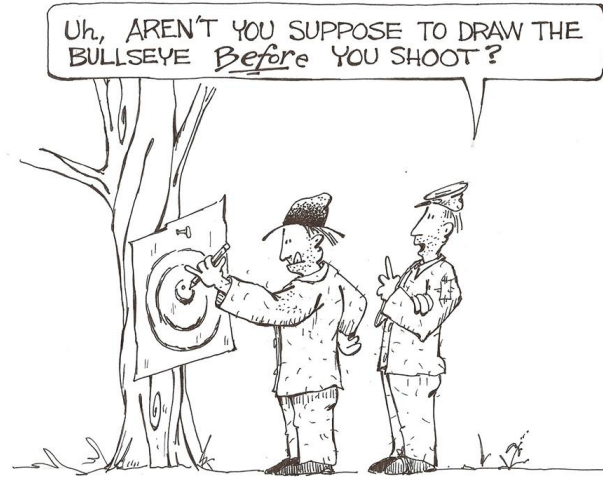
“A copy of the minutes of previous club
meetings
is available upon request to all members in
good standing.”



William Jarrett, Club Secretary
btjarrett@aol.com

3rd Annual Charlie Colegrove Memorial Shoot – April 23, 2016

As reported on page one of this issue, our winner of the shooting contest this year was Jim Kirschensteiner.



By Roger Bjorn Carpenter – From a recent album posted on his Facebook page. See next page for more on Roger.



Jim MacKinnon wears his Spanish-American War uniform.



Photos by Ellyn Painter



An 1860 Spencer repeater carbine owned by Dan Conklin was the selected contest weapon for this year's shoot. All contestants were allowed two shots with the gun—only the second shot was counted as the scoring shot.



It was good to see Dave Downing at the shoot. He said: "It feels great to be able to be seen." Dave thanked everyone for their support during the difficult time of his recent illness.



Quartermaster report:

We have a supply of powder at \$15 per pound and a supply of caps at \$7 per 100. I will have Quartermaster merchandize at the Feb, March, and April meetings. If you would like to look at a rifle let me know and I will bring it to a meeting. After April I will be publishing an inventory list in the newsletter so you can shop from the list.

Education Director's Report

We have two confirmed school programs left this year. Ella Sharp program May 20th/21st, (this is a big one and we need major support!), and Birney Middle School, Southfield, on June 10th. Contact me at djkeverett@comcast.net to let me know if you are attending so we can arrange carpooling.

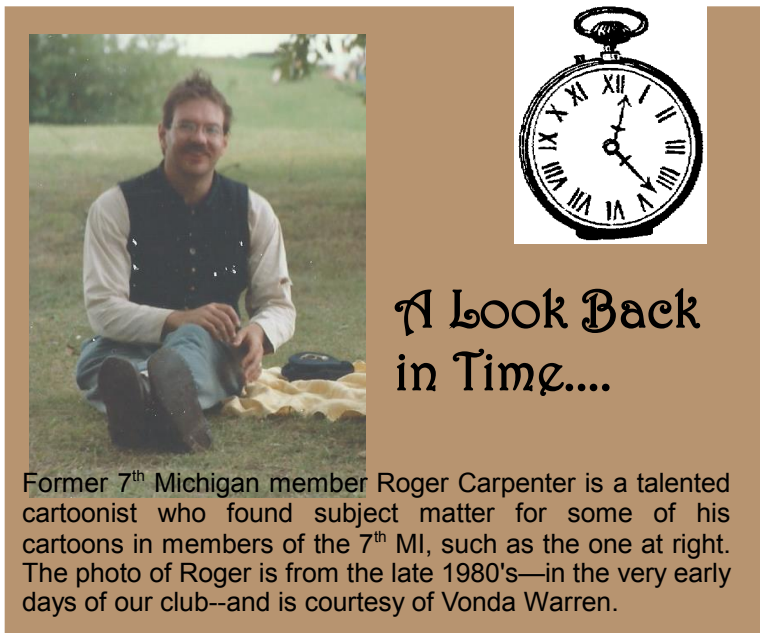
The Ovid Middle school program was held April 15th. Julie and Katie Everett represented the civilian portion of our group. Jim Kirschensteiner, Jim MacKinnon and myself the military side of the club. We had approximately 90 students go through 5 stations that we set up for. We showed clothing, uniforms, rifles and drill to this group. We have been asked back next year.

