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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

- **OCT. 14: 6 P.M. BRIGHTON ALUMNI DINNER.
- 14: 9 A.M. MICHIGAN ORAL HISTORY ASSOC. CONFERENCE, LANSING. 517/321-1746 FOR INFORMATION.
- 15: LOG CABIN SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN, 8TH ANNUAL MEETING, BAD AXE. 313/769-1828.
- 18: MULLING OVER MICHIGAN, GRAND RAPIDS. 517-769-1828 FOR INFO.
- 21: LIVINGSTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SEMINARS. 9 A.M./3 P.M. L.D.S. LIBRARY, HOWELL. NO FEE. 16 CLASSES. 810/229-8556.
- * 23: 7:30 P.M. SOCIETY BOARD MEETING. WELCOME.
- * 24: 9-11 A.M. ARCHIVES WORK. COME.
- * 26: 7:30 P.M. BRIGHTON HISTORY BOOK COMMITTEE. WELCOME.

WE ENJOYED AN EVENING IN ITALY!

THANKS TO CAROLINA DELUCA AND HER COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN THE RECENT SPAGHETTI SUPPER WAS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL OF THESE EVENTS. THE ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT OF SO MANY IS MUCH APPRECIATED.

DON AND RICCI BANDKAU MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE USE OF THE FACILITY; MARIAN CARNEY TOOK CARE OF THE TICKETS, MARY JO DEL VERO ENTERTAINED BEAUTIFULLY, JAIME GREEN AND RUDY HERBMAN SAW TO IT WE HAD GOOD SIGNS AND THAT THEY WERE PUT UP, BOB AND SHIRLEY KNIGHT AND CAROL McMACKEN ORGANIZED THE SERVERS AND CLEANUP CREW, JOE AND IRENE MIKE ADDED TO THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF THE EVENING WITH HIS DISPLAY OF SKETCHES, SHIRLEY RITTER ACCOMPLISHED HER USUAL FINE RESULTS IN SALAD PREPARATION, ANNE STRATIGOS CAN BE THANKED FOR ARRANGING FOR SOME WONDERFUL DESERTS, AND LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, COOK MIKE WITT DID YEOMAN'S WORK IN THE KITCHEN.

WHEN THIS EVENT IS PLANNED FOR 1996 JOIN IN THE FUN BY VOLUNTEERING EARLY.

COULDN'T MAKE IT THAT NIGHT? A DONATION IS ALWAYS WELCOME.

BRIGHTON ARGUS - 1939

SEWER PLANT BIDS ARE 'LET'
BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND WINS FIRST PRIZE
DELUCA BUYS BRIGHTON SWEET SHOP
RAZING OF ART BOYLAN'S BARN

Nov. 9-11: MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL SEMINAR, GAYLORD, P.O. Box 89053, LANSING 48908-0953. THEY DIDN'T ALL GO WEST"

* 202 W. MAIN, UPSTAIRS, WELCOME.
**SEE RELATED ARTICLE.

(CONT. NEXT COLUMN)

BUS/PROF: BRIGHTON NC MACHINE, HERRMANN'S FUNERAL HOME, WARNER'S ORCHARD & CIDER MILL, YUM YUM TREE.

PATRON: MARIE O'DELL (97), CHUCK & NORMA PLESS (ROSCOMMON, 96)

COUPLES/INDIV: LARRY & JEAN CLARK (MILFORD), DR. HARRY & CAROL DAVIS (96), DORIS FAY, LESLIE HEALY (96), ELENOR HORNUNG (95), ROYDEN/DOROTHY JONES (96), GARY & SARA MC CRIRIE, DOROTHY MUSCH (HOWELL, 96), EDWIN & SHIRLEY NYHUS, SHERREL RUTTER (DETROIT 98), BERNON YOUNG (FL & ROCKFORD, MI, 99).

THANKS THANKS THANKS

...CASH DONORS TO THE SPAGHETTI SUPPER.
...\$200. FROM ANONYMOUS DONOR.

...IRENE ELLIS ALLOWING COPYING OF A 1909, 1914 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAMS AND A 1924 COMMENCEMENT INVITATION, ALL LISTING NAMES OF CLASS MEMBERS.

...JERRY GENEROUX, BRIGHTON BARBER SHOP, ALLOWING COPYING OF A C.1943 PICTURE OF BURT MILLER, LONG TIME CITY MARSHALL.

