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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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LOCAL RESTORATION

OFTEN THE SOCIETY IS CONTACTED REGARDING RESTORATION OF A LOCAL BUILDING. THIS IS A GOOD SIGN PEOPLE ARE BEGINNING TO REALIZE THE VALUE OF PRESERVATION OF THE UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS EXHIBITED BY THESE EARLIER STRUCTURES.

RESTORATION RELATES NOT ONLY TO THE ARCHITECTURAL STYLE BUT ALSO COLOR, EXTERIOR MATERIAL, TRIM, WINDOW STYLE, LANDSCAPING, ETC. USUALLY THE BEST WAY TO FIND WHAT WAS THERE ORIGINALLY IS TO HAVE A PICTURE TO EMULATE. PERSONS WITH PICTURES OF EARLIER LOCAL SCENES, BOTH CITY AND TOWNSHIPS, ARE URGED TO DONATE THEM TO THE SOCIETY OR ALLOW A COPY TO BE MADE. EACH COMMUNITY HAS ITS NOVEL FEATURES. THE BRIGHTON AREA IS NO DIFFERENT. IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE RESEARCH MATERIALS AVAILABLE.

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MAE SCHMADTKE, NATIVE OF THE BRIGHTON AREA, CELEBRATED HER 90TH BIRTHDAY, JUNE 3. BORN TO FRANK AND MARY FOLAND, MAE AND AUGUST WERE MARRIED IN 1931. AT THE CORNER OF OLD US 23 AND BUNO ROAD THEY OWNED AND OPERATED A GAS STATION, GROCER AND MEAT MARKET. ALTHO' BELATED MAE WOULD ENJOY HEARING FROM YOU. 18880 30TH AVE., (M-66) MARION, MI 49665. MAE SERVED ON THE SOCIETY BOARD AND HAS BEEN A LONG TIME MEMBER.

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JULY 7, 1 P.M. MANN HOUSE, CONCORD, WILL HOST A PROGRAM ON HARVESTING AND PRESERVING CULINARY HERBS.

SEPTEMBER 16,17: MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL - WINDOWS TO THE PAST, ALPENA. 517/373-3559 FOR MORE INFO.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- \*JUNE 18, 9-11 A.M. ARCHIVES. (NOTE DATE CHANGE.)
- 24-26, MICHIGAN CHALLENGE BALLOON-FEST, HOWELL. 546-3920.
- 26, LOG CABIN DAY. TOURS, OPENHOUSES, CRAFT SHOWS, FESTIVAL. 616/944-5719.
- \* 27, 7:30 P.M. BOARD MEETING. WELCOME.
- JULY 4, 10 A.M. PARADE IN BRIGHTON. JOIN THE SOCIETY FLOAT.
- AUG. 7, 2-5 P.M. GREEN OAK DAY AT THE MUSEUM, 6440 KENSINGTON RD.  
A PARTY HONORING LIFETIME TRUSTEE, EDNA PEACH, ORGANIZER OF THE GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY.  
SHE IS MOVING TO ARIZONA.
- \* AT OLD TOWN HALL, 202 W. MAIN. CALL MARIEANNA BAIR FOR MORE INFO.

BUS/PROF: TIMBERLANE HOMES.

PATRON: REP. SUSAN GRIMES MUNSELL (HOWELL), DOUG & CAROL REARICK, ELSA STENGenga (AZ, 95).

COUPLES/INDIV: CHUCK & JANICE BEACH (95), JANICE FIELD, FLOYD & IAL FULLER, DAVE GREGORY (FL), ELIZABETH HERBST (96), CAROL HILLS (95), TIM & HELEN HURST, FRED & BERNICE HYNE (OSCODA), WALLY & MARILYN JOLLITZ, EDWARD & ELAINE KLINSKE, ELNORA KNAUS (IN), LOIS KRAUSMAN (FL, 95), MARSHALL & JEMEL PERDUE (95), LILA ROBERTSON, LARRY & RITA SCHILLINGER, PAT & MARGE WHITE.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. BOARD MEMBERS AND PROJECT CHAIRMEN, ALL VOLUNTEERS, ARE ENCOURAGED WHEN MEMBERS RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP. IT'S GOOD TO HAVE THAT DEPENDABLE BASE.

IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING DUES OR LABEL DATES PLEASE CONTACT PRESIDENT BAIR. YOUR PATIENCE IS APPRECIATED WHEN ERRORS CREEP IN. (PERHAPS ONE SHOULD CONSIDER OFFERING ONE'S SERVICES.)

THANKS.....THANKS.....THANKS

...JANICE BEACH FOR ASSUMING THE ROLE OF PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN. WE STILL ARE IN NEED OF A V.P., A TRAIL TALES CO-EDITOR (BAIR WILL CONTINUE WITH THE HISTORIC RESEARCH IF YOU WISH), ETC., ARE STILL NEEDED.

...JOHN CURRY FOR CASH DONATION TO HELP PAY FOR THE MICROFILMING OF BRIGHTON ARGUS ISSUES.

...ELSA STEGENGA FOR DONATION TO LYONS SCHOOL.

