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People Along the Trail

The election of officers for 1990 was held at the Nov. 14 general meeting. We want to congratulate and thank the following people for volunteering their time and effort for the Brighton Area Historical Society.

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We also want to thank the following people for volunteering to chair the following committees:

Hospitability- Jack and Ethel Gebben and Floyd and Tal Fuller
Lyons School- Herb Warner
Membership- Shelagh and Dick Davis
Newsletter- Cathy Qualls and Penny Szczeckowski
Old Town Hall- Shelagh Davis
Program- Audrey Leith
Publicity - Tom Leith
Home Tour- Cathy Qualls

We are still in need of a chairman for the following committees:
correspondence, finances. These are very important positions for the successful running of the society. Please call Gary McCrerie and volunteer your help. Committee members are also needed for all committees. A Society's success is based on the help and support of its members. We hope you will do your part.
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