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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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DATES TO REMEMBER

- MAY 13: 2ND ANNUAL MICHIGAN ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE CONF., IONIA.
- \* 21: 9-11 A.M. WORK IN ARCHIVES.
- \*\* 9-2 SALE AT LYONS SCHOOL.
- \*\* NOON, GENERAL MEETING AND HOT DOG ROAST. PUBLIC WELCOME.
- 21/28: MICHIGAN WEEK.
- \* 23: 7:30 P.M. BOARD MEETING.
- 23/24: MICHIGAN ARCHIVAL ASSOC. MEETING AND WORKSHOPS. MACKINAC ISLAND. CALL 229-6402.
- 30: 10 A.M. MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE. MAIN STREET.
- \* AT OLD TOWN HALL, 202 W. MAIN ST. MEMBERS WELCOME.
- \*\*SEE RELATED ARTICLE. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE ABOVE, CALL M. BAIR, 229-6402.

SALE, SATURDAY, MAY 21

9-2 AT THE LYONS SCHOOL, 11455 BUNO ROAD (EAST OF VAN AMBERG ROAD.) CALL RICCI BANDKAU, 227-7664, WITH YOUR DONATION OF 'ANTIQUY', ETC., ITEMS. MAY 14, 9-12, YOU CAN BRING YOUR THINGS TO THE SCHOOL. SHE CAN'T ACCEPT CLOTHING OR BOOKS. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE LYONS SCHOOL RESTORATION FUND AND WILL BE INCOME TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

SAME DAY AND LOCATION AT THE GENERAL MEETING WHICH IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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BRIGHTON HISTORY AFGHAN

A SAMPLE IS BEING WOVEN OF THE AFGHAN (THROW) THE SOCIETY WILL HAVE AVAILABLE SOON. DOUBLE FACED, THEY WILL BE OFFERED IN GREEN, RED OR BLUE. LOCAL SCENES WILL BE WOVEN INTO EACH. IT WILL BE CENTERED BY AN EARLY PICTURE OF THE MILL POND, WITH EIGHT OTHER SITES SURROUNDING IT.

A SHORT HISTORY OF EACH SCENE WILL ACCOMPANY EACH AFGHAN. ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE PLACED IN THE PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION FUND.

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1994 MEMBERSHIPS 1994

Bus/Prof: KEEHN FUNERAL HOME.

COUPLES/INDIV: LOIS CLARK (MIDLAND),  
RUSS & BETTY GOTTSCHALK.

IT IS GRATIFYING THAT MOST OF OUR MEMBERS  
HAVE ALREADY RENEWED THEIR MEMBERSHIP FOR  
1994. PLEASE NOTE THE DATE ON THE MAILING  
LABEL - 94 OR MORE? THANKS. '93 OR LESS  
(OR YOU'RE GETTING A NEWSLETTER BUT AREN'T  
A MEMBER?)? TAKE NOTE OF WHAT THE SOCIETY  
IS ACCOMPLISHING AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT BY  
SENDING BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL, PATRON OR  
COUPLE/INDIVIDUAL DUES.

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GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY, MAY 21, NOON (COME EARLIER IF  
YOU WISH). THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE  
LYONS SCHOOL, 11455 BUNO ROAD (EAST OF VAN  
AMBERG ROAD.) GUESTS ARE WELCOME. WE'LL  
HAVE A HOT DOG ROAST, FRUIT FLAVORED DRINK,  
COFFEE AND DESSERT. TAKE A TOUR OF THE  
SCHOOL ABOUT WHICH YOU'VE HEARD SO MUCH.

A SPECIAL ACTIVITY WILL BE TO PICK UP  
ROCKS. (IF THEY AREN'T HANDY, MAYBE THEY'LL  
NOT GET THROWN AT THE WINDOWS.) AND REMEM-  
BER THE SALE THAT DAY TOO. SAME LOCATION.