Charlie Colegrove Memorial Shoot

The day of the shoot began cool and clear. People started arriving shortly after 8 o'clock and were ready for a hearty breakfast. Julie and Katie Everett started breakfast and were helped by Sue Colegrove, Gloria Kirschensteiner, Anson Roland, and Joy Henderson. Dan Conklin and Mark Heath set up tables before helping to set up the shoot. We had biscuits and gravy, bacon, egg, cheddar and sausage, and egg and potato casseroles for breakfast.

We retired to the range for several hours of shooting. As usual we had weapons representing 10 wars, from the Civil War up to current military weapons including several hand guns. We were treated to Dan Conklin's Spencer carbine for the memorial shoot. He had problems with the trigger pull and as a result the scores were low.. Finally we removed his lock and applied a generous amount of gun grease to the sear and low and behold the trigger was vastly improved. Jim Kirschensteiner was the eventual winner with a score of 10. Congratulations, Jim.

Thanks - Don



Military News



See pages
5-6 for the
complete
activity
schedule for
Ella Sharp

Map &
directions
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Just a few notes regarding the Ella Sharp School Days Event May 20-21:

I've attached the schedule for Ella Sharp for both days.

A few additional things:

We are up to 380 kids on Friday.

Military can come in civilian, militia or early war dress.

Modern camping is across the street from the museum. Water and modern bathrooms are in the Planetarium.

I will have some period reproduction paperwork available at the event.

(I bought a cd from Sullivan press and repro paper).

We need volunteers for Guard mount Friday and for the medical scenario Friday and Saturday.

Setup anytime on Thursday. I'll be there late afternoon. A couple of volunteers are needed to help Lorrie Roland set up her tent/fly for the cooking station. Campers can stay through Sunday.

Period music and Dinner Saturday evening at the Granary.

For Don,

Period money, casket, wooden weapons. We can lock our muskets in one of the buildings when we are not in camp and they will have volunteers Saturday to watch camps.

See you all there, and the weekend after, at Greenfield Village.

Doug

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ELLA SHARP MUSEUM

Ella Sharp Museum presents:

Civil War Days

May 20-21

All programming sponsored by Michigan Humanities Council

Interpretive Living History Programs for School Groups
Friday, May 20, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Programs and Demonstrations for the Public
Saturday, May 21, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Candlelight Tours and First Person Scenarios
Saturday, May 21, starting at 6 p.m.

For more information, please contact Museum Education at
517.787.2320 ext. 227

Ella
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This is part of the Ella Sharp
Saturday schedule:

Formal Presentations for the Public:

Civil War Nursing & Battlefield Triage (Woodshop)
10a, 12:30p, 2:30p

1860s Ladies Fashion (Farm House front porch)
10a, 11:30a, 1:30p, 3:30p

"Good Death" (Farm House interpretive center)
11a, 1p, 3p

Michigan and the Underground Railroad (Log House)
11a, 1p, 2:30p

"Life in the Ranks" (Hoops & Haversacks, next to Planetarium)
11:30a, 1:30p

ELLA SHARP School Days Schedule

Friday 20 May 2016

8.30 Assembly
 8.45 Raising the Colors
 9:00 Dismiss to school day assignments
 Sick Call scenario (2 men)
 Recruitment: Jim Kirsensstiener, Dick Williams
 Guard Mount: Corporal of the guard rotating guard every 20-30 Minutes
 Quartermaster: Don Everett
 Camp Life:
 Student Drill: NCO's
 12: 00 Supper
 2:00 pm School presentations end. Free time

ELLA SHARP Civil War Public Day

Saturday Program

& Military Demonstration Schedule

21 May 2016

8:30am Dress Parade (Farm Lane)
 8:45am Raising of the Colors
 (Schoolhouse/Farm Lane)
 9:00am Campus opens to the public
 9:00am Guard Mount (Tower Barn)
 9:00am-4pm Recruitment / Civilian Drill
 (General Store Complex)
 9:30am Military Sick Call (Woodshop)
 10:30am Company Drill / Firing
 Demonstration (Drill Grounds)
 11:00am-2:00pm Food Service in Granary (snacks
 and light food for sale)
 12:00pm Supper Call / Ration Issue
 (Military Camp)
 1:00pm Military Paymaster scenario
 (side porch of General Store)
 2:00pm Town Scenario / Parade (Farm
 Lane)

Saturday schedule, continued.....

