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DATES TO BE REMEMBERED

AUG 10: 5-8 P.M. GENEALOGIST MARGE WILCOX WILL BE AT THE LIBRARY TO HELP WITH QUESTIONS RE: GENEALOGY.

\*AUG 20: 9-11 A.M. ARCHIVES WORK. WELCOME.

\*\*AUG 13 & 14: SOCIETY BOOTH AT ART FAIR.

\*AUG 22: 7:30 BOARD MEETING. WELCOME.

\*\*SEPT. 13: 6:30 P.M. GENERAL MEETING.

\*\*SEPT. 16: SPAGHETTI SUPPER, FIRE HALL.

SEPT. 17 & 18: MILFORD HOME TOUR: (7)

\*\*SEPT. 29/OCT 1: ANNUAL MEETING AASLH.

\* AT 202 W. MAIN. UPSTAIRS.

\*\* SEE RELATED ARTICLE.

13TH SPAGHETTI SUPPER SEPTEMBER 16

THE DATE HAS BEEN RESERVED WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE FOLLOWING JOBS NEED PEOPLE:

- A. REQUEST DONATIONS FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES FOR THEIR AD TO BE INCLUDED ON THE PLACEMATS.
  - B. A COOK.
  - C. KITCHEN HELP.
  - D. SET-UP PEOPLE.
  - E. DECORATIONS.
  - F. CLEAN UP PEOPLE.
  - G. SERVER SCHEDULING.
  - H. GREETER, TICKET SELLER, ETC., SCHEDULING.
  - I. PUBLICITY PERSON.
  - J. CALL FOR DESSERTS.
  - K. FOOD DONATION ACQUIRER.
- SPAGHETTI & MEAT SAUCE, BREAD, SALAD, DESERT AND BEVERAGE WILL BE SERVED.  
CALL MARIEANNA BAIR, 229-6402 BETWEEN AUGUST 19-31 AND TELL HER WHAT YOU WILL DO. (IF YOU'VE TOLD HER IN THE PAST YOU'D HELP, PLEASE CALL AND REFRESH HER MEMORY.)

MEMBERSHIP LIST WILL BE PROVIDED IF NEEDED. YOUR RESPONSE WILL DETERMINE IF THIS ANNUAL EVENT CAN BE HELD. ALL PROCEEDS RAISED GO TOWARD THE SOCIETY'S PRESERVATION PROJECTS. THIS PROJECT NOT ONLY RAISES FUNDS BUT ALSO PROVIDES PUBLICITY FOR THE SOCIETY AND ITS ACTIVITIES. MANY REPEAT CUSTOMERS ATTEND.

AASLH ANNUAL MEETING

INFORMATION REGARDING ALL ASPECT OF LOCAL HISTORY, FROM MUSEUM EXHIBITS TO ARCHIVAL PRACTICES TO PRESERVING OLDER BUILDINGS WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE AND LOCAL HISTORY. CONTACT BAIR, 229-6402, FOR MORE INFORMATION.

CONSIDER SERVING A YEAR ON THE SOCIETY BOARD

PERSONS WILLING TO ASSIST THE EDITOR WILL BE WARMLY WELCOMED.

Bus/Prof: ADVANCE CRAFT HOMES.

COUPLE/INDIV: PAT & JOSIE ARNOLD, ELIZABETH BINDENAGEL (S.D. 95), MR & MRS JOHN CURRY, EUGENE & JUDITH DAHLIN, JOHN & BEVERLY LA BELL, BILL & JANE TOMLINSON (95).

A MAJORITY OF MEMBERS HAVE RENEWED FOR 1994. THE SOCIETY BOARD VIEWS THIS AS A SIGN THAT THEY ARE DOING SOMETHING RIGHT.

### THANKS...THANKS...THANKS

...MR. & MRS. CLARENCE KERR OF HARRISVILLE FOR THEIR DONATION OF A "BRIGHTON HOME-COMING 1961", A BRIGHTON ARGUS 75TH ANNIVERSARY ISSUE, PHOTOS OF THE BRIGHTON CENTENNIAL PARADE IN 1967 AND PHOTOS AND CLIPPINGS OF THE VAGABOND COACH MFG. CO., WHICH WAS LOCATED IN BRIGHTON.