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1994 SCHOLARSHIP

A \$1000.00 GRANT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE  
TO A GRADUATE OF PHOENIX HIGH SCHOOL WHO  
MEETS THE CRITERIA SET FORTH BY SOCIETY  
POLICY. IT IS INTENDED TO DEVELOP A FUND  
RAISER TO ENABLE FUNDING OF THIS OPPOR-  
TUNITY ANNUALLY. IT COULD EASILY BE PAID  
FOR IF 20 PEOPLE DONATED \$50.00 EACH.  
THINK ABOUT IT. SOCIETY MEMBERS ARE PRE-  
SERVATIONISTS. IS THERE ANYTHING MORE  
IMPORTANT TO PRESERVE THAN A DEVELOPING  
MIND?

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THANKS THANKS THANKS

TOM AND AUDREY LEITH FOR TAKING ON THE  
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSONS POSITION.

WE STILL NEED:

PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN, TRAIL TALES CO-EDITOR,  
V.P., ETC. SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE TO DO  
BUT..... CONTACT MARIEANNA BAIR, 229-6402  
OR A BOARD MEMBER.

PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION

ARCHIVES: A PREVIOUS COMMITMENT FORCES  
US TO CHANGE FROM THE 2ND TO THE 3RD  
SATURDAY IN MAY, 9-11 A.M. AT THE OLD  
TOWN HALL. HOPE YOU CAN JOIN IN THIS  
VITAL PROJECT. IT'S PART OF WHY THE  
SOCIETY EXISTS.

DO YOU HAVE ITEMS WHICH SHOULD BE IN  
THE ARCHIVES? PICTURES, JOURNALS, PRO-  
GRAM BOOKLETS, DIRECTORIES, DIARIES,  
ABSTRACTS, CLIPPINGS, ETC., ETC. WE CAN  
MAKE COPIES IF YOU WISH TO KEEP THE  
ITEM. CALL MARIEANNA BAIR, 229-6402.

HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY: DAVE BARTON,  
229-5213, IS FINDING THAT BUILDING LOTS,  
RATHER SMALL TO BEGIN WITH, WERE OFTEN  
DIVIDED BY THE DEVELOPER IN ORDER TO  
HAVE TWO INSTEAD OF ONE TO SELL. (DOES  
THAT SOUND SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR TO YOU  
TOO?) CALL DAVE AND OFFER TO HELP WITH  
THIS RESEARCH.

REMEMBER, GENOA AND BRIGHTON TOWNSHIPS  
ALSO NEED THIS SURVEY DONE.

LYONS SCHOOL: HERB WARNER, HISTORICAL  
RESOURCE, AND JIM VICHICH, RESTORATION  
SUPERVISOR, MET WITH THE SOCIETY BOARD  
RECENTLY. DECISIONS WERE MADE RE: DOORS  
AND RAMPS, WATER SUPPLY, HEATING FUEL,  
EXTERIOR PAINTING, ETC. CALL HERB,  
229-6504, OR JIM, 227-2840, AND OFFER  
YOUR HELP. PHYSICAL LABOR IS NEEDED.  
(AND CASH DONATIONS ALSO GLADLY  
RECEIVED.)

MICROFILMING: MANY ISSUES OF THE 1ST 1/4  
OF THE 20TH CENTURY OF THE BRIGHTON  
ARGUS ARE NOW ON MICROFILM. THANKS TO  
THOSE MAKING DONATIONS TO COVER THE EX-  
PENSE - \$800.00+. NOW, IF SOMEONE CAN  
COME UP WITH A MICROFILM READER - WE'LL  
BE IN BUSINESS. THANKS TO NANCY FREDEN-  
BURG FOR FOLLOWING THROUGH ON THIS PRO-  
JECT. (IT MAY NOT SEEM VERY REASONABLE  
OR WISE TO HAVE THE MICRO FILM BUT NOT  
A READER. THE POINT IS THAT NEWSPAPER  
DETERIORATES SO THIS JOB HAD TO BE DONE  
WHILE IT STILL EXISTED.) WE'RE HOPING TO  
ACQUIRE A FEW MORE YEARS OF THE ARGUS.