3:30pm Bayonet Drill /
 Skirmish Drill (Drill Grounds)
 4:30pm Retiring of the Colors /
 Evening Parade (Farm Lane)
 5:00pm Supper Call (Tower
 Barn cook tent)
 6:00pm-7:30pm Candlelight Tours
 STOP #1 – Log House:
 Military Court Martial Scenario
 STOP #2 – Farm House:
 1860s Parlor Games
 STOP #3 – Woodshop:
 Medical Aid Station
 STOP #4 – Military Camp:
 Camp Life of a Volunteer

Throughout the day:

Log House will be portrayed as an Underground
 Railroad station house
 Farmhouse will have ladies in period fashion
 occupying the 1st floor for tours
 Dulcimer music demonstration on front porch of
 Farmhouse (times TBD)
 Robert Beech Photography tent open for business
 on Farm Lane next to Woodshop
 Print Shop open
 Recruiting Office open at General Store Complex
 1860s period games at the Gazebo
 Patriotic Cockade Make & Take in the Schoolhouse
 Michigan GAR Museum of Eaton Rapids table in
 Old Doctor's Office
 Co. B, 7th Michigan Infantry recruiting table in Old
 Doctor's Office
 Quartermaster Depot display in General Store
 Cook Tent demonstrations
 Popcorn Charley opens at 11:00am
 Civil War Exhibit / Gettysburg Photo Prints in the
 "Director's Corner" gallery in the museum



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Civilian Report

Hello All!

The reenacting season is finally upon us with events starting this month. I would like to thank all of those who came to the live shoot and helped to set up and clean up!

Our first event this month will be Civil War Days at Ella Sharp Park in Jackson, MI. This event is Friday and Saturday May 20th and 21st. Friday will be a program for school children and Saturday will be a living history. On Friday our civilians will be at the farmhouse and we will be talking about civilians' roles in the Michigan Aid Society and we will also be rolling bandages with the children while they are at our station. For our part in this we will be talking about care packages that were sent to the troops. If you have any extra shirts or socks that we can use to fill our packages please let me know or bring them with you on Friday. There will be a flag raising at 8am on Friday and the first group of kids will be starting at 9. You will need to be there by 8:30 at the latest. We can set up any time on Thursday and there is modern camping available. As of now there are almost 400 kids signed up for Friday.

For Saturday we will have a couple of different activities. Some of our ladies will be stretching a quilt, some will be doing fashion talks, and some will be in the farmhouse to greet visitors and answer questions. To help share the work load for both days I have a schedule of work shifts for those who will be attending to sign up for. On Saturday night there will be a candlelight tour and we have been asked to participate by demonstrating parlor games. We will need as many civilians (men and women) to help participate in the games. This looks like it will be a very nice event and they are already planning on doing it again next year. If you can make it to either day please come and help support Ella Sharp Park. Please let me know what day you will be attending and what shift you might like to work.

On Monday the 16th this month we will be meeting at Bob Evans in Jackson for dinner at 6pm and then going to Ella Sharp to plan out our activities. If you would like to help us finalize our plans please feel free to join us.

Work Shifts:

Friday: 8:30-10:30, 10:30-12 noon, 12:30-2

Saturday: 8:30-10:30, 10:30-12 noon, 12:30-2, 2-4

Our next event for the month will be the Memorial Day program at Greenfield Village. This event will be Saturday-Monday the 28th-30th. We do not have any particular things planned for this event but some of our civilians like to set their chairs under a tree near the village green and quilt/sew/knit.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask and I hope to see you at both events this month!

Katie Everett
Civilian Chair
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Bob Evans:
1725 N W Ave, Jackson, MI 49202
(the restaurant is located close to I-94,
Exit 138 (the West Ave./127 North exit)

The Answers

At our civilian meeting on April 23, at the Live Shoot, several questions were asked by the ladies regarding the Ella Sharp Event. Below are the answers received from Traie Shelhart.

Ellyn Painter,
Sue Colegrove, co-coordinators

1. Will the Museum cover the cost of reenactor lunch and supper on Friday, prepared by Lorrie Roland? *Yes. The arrangements for this are being worked out between Traie and Lorrie.* Everyone needs to provide their own dishes and silverware. Cook fires will be allowed in the authentic camps for those who wish to prepare their own food. NO fires of any kind are permissible in the modern camp, as it is not on Museum grounds.

