



Grand River Trail

TRAIL TALES

Brighton Area Preservation News

The purpose of the Brighton Area Historical Society is to preserve, advance and disseminate knowledge of the history of the Brighton Area.

The membership is composed of people who feel this purpose is worthwhile and should be promoted.

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GENERAL MEETING

The Brighton Area Historical Society general meeting will be Tuesday, September 11, 1990.

A potluck dinner will begin at 6:30. The meeting will begin at 7:30. The meeting will be held in the Scranton Middle School.

Donald Schwark, a school teacher from South Lyon, will speak on "The life and Times of General George Custer."

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the meeting. We look forward to seeing you after the summer break.

PEOPLE AND PLACES ALONG THE Trail

Two home tours are scheduled for September in our area.

The Milford Home tour will be held on September 15 and 16. Along with the homes on tour, there will be exhibition matches at the Milford Polo grounds. The public is welcome to enjoy these. A colonial family will set up residence in the log cabin on the old village green.

There will be a fine arts and crafts exhibit in Central Park, plus an antique show at Johnson Elementary School.

On Sunday there will be a parade of vintage cars.

The 25th annual "Great American Homes Tour", which is sponsored by the Livingston County Republican Women's Club, will be held on Saturday, September 8, from 1-5 p.m.

There will be six one-of-a-kind Livingston County homes on the tour. The homes featured include: a Queen Ann Victorian; a Frank Lloyd Wright Design; a Two Story Condominium; a Rustic Log Home; a Contemporary; and a Greek Revival. The Greek Revival is the Harry and Toni Tubbs home which was featured on the Brighton Home tour.

AUGUST MEMBERSHIP

INDIVIDUALS: Betty Adams; John and Winifred Allen (White Lake); David Apps; Bill and Jacque Armstrong; Jeanette Bailey; Mr. & Mrs. W. Charles Brown; Polly and Jim Buchanan; Bob and Marie Carr; Mr. & Mrs. Dale Clixby (Florida); Sharon L. Donoghue and Harold L. Crane; Doris M. Fay; Margaret M. Goldstein; Clara Healy (1990-91); Madeline P. Johnson; Barbara Lorence; Richard Marowsky; Bill and Barbara McCririe; Edwin and Sherry Nyhus; Mr. & Mrs. M. Woodford (1990-91).

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1840 FEDERAL CENSUS

of

Livingston County, Michigan

The Livingston County Genealogical Society is selling a softbound book on the 1840 Census.

This book contains a transcription of almost all the information found in the 1840 Federal Census of the county. It is indexed by Head of Household and includes alternate spellings where variations were found.

It is a useful tool for genealogical research. It contains head of household, age groups, a brief history of each township, and occupations of some individuals in each township.

If you are interested in purchasing a copy, send \$6.00 with your name and address to:

Livingston County Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 1073
Howell, Michigan 48843

The Genealogical Society has many other publications which may be of interest. Please feel free to inquire.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

The Brighton Area Historical Society is having a spaghetti supper on SEPTEMBER 14, from 5:00 until 7:00 at the Brighton Fire Hall.

Audrey Leith, 229-6165, is chairing this fund raiser. She would appreciate your help. She needs workers before, during, and after the supper.

If you can not help, it is hoped that you will purchase tickets and enjoy the evening with your friends and family.

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HISTORICAL EVENTS IN OUR AREA for September and October

- Sept. 8-9 - Marshall Home Tour
admission \$10.00
(616) 781-9280
- Sept. 8-10 - Wyandotte
Heritage Days
no admission
(313) 246-4520
- Sept. 16 - Ann Arbor 18th
Annual Old West Side
Homes Tour
\$4.00 advance
\$5.00 day of
(313) 665-4087
- Sept. 28-29- Northville
Tivoli Fair
\$2.00
(313) 348-1845
- Oct. 5-7, 12-14 - Flint
Harvest Jubilee,
Crossroads village
(313) 736-7100
- Oct. 14 - Waterloo Recreation
Area: Pioneer Day at
Waterloo Area Farm
Museum
\$2.00
(313) 851-5247

SUPPORT THE SOCIETY

PAY MEMBERSHIP DUES

A review of the mailing list will soon be made. If you've not paid 1990 dues and wish to continue receiving Trail Tales, it is hoped you will consider becoming a paid up member. If the label has a '90 on it you are all set.