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PRESERVATIONISTS ACT FROM THE BELIEF  
THAT BY PRESERVING THE TANGIBLE EVI-  
DENCE OF AN AREA'S HISTORY, A SENSE OF  
BEING, IDENTITY AND PRIDE IS GAINED.

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES

NEEDLEPOINT KITS: OF OLD TOWN HALL, AT THE QUILTER'S SHOPPE, 213 W. MAIN.

PICTURES: OF THE MILL POND (2) ARE AT UBER'S DRUGS.

POST CARDS: EARLY BRIGHTON SCENES, AT UBER'S DRUGS AND THE BOOK NOOK, 322 W. MAIN.

SIGNATURE QUILT: THE SIGNATURE OF THOMAS S. LEITH, FORMER MAYOR OF BRIGHTON WILL BE ADDED COURTESY OF PETER AND PAULA ACKROYD. BE SURE TO GET YOUR NAME ON THE QUILT BEFORE IT IS FILLED. THIS QUILT WILL STAY IN THE SOCIETY ARCHIVES.

TILES: THE TILES DEPICTING THE UNION SCHOOL, WESTERN HOUSE, LYONS SCHOOL, EASTERN HOUSE, MELLUS HOSPITAL, THE STATE POLICE POST, ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND THE BRIGHTON MILLS ARE AVAILABLE AT UBER'S DRUGS, SOCIETY BANK AND SOMEWHERE IN TIME, 316 W. MAIN. THE 300 LIMIT ON EACH ISSUE ASSURES YOU OF A COLLECTIBLE.



DOES IT SEEM THE SOCIETY HAS MANY FUND RAISING ITEMS AND PROJECTS GOING? YOU'RE RIGHT! WHEN PRESERVATION PROJECTS SUCH AS THE LYONS SCHOOL, HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY, DEVELOPMENT OF ARCHIVES, PREPARATION OF ORAL HISTORIES (NEEDED MOSTLY IS A TRANSCRIPTION MACHINE), A SCHOLARSHIP AND A BOOK OF LOCAL HISTORY ARE UNDERWAY, THERE IS AN ONGOING NEED FOR FUNDS. (DUES COVER ONLY ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES. THE SOCIETY BOARD CONSISTS OF VOLUNTEERS.)

A BRIGHTON LANDMARK, ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF GRAND RIVER AND U.S. 23, THE MICHIGAN STATE POLICE POST WAS BUILT IN 1935-36 DURING THE GREAT DEPRESSION. FIFTY YEARS LATER, 1985, A NEW POST WAS BUILT ABOUT ONE MILE NORTH ON 23. THE BUILDING WAS RESTORED AND RENOVATED AND HOUSES A LOCAL REALTOR.

### BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

NEW ( ) RENEWAL ( )

Activities in which I would like to participate:

- |                  |                            |                  |                  |
|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| ( ) Bake Sale    | ( ) Help with Spec. events | ( ) Newsletter   | ( ) Research     |
| ( ) Board Member | ( ) Hospitality            | ( ) Oral History | ( ) Restoration  |
| ( ) Fund Raising | ( ) Programs               | ( ) Photography  | ( ) Video Taping |
| ( ) Genealogy    | ( ) Membership Committee   | ( ) Publicity    | ( ) Other        |

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

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

\$2. Student (K-12, College)  
 Brighton Area Historical Society  
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## WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN

EACH YEAR IN BRIGHTON THE VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS CONDUCT MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCES.