2. How much bunting or other patriotic decorations do we need to supply? *Vonda Warren's roll of red-white-blue striped bunting fabric would be much appreciated. Traie has some bunting and enough swags and other things. Also, if anyone has any spare candle lanterns they can bring, Traie can use those as well.*

3. Are pets allowed in modern trailers? *Yes. Pets are welcome in modern camp.*

4. Can we civilians have permission to walk through the Ella Sharp village area following our Monday, May 16 dinner meeting at Bob Evans? *Yes. In fact, Traie offered to meet us at the Park (he will be there by 7pm, although I told him it might be closer to 7:30 before we can finish dinner and arrive there), be available to answer any last minute questions, AND open up the farmhouse for us to tour the inside.*

The other two questions had to do with some confusion over exactly what we would be doing at our Friday station with the school children, and on Saturday evening during the candlelight tour. *Katie Everett has answered both these questions in her report at left.*

A parade march of soldiers through "town" will occur at 2pm on Saturday. Civilians are needed to line the streets and cheer them on.

Other things we'll do in the farmhouse on Saturday – Assist visitors in trying on period clothing; help make the 300 or so cockades that will be given out at the flag ceremony in July; Sandy McCarrick will possibly be reading letters from soldiers as we sew; we are also responsible for "policing" the house—ie, keeping visitors from going upstairs or sitting on furniture, etc.

News... Upcoming Events



Remaining 2016 KEY Effort Events:

May 20-21: Ella Sharp School-Days Event,
Jackson – Coordinators: Doug McComas,
Ellyn Painter, Sue Colegrove
May 28-30: Greenfield Village – Coordinators:
Dave & Pat Downing, Jim Kirschensteiner
June 18-19: Turkeyville, Marshall, MI –
Coordinator: Katie Everett
July 9: Return of the Flags Ceremony, Lansing
Coordinators: Dave & Pat Downing
July 16-17: Charlton Park, Hastings –
Coordinator: Don Everett
August 12-14: Linden, MI –Coordinator: Bob
Smith
September 17-18: Van Raalte, Farm, Holland
Coordinator: Al Baerren
October 7-9: Perryville, KY –Coordinator:
Doug McComas
October 22: 7th MI Harvest Ball – Coordinators:
Gilbert & Cynthia Carlson
November: None
December 4: 7th MI Christmas Party

July 4th 2016 (Monday) Independence Day Parade - Mason, Michigan

The 7th Michigan is once again participating in the annual gala parade through downtown Mason. We will be mustering in the Mason High School parking lot at 6:30 PM with the parade step off time at 7:30 PM. The Military will be firing rounds along the parade route (please bring 40 rounds) and there will be a trailer for the Civilians to ride on. Joan & Tom Emerick are opening their home to 7th Michigan members beginning at 5:00 PM in case anyone needs to change or freshen up. They will also be hosting a potluck dessert and coffee time after the parade for those interested in socializing following the festivities. For those in need of storing cold food or beverages there will be room provided in a refrigerator and freezer.

The Emerick residence is located 5/10 of a mile from the Mason High School where the parade begins and ends.

Contact information is Joan & Tom Emerick, telephone number (517) 604-6116. Email address: tomjoanemerick@hotmail.com and home address of 106 E. South Street, Mason, Michigan 48854

Please feel free to contact Joan or Tom if you have any questions regarding the parade, refreshment/social time, or location of their home.

Other Event Info:

May 7 - Trailer Cleaning Party

There will be a trailer cleaning, repair, and repacking party **Saturday May 7th** at 10am at 1815 Irvington Ave Lansing, MI 48910. We will be providing lunch. RSVP to Don at djkeverett@comcast.net or 517-393-3475. Consider lending a hand in getting the Club gear ready for the Ella Sharp event.

September 10, 2016 (Saturday) Frontier Days Parade - Charlotte, Michigan

The 7th Michigan is registered to participate in the annual parade through the streets of Charlotte. We will be mustering at Vonda Warren's home in advance of the parade and there will be a trailer for the Civilians to ride on. Vonda has graciously offered to host a potluck dinner after the parade for Club members interested in socializing following the festivities. Tom Emerick is the co-coordinator for the event and more information will be provided as the date comes closer.

