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April 3, 4, 7, 10, 11, 14, 17, 18, 21, 24, 25, 28, 8:00pm
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BAHS Annual Board Meeting at CoBACH Center

May 27: 10am
Memorial Day Parade

May 4: 9am-3pm
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Join your community members to help clean-up the grounds from the fall and winter debris of branches and leaves. This is a wonderful civic opportunity to bring respect to the many veterans buried here for Memorial Day 2013. Lunch provided at 1pm. Your help is needed-call Jim to participate. (810-250-7726)

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Headstone Preservation Project Dedication

Examine the former broken headstones that have been rebuilt and reinstalled in the vertical position. Headstones were previously broken into pieces and lying flat in the sod. This dedication is for the 15 year Headstone Repair Program being sponsored by the Brighton Area Historical Society. Following the dedication, preservation and repair work will continue. Great chance to learn and participate in the process.
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Bookkeeping experience needed, knowledge of Quick-books is a plus. Current Treasurer willing to advise.

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Welcome desk, help set up displays, loan of personal items for displays of the early days of Brighton.

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down paper yard bags. Rakes, small garden tools and hand
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stones and monuments and
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Please call if you can help at
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