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Stroh's Ice Cream in the Mall for ice cream at the May General meeting. m.m.-m.

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BAKE SALES

At the time of the printing of this issue the results of the June 1 bake sale were not available.

Chairman, Janice Beach, 229-9678, is considering having a sale in August and again in October. (Informally Aug. 3 and Oct. 9.) Offer your help, either through calls, bake lots of stuff (and buy some) or work on the day of the sale. (Don't hesitate to call just because you're perhaps not her.)

very anxious to hear from you.)

If you find it impossible to help in any of the above ways, please consider making a cash donation.

If anyone has folding tables to donate, either for the day of the sale or to the society; let Janice know.

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BOTSFORD INN TOUR

Green Oak Township Historical Society is sponsoring a visit to Botsford Inn, Saturday, July 13. The Inn will be at 12:30. The Inn is noted as an important stagecoach stop on the Plank Road. Present owner, John Ashtiel, will give the building its history and describing artifacts. Choice of Pot Pie or Steak sandwich with salad, soup, etc. for $7.25. Tickets may be purchased from Bert Bair, 229-6402 or Mona Kenzel, 231-2584.

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Brighton, 48115
HELP...HELP...HELP...HELP...HELP...
We need...people willing to give time to the Society when the Nominating Committee calls.
...someone to help plan an Independence Day activity.
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...etc., etc., etc.,

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Rita Altenberg, 231-3530, has acquiesced to our request that she again chair this event. Area antique dealers should contact Rita for information.

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Contact Jack and Ethel Gebben, 7-5375, if you have something to donate. They'll keep the list of donors. A receipt will be given for the item for use as an income tax deduction. If you wish, they will store it for you. We will be needing a general chairman of this project and someone to help price the items donated. Contact a board member with your offer to help. (In any manner.)

Refreshments can also be sold at that time. The facilities at the school make it very convenient. Please consult Mr. Bair, 229-6402, with your offer to do this job. We have lots of people willing to help. We need someone to tell them what needs to be done.

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MEMBERSHIPS 1985

Since the last issue the following have paid 1985 dues:

David & Georgia Apps, Eleanor Hormung, Phil & Aliso Krum, Bruce & Janet Owens, Stan & Adele Ozar, Lee Pawlak, Floyd & Lorena Pearson, Doris Pleshorn, James & Penelope Szoekowski, Sally Baldwin. WELCOME WELCOME.

Many of our members from out-of-town or who are not able to participate in any way show their support by becoming patron members. This display of confidence is most gratifying.

Michigan Bank-Livingston has become a corporate member. Your support is most sincerely appreciated.

If you know of someone who would like to receive this newsletter please let us know. If you are not interested in receiving this newsletter please let us know.

PROPOSED BUDGET PREPARED

The Budget committee has prepared a proposed budget for presentation at the next board meeting. It is planned that all administration costs (officer expenses, supplies, fees, etc.) be paid by members' dues. All proceeds from various fund raising events and activities can be designated totally to historic preservation and restoration projects.