...FLOYD AND IAL FULLER DONATION OF A 100+ YEAR OLD PAPERING TABLE AND TOOLS USED BY HIS GRANDPARENTS AND A LEVEL MADE FOR LAYING CEMENT BLOCK WALLS, USED BY HIS FATHER 70 YEARS AGO AND A CORN KNIFE, BUCK SAW AND DRAW SHAVE, USED 100 YEARS AGO BY HIS ANCESTORS.

...BERNON YOUNG, FLORIDA, FOR PICTURES OF BRIGHTON RESIDENTS C. 1930 (ALL IDENTIFIED!) AND MUCH GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL INFORMATION OF EARLY AREA DAYS.

...CAROLINA DELUCA FOR CHAIRING A MOST SUCCESSFUL SPAGHETTI SUPPER.

...PAUL ANDERSON (CHARLEVOIX) FOR IDENTIFYING THE 1924 BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM. PICTURE AT RIGHT. NEXT MONTH A PICTURE OF THE 1911 LOCAL BASEBALL TEAM WILL BE INCLUDED. ONLY ERIC SINGER, LEFT FIELD, IS IDENTIFIED. HELP WILL BE NEEDED ON THIS.

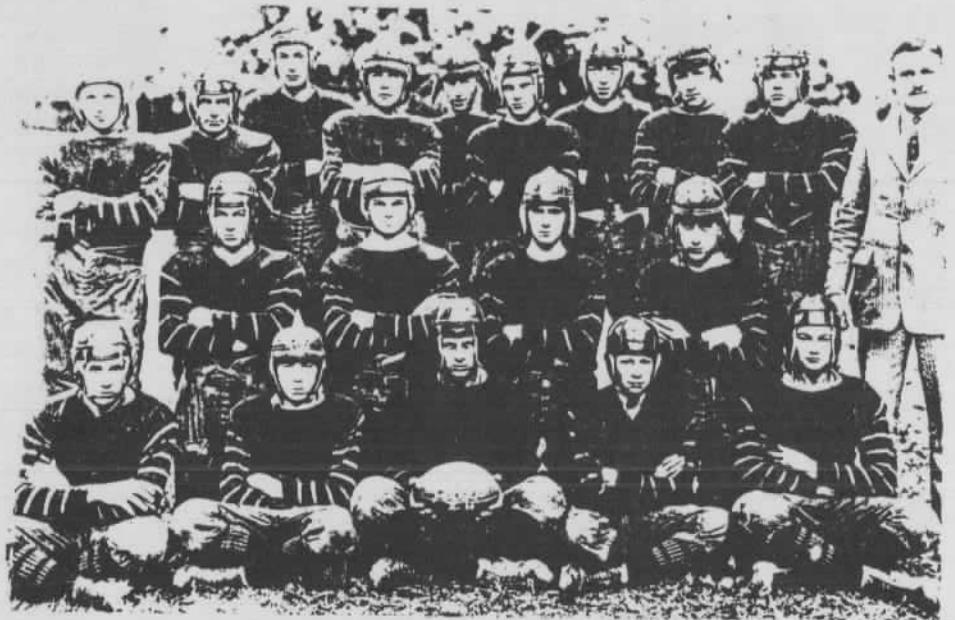
ARCHIVES: ALTHO' THERE WAS NO MEETING LAST MONTH, JANICE FIELD HAS BEEN RESEARCHING VIA THE BRIGHTON ARGUS MICROFILMS. SCHEDULE CONFLICTS RESULT IN SETTING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 9-11 A.M., AS THE NEXT MEETING DATE. JOIN US AT THE OLD TOWN HALL, 202 W. MAIN.

BRIGHTON HISTORY BOOK: CHAIRMEN CAROL McMACKEN AND SHIRLEY KNIGHT WILL MEET THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 7:30 AT THE OLD TOWN HALL, 202 W. MAIN.

WANT TO HELP WITH THIS PROJECT? PICTURES, STORIES, ETC., ARE NEEDED. YOU'LL BE WELCOMED TO JOIN IN THIS PROJECT. ALREADY MUCH INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE. IT NEEDS TO BE PUT INTO AN EASILY READ FORM. YOUR INPUT AND SUGGESTIONS WILL BE APPRECIATED.

HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION: FUNDS AND DONATIONS IN KIND ARE STILL BEING RECEIVED FOR THE RESTORATION OF 132 E. GRAND RIVER. STOP IN AND SEE WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

ORAL HISTORY: SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND THE MICHIGAN ORAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE IN LANSING. MEANWHILE TRANSCRIPTIONS ARE ONGOING.



1924 BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

L. TO R.: BACK row - GLEN GRIFFIN, RALPH BIDWELL, LAWRENCE APPLETON, PAUL ANDERSON, LEWIS WEBBER, ROY SMITH, L. TUTHILL, JOHN GARWOOD, ROBERT ROLISON, DON LEITH "A GREAT COACH". MIDDLE row - GEORGE STONEX, VERN SMITH, JOE BERGIN, LAWRENCE BROWN. FRONT row - PHILIP STANLICK, FRANCIS STEADMAN, DAN STEGENGA, JOE STANLICK, KEN STONEX

WHEN YOU VISIT THE IMAGINATION STATION LOOK FOR THE SOCIETY'S NAME IN RECOGNITION FOR THE CONTRIBUTION MADE.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

COVERLETS; BLUE COVERLETS, DISPLAYING LOCAL SCENES, ARE AVAILABLE FROM UBER'S DRUGS AND FROM NANCY FREDENBURG, 229-9100. THESE MAKE FINE GIFTS. GET YOURS SOON. YOU'LL BE HELPING THE SOCIETY AND ACQUIRING A FINE ADDITION TO YOUR HOME.

SIGNATURE QUILT; HAVE A SIGNATURE, YOURS OR ANOTHER'S, EMBROIDERED ON THE QUILT, WHICH WILL REMAIN IN THE SOCIETY'S ARCHIVES. A \$10. DONATION WILL ENSURE YOU ARE REMEMBERED AND THE SOCIETY'S PROJECTS CAN CONTINUE.

TILES; THE ARTIST IS WORKING ON THE SKETCH FOR THE 1995 TILE. ST. GEORGE LUTHERAN CHURCH, CELEBRATING ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY, WILL BE THE SUBJECT. EARLIER TILES ARE AVAILABLE AT UBER'S DRUGS, SOMEWHERE IN TIME AND SOCIETY BANK.

REMEMBER, BOARD MEMBER JAIME GREEN, HAS KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE IN RESTORATION. CONTACT HER WITH YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT RESTORING YOUR HOUSE, BUSINESS OR OTHER BUILDING.

BRIGHTON ALUMNI REUNION DINNER

THE BRIGHTON AREA SCHOOLS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HAS SET SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, FOR THE ANNUAL REUNION DINNER. LOCAL ALUMNI ARE ASKED TO HELP GET THE WORD OUT TO THEIR CLASSMATES AND OTHERS. RESERVATIONS, AT \$15. PER CAN BE SENT THE ASSOCIATION, P.O. BOX 1163, BRIGHTON. \$10. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CAN ALSO BE SENT TO THIS ADDRESS.

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
 P.O. Box 481, Brighton, MI 48116-0481

SOCIETY NEEDS A VICE PRESIDENT AND A TREASURER

MAYBE IT HASN'T BEEN NOTICED; ONLY ONE GENERAL MEETING HAS BEEN HELD THIS YEAR. A VICE PRESIDENT, WHOSE MAIN DUTY WOULD BE TO PREPARE MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS, IS URGENTLY NEEDED. IT IS NOT A GOOD SITUATION TO NOT OFFER MEETINGS TO THE MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC ON A REGULAR BASIS.

FACILITIES AND PUBLICITY ARE AVAILABLE AND MANY FINE SUGGESTIONS FOR PROGRAMS.

THESE MEETINGS ASSURE THE RESIDENTS OF THE AREA ARE AWARE OF THE SOCIETY AND MORE SUPPORT OF THE GOALS AND PURPOSES CAN BE EXPECTED.

HOWEVER ALL PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS ARE ALREADY INVOLVED WITH SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS. (THEY CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO VOLUNTEER IF THEY'RE WORKING SO HARD IT'S NOT FUN ANYMORE.) (AND WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE ANY OF THEM.)

