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## PARK HAPPENINGS

The tours from Gun Lake began again in June. Campers from the Yank Springs Camp ground can ride the Holly Trolley to Charlton Park where they receive a guided village tour. Those will continue throughout the summer.

Keith Ferris and Claire Johnston attended a Kiwanis Club luncheon on June 23rd. As speakers for the lunch, they discussed recent happenings at Charlton Park.

Media Rare has been assisting Claire Johnston with the signage for the Exhibition Hall. The signs will be printed and installed in July. Also, thank you to Lloyd Kilmer for helping with description accuracy!

The Gas and Steam Club has been working diligently to get the new log turner up and running in the sawmill. The turner is an important safety component in a sawmill and keeps operators from turning logs by hand.

The 1952 Co-Op E-4 Tractor, the large orange one that pulls the tram, will be featured in the 2011 Old Iron calendar for September. The tractor was restored by Howard Ferris and his friend Phil Dill-



ingham, and donated to the Park in 2005.

If you have not seen the blog yet, please check it out at [www.charlton-park.wordpress.com](http://www.charlton-park.wordpress.com). We are post-

ing information on collection items here. Occasionally, guest authors will also provide posts.

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Charlton Park participated in Maranda's Park Party on July 8th at the Barry Expo Center noon to 2:00pm. It was a free event held by WOOD-TV, free food for children 18 and under. Charlton Park handed out BOGO coupons to 2010 paid events.

Charlton Park has a team participating in the Barry County Relay for Life starting at noon Friday, August 13th through noon Saturday August 14th. We could use your support and participation. We need walkers, walk as long and often as you like. There is a sign-up sheet in the Upjohn House, to sign-up for walking times. If you desire, you can also participate financially by making a donation in the memory of or in support of someone in the fight against cancer. You can go on line and join the Charlton Park Team [www.relayforlife.org/barry.mi](http://www.relayforlife.org/barry.mi). This is a good way for Charlton Park to give back to the community. Thank you for your support.

The Executive Committee is in the interview process to hire a new director for Charlton Park. The director position should be filled in the next 2 to 3 months.

Thank you for all you do at Charlton Park.

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The mission of Charlton Park is to provide educational and recreational opportunities, through the collection, preservation and demonstration of early rural Michigan life, artifacts and buildings, and the maintenance of natural and recreation areas.

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## EVENT NEWS

The Yard Sales on May 22nd and June 26th were very busy with over 30 vendors each Saturday. Visitors shopped at the booths and hunted for deals from 9am-3pm. If you would like to sell your wares, check out our website or call the Charlton Park office for details.

The Father's Day Car Show was held on June 20th, one of the most beautiful days in June! It was a record-breaking year for the show with over 4,100 visitors and 900+ vehicles on display. Thank you to village volunteers Ellen Bassett, Lois Bremer, David and Heather Duguid, Zach Dillinger, Edwin Root, Kenneth Tobias, Judith Kidder, Allison Eaton, John and Carol Foley and Kerri Steward.



By: Andrew Freemire The 4th of July festivities were well attended again this year! There were approximately 300+ visitors! Uncle Sam (Jeff Van Nortwick) handed out wooden nickels during the performance by local artists and served as the goal line during the games. 14 pies were judged by our expert panel of Brian Reynolds, Mike Bremer, Jeff Van Nortwick and Janette Dean, and all were auctioned for a total of \$179. Although it was 90 degrees out, that did not seem to stop the participants from having a good time! Thank you to Allison Eaton, Andy Johnston, Lorena Wright,



By: Andrew Freemire

Ellen Bassett, Lois Bremer, Glen and Lenny Smith, Robert Ferris for recording, and Tom Campbell for playing auctioneer. It was a fabulous day!

## OPERATIONS UPDATE

The maintenance has had a busy summer so far getting ready for events and picking up after all of the storms! A new culvert was installed at the drive to the sawmill. The electrical was updated to the Church and Gas & Steam Barn. The vines have been removed from the museum and donation signs have been added to the ticket booth. The Park has also acquired a new tractor, which was traded for the two that the Park previously owned.