September 10 Conflict: **WE NEED YOUR INPUT!!!**

The club is faced with two attractive event possibilities on the same day. We already were planning on marching in the Charlotte Frontier Days Parade on September 10th and then enjoying a pot luck back at Vonda Warren's house. Both are always fun and the parade is good exposure for the 7th. Concurrently, we have been offered a living history opportunity at the Meridian Village in Okemos on the same day. They have also offered us use of their log cabin for a base of operation and comfortable location for the ladies. The military could set up around the cabin. This event is from 10 am to 3 pm and has recruiting potential as well as a nice setting.

The club is considering trying to cover both events. A show of hands during the club meeting on April 23rd showed some interest in both events, but it was inconclusive as to whether we would do justice to both. Accordingly, please email me at carolsmith40160@yahoo.com and tell me, given the choice of these two events, which one would you plan to attend and whether you would be doing a military or civilian impression.

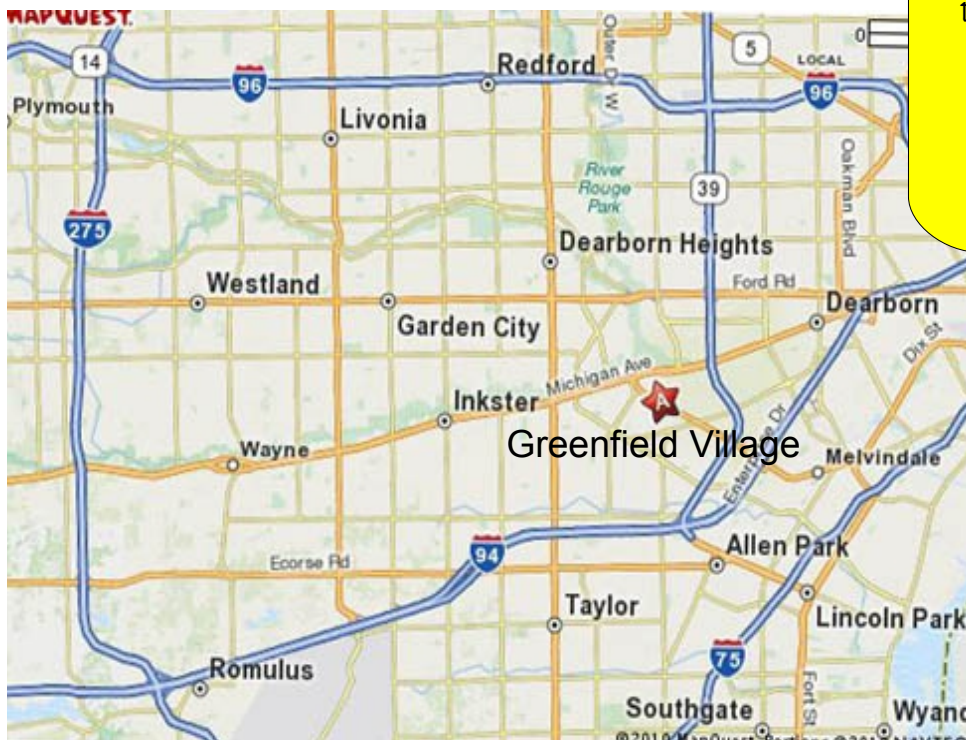
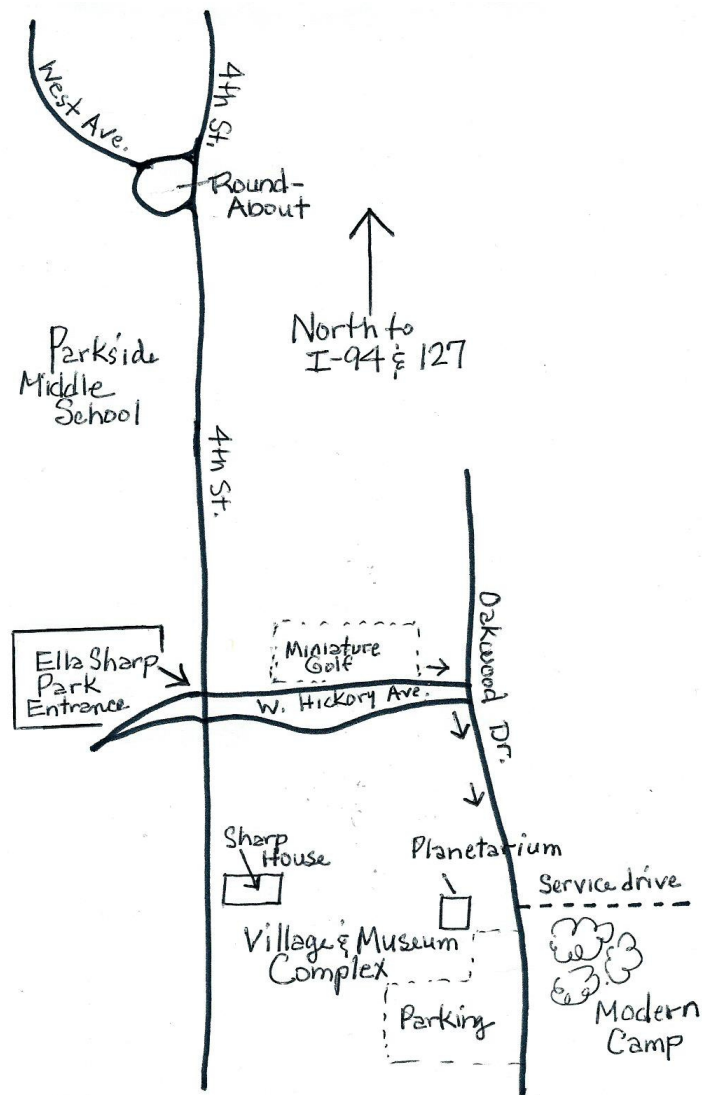
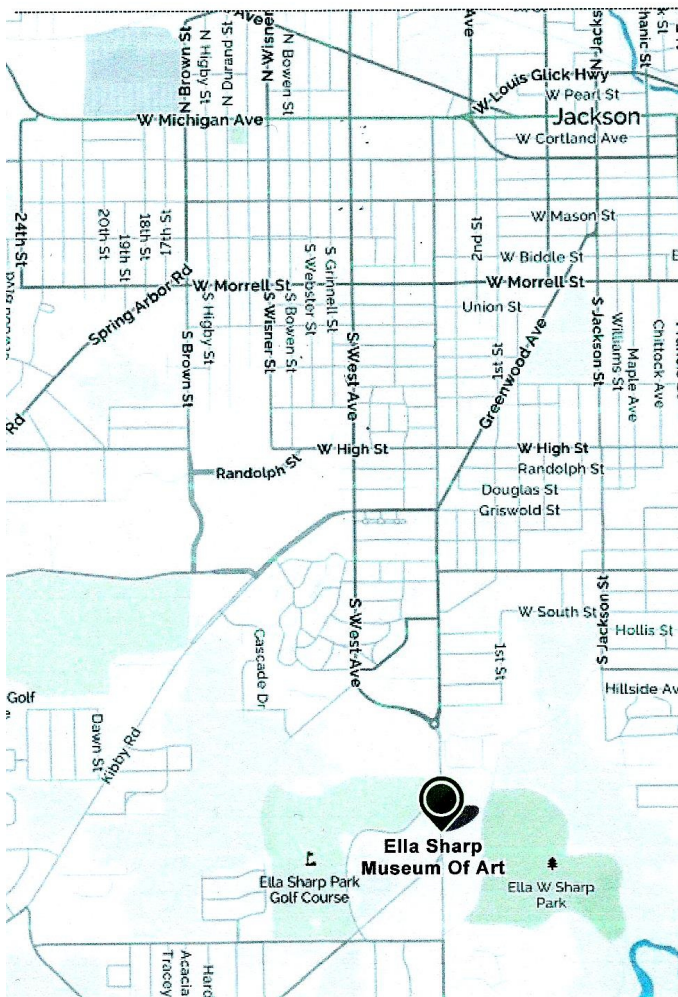
While we have nearly 5 months until these events, we need to confirm our participation with the event sponsors right away. So, please drop me an email with your input as soon as possible.

Thanks,

Bob Smith

Event Strategy Chair

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Jackson, MI 49203



Sorry that I am so tardy
this month in getting the
newsletter out. It is the
middle of prom season,
and I have been buried
under party frocks to
alter all this week!!!