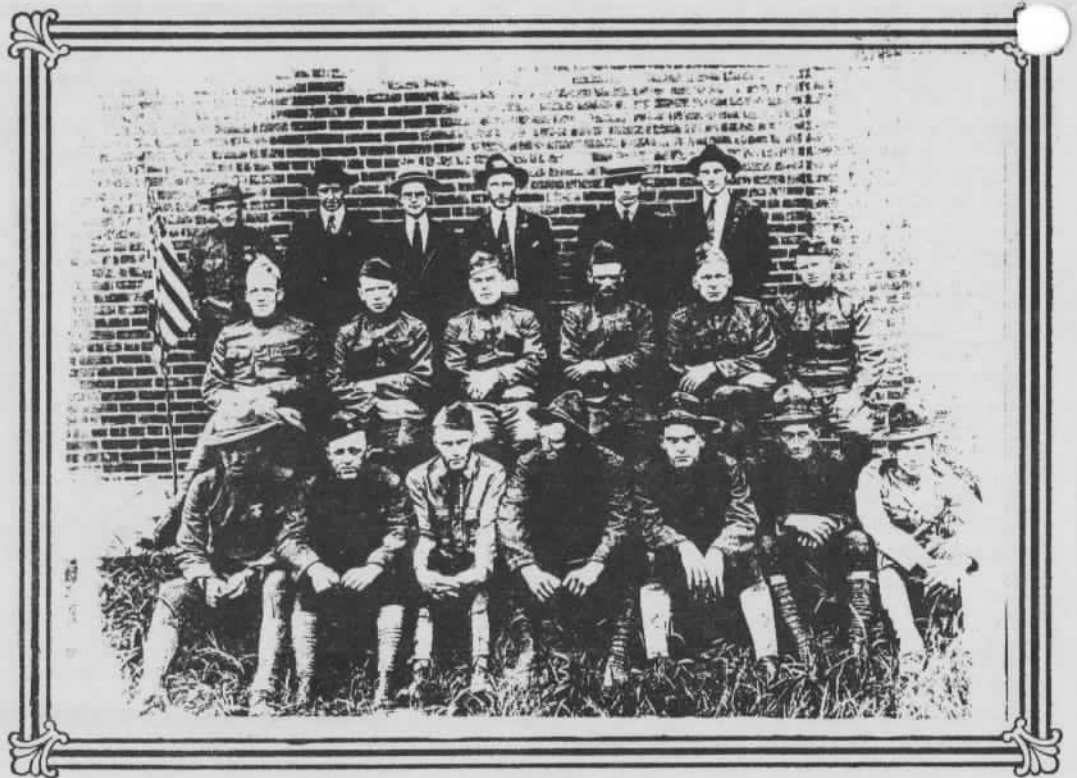
THIS HAS BEEN HAPPENING SINCE MAY 30, 1884, WHEN THE SAMUEL B. APPLETON POST #179 OF THE G.A.R. HELD MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR THEIR FELLOW COMRADES.

THIS YEAR THE HONORABLE TRADITION WILL BE CONTINUED BY THE LOCAL VETERAN'S GROUPS.

THE PICTURE IS OF WW I VETERANS WHO WERE AT THE SERVICES IN 1920. THE PICTURE WAS TAKEN ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE OLD TOWN HALL.

OF THE HUNDREDS OF SERVICE MEN FROM LIVINGSTON COUNTY 26 DID NOT RETURN TO THEIR FAMILIES.

IT IS GOOD TO NOT FORGET THOSE WHO SACRIFICED SO MUCH IN ORDER THAT WE CAN SAVOR LIFE IN A COUNTRY SUCH AS NO OTHER IN THE WORLD.



### MEMORIAL DAY - 1920

#### WORLD WAR I

TOP ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: GUY SMITH, DAVE HAYWOOD, GERALD CASE,  
HARRY BIRKENSTOCK, FRANCIS BLATCHFORD.

SECOND ROW, WILLIAM WESTON, TREVOR RICKETT, RALPH HAMBURGER, GEORGE HOLDERNESS, CLYDE SWEET, ROBERT HODGE.

BOTTOM ROW, BEN BIDWELL, RUSS SHANNON, ERIC SINGER, LOUIS KOURT, BURCHARD BITTEN, HARRY WRIGHT, CHARLES DUNCAN.

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