AND WHICH OF THE PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS DO WE ASK TO SERVE AS TREASURER? A FEW HOURS A MONTH AND ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETINGS ARE THE TIME REQUISITES. CONTACT ANY OF THE BOARD MEMBERS WITH YOUR OFFER TO SERVE.

IT'S FAIR TIME!!! (CONT.)

IN HIS MICHIGAN MEMORABILIA BILL PLESS WRITES, "ONCE A YEAR, DURING THE HORSE AND BUGGY DAYS, (C. 1895) EVERYONE IN THE VICINITY ATTENDED THE BRIGHTON FAIR. MANY BOUGHT A FAMILY TICKET AND BROUGHT THEIR FOOD IN PICNIC BASKETS, OR PURCHASED IT FROM STANDS OPERATED BY LOCAL CHURCH OR LODGE WOMEN. THE FAIR GROUND WAS LOCATED JUST WEST OF TOWN NORTH OF THE BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL ON BRIGHTON ROAD. THERE WERE BUILDINGS TO DISPLAY FARM PRODUCTS SUCH AS: VEGETABLES, GRAIN, FRUITS, AND LIVESTOCK." AND "BARNs TO HOUSE LIVESTOCK AND RACE HORSES. NEEDLEWORK, CANNED FRUIT, BAKED GOODS AND CRAFTS WERE ALSO DISPLAYED, AND PRIZES WERE AWARDED.

"FARM MACHINERY, BUGGIES, CARTS, CUTTERS, SLEIGHS, WHEELBARROWS, AND HAND TOOLS WERE DISPLAYED BY LOCAL DEALERS AND BLACKSMITHS. SEVERAL HORSE AND BICYCLE RACES TOOK PLACE EACH DAY ON A HALF MILE TRACK IN FRONT OF THE GRANDSTAND.

"A SORT OF 'LITTLE WORLD'S SERIES' OF BASEBALL GAMES WERE PLAYED ON A DIAMOND, LOCATED INSIDE THE RACE TRACK, BETWEEN THE BRIGHTON TEAM AND TEAMS FROM HOWELL, PINCKNEY, HOLLY, FENTON OR MILFORD.

"THE BRIGHTON 'BRASS' BAND MARCHED IN THE GRAND PARADE AND GAVE CONCERTS IN THE EVENINGS...A WELL KNOWN BARBER TOOK A REAL INTEREST IN THE FINE ARTS, ESPECIALLY MUSIC AND SINGING. HE WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE NEWLY ORGANIZED BRASS BAND THAT HAD BEEN PRACTICING FOR SEVERAL MONTHS TO PLAY IN PUBLIC FOR THE FIRST TIME AT THE BRIGHTON FAIR. HE HAD TO KEEP HIS SHOP OPEN AND COULDN'T GO TO HEAR THE BAND, SO THE FIRST MAN HE SAW COMING DOWNTOWN FROM THE FAIR HE STOPPED, AND ASKED, 'HOW DID THE BAND SOUND?' THE FELLOW SAID, 'OH, ABOUT LIKE SIXTEEN HORSES 'TOOTING' IN A BARREL.' WHEN THE MAN MOVED ON THE BARBER EXPLODED. 'THERE YOU ARE, LITTLE DOES HE CARE ABOUT THE FINER THINGS OF LIFE OR THE HOURS OF WORK THOSE FELLOWS PUT INTO BRINGING A LITTLE CULTURE AND REFINEMENT INTO OUR LIVES.'"

RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT MANY FARMERS FROM THIS SE $\frac{1}{4}$ OF THE COUNTY WERE MEMBERS OF THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY. AMONG THEM WAS K.W. BINGHAM, SON OF KINSLEY S. BINGHAM (MICHIGAN'S GOVERNOR 1855/1858). KINSLEY W. MARRIED FRANCES WOODRUFF, DAUGHTER OF EVERT AND RUBY WOODRUFF (WHO BUILT WOODRUFF MILL, 1838). HE SERVED AS PRESIDENT, 1867, AND DIRECTOR, 1869, OF THE SOCIETY IN WHICH HIS FATHER HAD BEEN A CHARTER MEMBER. AT THE FIRST FAIR, 1853, IN BRIGHTON, HE HAD ENTERED CATTLE, SHEEP, HORSES AND FARM MACHINERY. (BY MARIEANNA BAIR. TO BE CONTINUED.)

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