It is hardly fair to let others pay your share. The Society needs your support.

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ADDRESS CHANGE

Many thanks to those who care enough to send in address corrections or changes. Because of the bulk rate at which Trail Tales is mailed, undeliverable copies are discarded. Twice a year the Society requests the Post Office to correct addresses.

For the July issue almost 40 copies were returned. At 25¢ each, one doesn't need to be a whiz with numbers to figure out how much this cost the Society. Please send in any changes or cancellations to the Society.

ANN ARBOR AREA

PRESERVATION ALLIANCE

1990 Second Sunday
Old House Clinic Calendar

September 9 - Windows by Patrick Owen, will cover the history and type of windows and the techniques of getting windows back into working condition, and keeping them that way. He will demonstrate re-ropeing windows and opening windows that have been painted shut.

October 14 - Furnaces by Richard Cronn, will present the history of heating systems found in older homes. He will explain what homeowners should and should not do, and the importance of using licensed contractors.

Tickets are \$4.00. To order: send check or money order with a stamped self-addressed envelope to:

A3PA, 616 Brooks St., Ann Arbor, 48103.

Include your work or home phone number.

Call Mary Jo Wholihan, 665-2112 for more information.

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DON'T FORGET THE GENERAL MEETING,
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER !!, AT 7:30.

SCRANTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

New () Renewal () Please send a copy of Society Bylaws ()

Activities in which I'd like to participate:

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|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| () Bake Sale | () Help with spec. events | () Newsletter Pub., etc. | () Research |
| () Board Member | () Hospitality | () Oral History | () Restoration |
| () Fund Raising | () Meeting Programs | () Photography | () Video Taping |
| () Genealogy | () Membership Committee | () Publicity | () Other work I'd |

be willing to do: _____

Dues: \$25. Patron	Send to:	Brighton Area Historical Society
25. Business/Professional		P.O. Box 481
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EDUCATION IN THE BRIGHTON AREA POST 1900 (Conclusion)

The consolidation of country schools with the Brighton City system, during the 1950s, mimicked the trend throughout the state. Elementary schools were built in areas where the children lived. It is believed parents take a more personal interest if their child's school is nearby.

In 1951 West Elementary School, 1010 State Street, opened for grades 1-6. Now called the Carl H. Lindbom Elementary School, for the man who was its principal, 1951-83, it underwent major additions and renovations in 1970 and 1988.

1957 saw the construction of the Burton S. Miller Elementary School on the east side of town, 850 Spencer Road. Additions in 1970 and 1988 have greatly enlarged the building and it is now the Miller Early Childhood Center and also houses facilities for the use of Brighton Senior Citizens.

The elementary school at 8900 Lee Road, south of town, named after H. Gordon Hawkins, a long time superintendent, was built in 1960. 1970 and 1988 saw major remodeling and substantial new construction.

A new high school was built in 1966, 7878 Brighton Road. In 1973 a large addition was constructed and the pool added in 1978.

The Spencer Road Elementary School, 10639 Spencer Road, was built in 1973. Obviously named after its location, northeast of town, which was most likely named after John G. Spencer, an early settler in the area.

Need for a second middle school prompted the construction of Maltby Middle School, 4740 Bauer Road in 1977; named after the family which built the first saw mill in Brighton in 1834.

That same year, 1977, the Elenor V. Hornung Elementary School was built at 4680 Bauer Road. Miss Hornung was a teacher in the school system for 34 years.

Residents of the area have always been convinced that to become responsible citizens, various opportunities must be available for their children's instruction. The school district continues the long tradition of continued construction and improvement of educational facilities and curricula for area pupils. The recent passage of a bond issue has resulted in the recent ground breaking for a new elementary school on Hilton Road in Brighton Township. A new middle school is planned in Green Oak Township in addition to enlargements to the high school in 1995. (Compiled and edited by Marieanna Bair with thanks to: Josephine Hyne, Brenda McCarty, Alice Newcomb, Colt Parks, Dorothy Pennala and 'Michigan Memorabilia' by Wm. Pless.)

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