...JOHN & JANICE FIELD FOR 1993 PHOTOS OF MANY BUSINESSES IN DOWNTOWN BRIGHTON. CHANGE IS CONSTANT. IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE PICTURES, DATED AND IDENTIFIED, TO ADD TO THE ARCHIVES. THEY ALSO GAVE A PHOTO OF THE MILL POND (S. OF MAIN) AFTER THE DAM WENT OUT IN 1953.

...AL DUNK FOR VOLS. I & II OF THE 1884 MICHIGAN CENSUS. ANOTHER FINE ADDITION.

...BETTY HERBST FOR THE FOUR PICTURES OF A PARADE IN 1942 WHICH INCLUDED FINE VIEWS OF THE RIALTO THEATER ON W. MAIN.

...DAVE BARTON AND NANCY FREDENBERG; THESE TWO MADE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO INCLUDE THE SOCIETY'S RESTORED CARRIAGE IN THE JULY 4 PARADE. DID YOU SEE IT? (YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE EXPENSE OF THE RESTORATION BY MAKING A CONTRIBUTION TO THE "BUGGY FUND". WE'LL NEED A HORSE FOR THE 1995 PARADE.

...KATHERINE HAMPTON FOR THE HAND MADE AFGHAN SHE DONATED AS A FUND RAISER FOR THE SOCIETY'S PROJECTS.

...ELIZABETH BINDENAGEL OF S.D. FOR HER CONTRIBUTION TO THE LYONS SCHOOL MARKER FUND.

...MILT CHARBONEAU FOR EARLY ISSUES OF THE ARGUS. (SEE ARCHIVES.)

...YUM YUM TREE FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE JULY GENERAL MEETING.

### THE ALSEIUM THEATER?

AN EARLY ARGUS ARTICLE REGARDING THE OPENING OF THE RIALTO INCLUDED INFORMATION OF A THEATER NAMED THE ALSEIUM ON W. MAIN. IT WAS TO BE RENOVATED FOR USE BY THE OODFELLOWS AS A MEETING FACILITY. INFORMATION IS DESIRED. CALL THE EDITOR

ARCHIVES: ARGUSES OF THE TEARS 1919, 1930/1937, 1939, 1955, AND 1958 HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM MILTON CHARBONEAU. THESE WILL SOON BE MICROFILMED AND WILL MAKE A WORTHY ADDITION TO THE ARCHIVES FOR FUTURE RESEARCH. MANY THANKS MILT.

PICTURES, EARLY OR LATE, OF THE AREA WILL BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED FOR THE ARCHIVES. OR COPIES CAN BE MADE.

HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY: THE PICTURES DONATED BY JANICE FIELD WILL BE HELPFUL IN GIVING VARIOUS SITES IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA A MORE COMPLETE HISTORY. THE SURVEY EMPHASIZES THAT EACH BUILDING... "HAS SIGNIFICANCE BECAUSE EVERY BUILDING HAS A PLACE IN THE TAPESTRY OF THE COMMUNITY." (H.P. 7-8-83.) CONTACT DAVE, 229-5213, WITH YOUR MEMORIES OF THE VARIOUS SITES.

LYONS SCHOOL: ELIZABETH BINDENAGEL HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE MARKER FUND. LOTS MORE NEEDED. MANY THANKS. DRIVE BY THE SCHOOL AND TAKE A LOOK AT THE NEW SHUTTERS RECENTLY INSTALLED. THE GAS LINE HAS BEEN BROUGHT IN FROM THE ROAD; BIDS FOR THE NEW ROOF ARE IN; TRENCHING FOR WATER AND THE SANITARY FACILITIES WILL BE DONE SOON; THE OIL FURNACE IS OUT, NEW ONE ON THE WAY; FENCE WORK COMING NEXT MONTH; EXTERIOR PAINTING STILL NEEDS TO BE DONE; SOME WINDOW AND DOOR CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE. NONE OF THIS WORK IS INEXPENSIVE. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LYONS SCHOOL FUND ARE VITAL TO CONTINUE MAKING PROGRESS TOWARDS THE GOAL OF AN 1885/1900 RESTORATION AND ARCHIVAL STORAGE.