## VOLUNTEERS' CORNER

Positive Directions has been volunteering their time most every Monday to assist with cleaning the buildings. They do a wonderful job!

Roberta Meeker is keeping the Upjohn House gardens under control and has added many other plants. Nick Barlow of the Thornapple Garden Club planted the vegetable garden this year and Keith Ferris is



doing the weeding. Also, the Hall House and Sixberry gardens look great thanks to the Adopt-a-Landscape participants.

Thank you to Kerri Steward and James Tyler who taught classes on May 22nd. Kerri taught crocheting and James taught blacksmithing. Have an idea for a class? Please speak to Claire Johnston.

Also, please welcome Elaine Drury, Erik Hoenes, Dan Harrow, Joe Medendorp, Katie Ponsetto, Sharon Zebrowski, Ann and Alexis Replogle to the volunteer force!



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## INDIAN LANDING EXCAVATION

The excavation has been going well this season, despite the rain. Volunteers and students have been assisting Dr. Dale Borders with excavation. During the last couple of weeks they have had several exciting finds. One was a large piece of pottery (picture) with blue sponge design. The second is a 1863 Indian Head One Cent coin, 49,840,000 were coined at the Philadelphia Mint. The third, a token from Foster & Parry Stoves in Grand Rapids, MI dated c. 1850. "Foster & Parry Dealers in Stoves"



is on the front with an image of a stove, "Dealers in Stoves, Wholesale & Retail Iron & Hardware" on the back with a lock. To take a closer look at this object, check out this link and scroll to the bottom of the page <http://genealogytrails.com/mich/kent/city-grand.html>.

Dr. Borders is also looking for more help with the excavation because he is hoping to complete the project this year. If you are an amateur archaeologist or just looking for something to do this summer, we are looking for volunteers. Excavation takes place on Fridays starting at 8:30 am.



David Chase and Chris DeHaan

Please contact Claire Johnston if you are interested at [Claire.Johnston@charltonpark.org](mailto:Claire.Johnston@charltonpark.org).

## EDUCATION/COLLECTIONS

May was a busy month for education programs with groups visiting almost every day of the month. The last day for groups was June 15th. So far, this year approximately 1,400 students and 450 adults participated in the education programs. Programs will once again be FREE to Barry County schools in November. Thank you to Bonnie David, Allison Eaton, Jack Reffett, Lorena Wright, Kerri Steward, Shannon Ritzer, Bess Gross, Ruby Cairns, Courtney Larson, Wes Robinson and Barb Turkal.

Work in the collection is progressing at a fast pace with the addition of new volunteer Erik Hoenes. He is working on various collections projects and is currently finishing the photographs of objects in the Hall House.



Kerri Steward at work.

Judy Mudge, Georgia Robinson and Kerri Steward are also assisting with various cataloging projects. Over 1,000 items have been entered into the computer system this year, good job to all!



Sarah Hayes dusting a clock.

Intern, Sarah Hayes, has almost finished conserving and moving the clock collection. She also designed the new storage space and the clocks will have more space and a better environment for future preservation. If you would like to see an example of Sarah's work, check out our blog at [www.charltonpark.wordpress.com](http://www.charltonpark.wordpress.com).

Claire Johnston presented two outreach programs in June to Carveth Village and Tendercare, both senior living facilities. Her programs included an introduction to Charlton Park, a discussion about carnival glass, and mystery objects.

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Hours of Operation:

Memorial Day-Labor Day: Mon.-Sun. 8am-9pm  
Historic Village: 9am-4pm, Free Admission

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 17 & 18**      **Civil War Muster**  
**9am - 10 pm, 9am-3:30pm**  
**Adults \$6, Kids \$ (5-12)**  
**Under 4 FREE**

**July 24**      **County Wide Yard Sale/  
Swap Meet/Flea Market/  
Arts, Crafts & Direct Sales**  
**9 am - 3 pm, FREE**

**July 24**      **Antique Outboard Motor/  
Flea Market**  
**9am - 2pm, FREE**

**Aug 13-15**      **Great Lakes Longbow  
Invitational**  
**Adults \$5, Kids (16 &  
under) FREE**