ANNE STRATIGOS FOR PROVIDING REFRESHMENTS AT THE MAY GENERAL MEETING.

...MEMBERS OF LOCAL VETERANS' GROUPS FOR ORGANIZING THE ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY (SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES ARE ALSO HELD AT LOCAL CEMETERIES.)

...JIM VICHICH FOR PUTTING UP THE BANNERS ON THE OLD TOWN HALL FOR THAT WEEKEND. AND TAKING THEM DOWN AGAIN.

...MILDRED HARRINGTON FOR COPIES OF PICTURES OF THE 1927-28 9TH GRADE CLASS AT BRIGHTON HIGH (UNION SCHOOL) ON RICKETT ROAD AND THE 1935 PICTURE OF 11 YOUNG BOYS, 8 YEARS OLD (?) ON THE STEPS OF THE HIGH SCHOOL (OLD SCHOOL ON CHURCH STREET.)

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GREEN OAK MUSEUM, 6440 KENSINGTON ROAD, OPEN SAT/SUN, 1-4 P.M. 810/437-1271 OR 810/437-6510 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

ARCHIVES: "TWO OF THE MAJOR FUNCTIONS OF AN ARCHIVES ARE TO PRESERVE AND MAKE AVAILABLE FOR RESEARCH THOSE ORIGINAL RECORDS AND PAPERS WITH ENDURING VALUE. AN ARCHIVES MAKES EVERY EFFORT TO PROVIDE THE PROPER, SECURE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH TO VIEW THESE DOCUMENTS AND TO ASSURE THAT RESEARCHERS HANDLE THEM CAREFULLY." DAVE JOHNSON, STATE ARCHIVIST OF MICHIGAN, SUCCINCTLY EXPRESSES THE GOALS TO WHICH THE SOCIETY IS STRIVING. PICTURES, JOURNALS, DIARIES, ABSTRACTS, ETC., CAN ALL BE CLASSIFIED AS HAVING ENDURING VALUE. CONTACT PRES. BAIR, 229-6402, IF YOU CAN DONATE ORIGINALS OR COPIES FOR PLACEMENT IN OUR LOCAL ARCHIVES. ALSO CALL IF YOU'D BE ABLE TO HELP WITH THE SORTING AND CATALOGING OF ARTICLES. ONE PROJECT IS TO PREPARE A HISTORY BOOK ON THE WAY IT WAS IN THE BRIGHTON AREA.

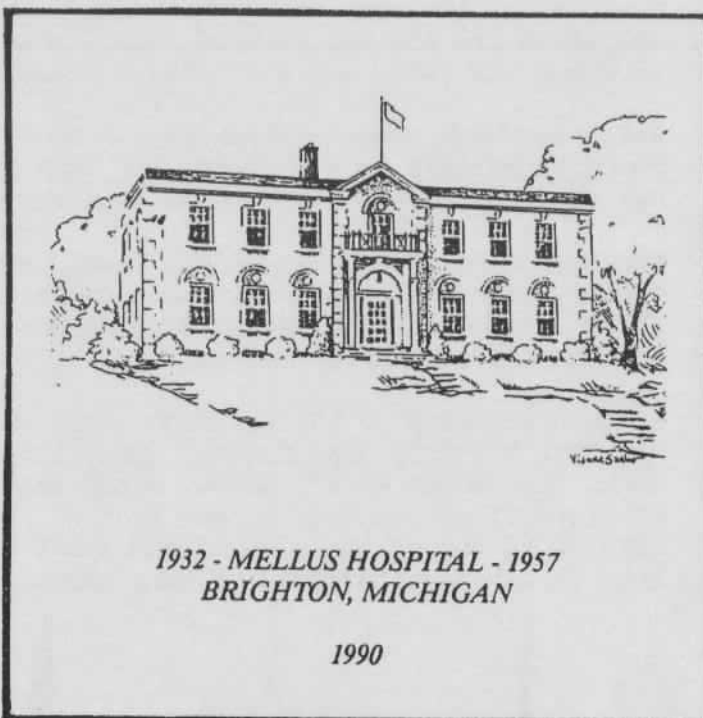
LYONS SCHOOL: THANKS TO THOSE WHO DONATED ITEMS TO THE YARD SALE LAST MONTH. IT WAS HELD AT THE SCHOOL, 11455 BUNO ROAD. CONTRACTS ARE BEING NEGOTIATED TO CONSTRUCT SHUTTERS FOR THE WINDOWS. THESE WILL GIVE A MORE AESTHETIC APPEARANCE TO THE EXTERIOR AND PROVIDE EFFECTIVE SECURITY. JIM VICHICH IS ALSO INVESTIGATING THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING A SIDEWALK AND RAMP TO THE FRONT DOOR. OTHER INTERNAL INFRASTRUCTURE ARE ALSO ON HIS AGENDA. ALL THIS REQUIRES A GENEROUS OUTLAY OF FUNDS. SUPPORT OF THE SOCIETY FUND RAISING PROJECTS AND DONATIONS WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE. ONCE THE RESTORATION IS COMPLETED THE POSSIBILITY OF ITS INCLUSION AS A STOP ON BUS TOURS PRESENTS ITSELF. SOME INCOME COULD PERHAPS BE GENERATED.

#### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

PHOENIX HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE RANDY MC DONALD WAS SELECTED TO RECEIVE THE 2ND ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED BY THE SOCIETY. THE \$1000.00 WILL MAKE A GREAT DIFFERENCE IN HIS EDUCATIONAL PLANS. LAST YEAR'S RECIPIENT, KELLY MARCOUX, HAS COMPLETED TWO SEMESTERS AND IS PLANNING TO CONTINUE. GOOD LUCK TO THE BOTH. ANYONE WISHING TO DONATE TO THIS FUND IS HEREBY STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO DO SO.

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES

**AFGHAN (THROW):** FOR SEVERAL SATURDAYS IN JUNE YOU'LL FIND NANCY FREDENBERG AT THE FARMERS' MARKET DISPLAYING THE WOVEN COTTON THROWS THE SOCIETY HAS PREPARED AS A FUND RAISER. EIGHT LOCAL SCENES PLUS THE MILL POND ARE DEPICTED. A HISTORY OF THE VARIOUS SCENES WILL BE INCLUDED. THE THROWS COME IN 3 DIFFERENT COLORS. ONLY 75 OF EACH ARE AVAILABLE. CALL NANCY, 229-9100, IF YOU DON'T SEE HER AT THE MARKET.



1932 - MELLUS HOSPITAL - 1957  
BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN

1990

Mellus Hospital was built in 1932 by Horace P. Mellus. It replaced the frame house on E. North Street which he'd used since 1914. In the mid 60s it was owned by the Presbyterian Church for office and educational facilities. From 79-89 Michigan National Bank had its offices there. In 1991 Leah Gold Confectioners located in the building.

**ART FAIR BOOTH:** CHUCK BEACH WILL AGAIN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS BUT A FAMILY REUNION PRECLUDES HIS ATTENDANCE. CALL CHUCK, 229-9678, AND OFFER TO SPEND A FEW HOURS SATURDAY OR SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 14 AT THE BOOTH. LEMONADE AND COOKIES WILL BE SOLD, ALSO THE NEW THROW, TILES, POSTCARDS, ETC. BROCHURES AND NEWSLETTERS WILL BE 'FREE BIES'. THIS IS A FINE PUBLICITY OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SOCIETY.

**TILES:** (SEE RIGHT) DEPICTING MANY OTHER LOCAL SCENES, THESE ARE AVAILABLE AT UBER'S DRUGS, SOCIETY BANK AND SOMEWHERE IN TIME, 316 W. MAIN.

**SIGNATURE QUILT:** SIGNATURES OF L.G. BITTEN, C.A. NEWMAN, JOHN L. TAYLOR, J.T. WARNER, AND OTHERS, ALL PROPERTY OWNERS IN BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP IN 1906, ARE READY TO BE PLACED ON THE QUILT AS SOON AS A \$10.00 DONATION IS MADE. SEND TO THE SOCIETY WITH YOUR SELECTION. (IS YOURS INCLUDED?)

ALSO AVAILABLE ARE: **NEEDLEPOINT KITS** OF THE OLD TOWN HALL AT THE QUILTER'S SHOPPE, 213 W. MAIN; **PICTURES** OF THE MILL POND AT UBER'S DRUGS, 110 W. GRAND RIVER; **POST CARDS** OF EARLY BRIGHTON SCENES, AT UBER'S DRUGS AND THE BOOK NOOK, 322 W. MAIN. THANKS TO THESE MERCHANTS WHO COOPERATE SO FULLY WITH THE SOCIETY. CONTACT M. BAIR, 229-6402 FOR MORE INFO.

### BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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Activities in which I would like to participate:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bake Sale    | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with Spec. events | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter   | <input type="checkbox"/> Research     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality            | <input type="checkbox"/> Oral History | <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs               | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography  | <input type="checkbox"/> Video Taping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Genealogy    | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee   | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other        |

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

DUES: \$25. Patron  
 \$25. Business/Professional  
 \$12. Couple  
 \$ 7. Individual

\$2. Student (K-12, College)  
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D-DAY, JUNE 6, 1944

Over the radios came the news, "D-Day, The Invasion of Europe"! Those over the age of 65 are all too able to recall that day. As with December 7, 1941, and November 22, 1963, one will always remember that momentous event.

Following high school graduation, June 8, several of the 18 year old found themselves in a uniform. Not much to celebrate under those circumstance. War related shortages precluded even the printing of a school Annual that year.

The rationing of sugar, coffee, flour, shoes, tires, gas, butter, lard, etc., became tolerable, especially when compared to the sacrifices being made by those in the Services. Unflagging support on the home front made the waiting for the end of the war bearable.

Sixteen veterans of the Brighton area, which did not return, are pictured in the 1946 "Victory Home Coming" booklet sponsored by the Brighton Fire Department. The "Honor Roll", below, stood in mute memory on the south west corner of Grand River and Main Street in town. Every family in the community was related to one of those names and small white banners, with blue or gold stars, hung in the front windows of many homes. (Marieanna Bair, Editor)



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