### HISTORIC TOUR WELL RECEIVED

FOR THE JULY GENERAL MEETING A FINE GROUP OF INTERESTED PERSONS MET AT THE VETERANS' MEMORIAL ROCK BY THE MILL POND FOR AN HOUR'S TOUR OF THE TWO BUSINESS BLOCKS OF W. MAIN. FOLLOWING THE TOUR ICE CREAM CONES WERE AVAILABLE AT THE YUM YUM TREE. THANKS ALSO TO ALICE NEWCOMB FOR HER COOPERATION.

### GENERAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 13

ANOTHER WALKING TOUR IS PLANNED. THIS ONE WILL PROBABLY COVER GRAND RIVER SOUTH TO "UPPER TOWN". WE'LL MEET, 6:30, (DRESS FOR THE WEATHER) AT THE S.W. CORNER OF GRAND RIVER AND MAIN. ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE FOR A MEGAPHONE OR MICROPHONE SO ALL CAN ENJOY THE TOUR. YA'LL COME.

FIANCIAL RESOURCES

**AFGHAN SALE:** A NEW FUND RAISER, SALE OF COTTON, DOUBLE-FACED, WOVEN THROWS, WILL HELP PAY FOR THE MANY PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION PROJECTS IN WHICH THE SOCIETY IS INVOLVED. CALL NANCY FREDENBERG, 229-9100, 9100, TO GET YOURS. THEY'LL ALSO BE AT THE ART FAIR AUGUST 13/14.

**ART FAIR BOOTH:** CHUCK & JANICE BEACH WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SOCIETY BOOTH AUGUST 13,14 IN BRIGHTON, ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE OLD TOWN HALL. LEMONADE, COOKIES, THE NEW COTTON THROW (SEE ABOVE), TILES, POSTCARDS, PICTURES, ETC., WILL BE SOLD; BROCHURES AND NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED. CHUCK & JANICE CANNOT DO THIS BY THEMSELVES. THIS IS A CHANCE FOR YOU TO HELP OUT FOR A FEW HOURS. CALL THEM AT 229-9678.

**SIGNATURE QUILT:** JOHN TAYLOR'S NAME WILL SOON BE EMBROIDERED ON THE QUILT. JANE TOMLINSON CONTRIBUTED IN THIS MANNER TO THE RESTORATION PROJECTS. YOU CAN TOO. A \$10.00 DONATION AND A SIGNATURE OF YOUR CHOICE OR YOU CAN REQUEST A SIGNATURE FROM THE ARCHIVES.

HOME TOUR

IT'S BEEN SEVERAL YEARS SINCE A HOME TOUR WAS SPONSORED BY THE SOCIETY. REQUESTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED TO HOLD ONE AGAIN SOON. PLANS ARE BEGINNING TO TAKE SHAPE FOR EARLY NEXT SPRING. MEETINGS WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER. WATCH FOR DATES IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF TRAIL TALES.

SUPPORT YOUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY, BEAT THE WINTER DOLDRUMS AND HELP PLAN THE BIGGEST AND BEST HOME TOUR BRIGHTON HAS EVER HAD.



1932 - MELLUS HOSPITAL - 1957  
BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN

1990

BUILT BY DR. H.P. MELLUS, AT 218 E. GRAND RIVER, IT WAS A HOSPITAL UNTIL 1957. FOR SEVERAL YEARS IT SERVED AS AN ANNEX TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEXT DOOR. FROM 1979-88 MICHIGAN BANK HAD ITS OFFICES HERE. LEAH GOLD, CONFECTIONERS, RELOCATED HERE IN 1991.

THIS TILE, AND OTHERS, CAN BE PURCHASED AT UBER'S DRUGS, SOCIETY BANK AND SOMEWHERE IN TIME.

CAN'T WAIT TO SIGN UP? CALL RICCI BANDKAU, 227-7664 OR NANCY FREDENBERG, 229-6100. THEY'LL BE DELIGHTED WITH YOUR SUPPORT.

HELP YOUR SOCIETY, MEET OLD FRIENDS AND MAKE NEW ONES.

BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Activities in which I would like to participate:

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- ( ) Board Member      ( ) Hospitality      ( ) Oral History      ( ) Restoration
- ( ) Fund Raising      ( ) Programs      ( ) Photography      ( ) Video Taping
- ( ) Genealogy      ( ) Membership Committee      ( ) Publicity      ( ) Other

work I would be willing to do: \_\_\_\_\_

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 \$25. Business/Professional  
 \$12. Couple  
 \$ 7. Individual

\$2. Student (K-12, College)  
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BRIGHTON BEATS FOWLerville - 30-23!

The 75th Anniversary issue of the Brighton Argus, printed in 1955, includes many references to earlier events. Among them was a recounting of an 1880 ball game between Brighton and Fowlerville. BRIGHTON'S ORIGINAL BASEBALL CLUB WAS ORGANIZED AS THE MAPLE LEAF CLUB IN 1876. Its first game that year was played ...AGAINST A TEAM COMPOSED OF PLAYERS FROM PETTYSVILLE AND ANN ARBOR. Tho' there is no record of the score the Brighton team won. THIS TEAM PLAYED SEVERAL GAMES THAT YEAR, LOSING BUT TWO both against Pinckney.

THE MEMBERS OF THAT EARLY BRIGHTON TEAM WERE AUGUST REINER, CAPTAIN AND CATCHER; BIGHAM, (probably the son of Robert Bigham who, in the 1830s, operated a tavern north of town) PITCHER; WALT ACKER, 1ST BASE; C. D. BIGHAM, (perhaps another son of Robert) 2ND BASE; CHARLES PLACEWAY, (who established the Brighton Argus in 1880) 3RD BASE; WILLIAM KRAUSE, S.S.; WILL STUHRBERG, (proprietor of Easter House) RIGHT FIELD; PETER HARTMAN, (ran a local saloon) LEFT FIELD; AND O'BRIAN, CENTER FIELD.

Altho the seasons of 1877-78 saw them win every game, in 1879 the team was short of players and had a rather dismal season. According to the 1880 issue of the Argus the game between the Brighton Red Stockings and Fowlerville Mutuals was scheduled. ...AS THE TIME FOR THE CONTEST DREW NIGH A SPIRIT BEGAN TO BE MANIFESTED BY THAT CLASS OF CITIZENS WHO ALWAYS LIKE...TO SEE THEIR TEAM WIN,...RESULTED IN THE SECURING OF NEW UNIFORMS FOR THE PLAYERS AND THE NECESSARY BACKERS TO GUARANTEE THE GAME A SUCCESS. THE CLUB WAS ACCOMPANIED TO FOWLerville BY A LARGE CROWD OF INTERESTED CITIZENS AND BACKERS AND WERE THE RECIPIENTS OF MANY CHEERING WORDS WHEN THEY DEPARTED ON THE MORNING TRAIN FOR THE FIELD OF DUTY.

However, upon arriving it was obvious that the opposing team consisted of only a few Fowlerville players and the rest were ringers from other counties. THE MUTUALS WENT TO THE BAT AND SECURED 3 RUNS AND THREE BASE HITS IN THE FIRST INNING. THE FIRST INNING OF THE RED STOCKINGS RESULTED IN KRAUSE STRIKING OUT, HARTMAN GAINING 2ND BASE, SNYDER 1ST AND JOHNSON AND BIGHAM STRIKING OUT...A WHITewASH. However, by the second inning the Red Stockings had begun to figure out how to bat against the professional curve ball pitcher.

PLACEWAY WENT TO BAT WITH THE SECOND INNING, GAINING ONE RUN FOLLOWED BY A RUN FROM STUHRBERG, S. SNYDER, KRAUSE, E. SNYDER AND JOHNSON. JONES, HARTMAN AND PLACEWAY STRIKING OUT. Altho the Mutuals' catcher wore a mask he WAS BADLY HURT BY RECEIVING THE FULL FORCE OF THE BALL FROM THE PITCHER ON THE LEFT SIDE OF HIS FACE RENDERING HIM NEARLY INSENSIBLE FOR A TIME AND UNFIT FOR FURTHER SERVICE BEHIND THE BATTER.

In the third inning the Red Stockings scored 12 runs. BRIGHTON FINALLY WON, 30-23. (Researched by Marieanna Bair. Readers who can supply more accurate identification of the players are asked to contact her in order to correct the records in the Archives.)

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