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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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SPAGHETTI DINNER, SEPTEMBER 29

ENJOY AN EVENING IN ITALY!

4:30 TO 7:30 DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 300 E. GRAND RIVER. CAROLINA DELUCA, 546-4518, AND HER COMMITTEE HAVE BEEN WORKING TO MAKE THIS AN ESPECIALLY ENJOYABLE EVENT. PRE SALE TICKETS, ADULT \$5., CHILDREN (10 AND UNDER) \$2. WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FARMER'S MARKET (NEAR THE HUMANE SOCIETY BOOTH) ON SATURDAY MORNINGS, AT UBER'S DRUGS, COOPER'S JEWELRY AND THE BOOK NOOK. AT THE DINNER ADULT TICKETS WILL BE \$6. BRING A GUEST FOR A FINE EVENING. ENTERTAINMENT, ITALIAN STYLE IS PLANNED. BOARD MEMBERS ALSO HAVE TICKETS. GET IN TOUCH WITH THEM.

THIS IS A MAJOR FUND RAISER FOR THE MANY PROJECTS IN WHICH THE SOCIETY IS INVOLVED. ANY DONATION IS WELCOMED.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- SEPT. 4, LABOR DAY. RELAX.  
8,9,10: 11 A.M./8 P.M. WYANDOTTE HERITAGE DAYS - BISHOP PARK.  
13, 5-8 P.M. MARGE WILCOX AT THE BRIGHTON DIST. LIBRARY TO ASSIST WITH GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH.  
16-17, HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN STATE HIST. CONF. 313/769-1828.  
16-17, MILFORD AND FARMINGTON HOME TOURS.  
17, 12:30. GREEN OAK TWP. HIST. SOC. TOUR OF MICHIGAN WOMEN'S HISTORY CENTER, LANSING.\*\*  
23-24, QUILT SHOW/FOLK ART FAIR, RICHARDSON CENTER AT OAKLEY PARK AND S. COMMERCE RD., COMMERCE TOWNSHIP. 810/363-0934.

- 25, 7:30 P.M. SOCIETY BOARD MEETING.\*  
29, 4:30-7:30 P.M. SOCIETY'S SPAGHETTI SUPPER. 1ST PRESBY. CHURCH, 300 E. GRAND RIVER. BRING A GUEST.\*\*  
OCT. 14, 5:30 P.M. BRIGHTON AREA SCHOOLS ALUMNI ASSOC. REUNION DINNER.  
14, MICH ORAL HISTORY ASSOC. CONF., MICHIGAN HISTORICAL CENTER, LANSING. 517/321-1746 FOR INFO.  
15, LOG CABIN SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN, 8TH ANNUAL MEETING, BAD AXE. 313/769-1828.  
18, MULLING OVER MICHIGAN\*\*  
NOV. 9-11, MICH. 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.

BUS/PROF: KEEHN FUNERAL HOME (96)

PATRON: TED AND DORIS CARMACK, (ALLEN PARK)

COUPLE/INDIV.: ELIZABETH BINDENAGEL (S.D. 96), CHARLES & JOAN BROWN, NANCY FREDENBURG (97), ROSALIE GRZYWINSKI (CLARKSTON), CAROL HILLS, ED & ELAINE KLINSKI, IRENE PACQUETTE (96), DORIS PETERSEN (WIXOM 96) GEORGE PRIESKHORN & LUCILLE (96), CLIFF & SHIRLEY RITTER (96), CELIA SCHAFER (96), SUSAN LANNING (LIVONIA).

HAS SOMEONE BEEN MISSED ON THE MONTHLY LISTING? HAS THE CORRECT YEAR BEEN NOTED? ARE YOU PLANNING A CHANGE OF ADDRESS? CONTACT MEMBERSHIP CHRMN. AUDREY AND TOM LEITH, 229-6165, OR MARIEANNA BAIR, 299-6402. OR ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE. THE JULY ISSUE OF TRAIL TALES REQUESTED ADDRESS CORRECTIONS FROM THE POST OFFICE. YOUR HELP IN KEEPING ADDRESSES UP TO DATE RESULTED IN ONLY 15 RETURNS. HOWEVER AT .32¢ EACH THAT ADDS UP. IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP UP TO DATE? THE ADDRESS LABEL TELLS ALL.

A REVIEW OF THE 1994 MEMBERSHIP LIST TELLS US 241 OF 287 HAVE RENEWED FOR 1995 AND BEYOND. GROWING AND CONTINUED SUPPORT IS VITAL TO THE GOALS AND PROJECTS OF THE SOCIETY.

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

...BERT BAIR, JOAN BROWN, NORM CATRELL, FLORENCE KEENAN, AGGIE SULLIVAN, ROSEMARY ULMER FOR THEIR HELP IN MAILING THE LAST NEWSLETTER.

...ALICE NEWCOMB, LLOYD AND HENRIETTA PEARSALL AND MEL SKEMAN FOR PARTICIPATING IN AN INTERVIEW RE: HISTORY OF THE WW II HONOR ROLL WHICH WAS LOCATED ON THE SW CORNER OF MAIN AND GRAND RIVER DURING THE EARLY 40s. ALSO THE EARLY (1930s) HISTORY OF THE BRIGHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT. IT IS PLANNED TO FORMULATE A WRITTEN HISTORY OF BOTH THESE SUBJECTS. OTHERS' RECOLLECTIONS WOULD ADD A GREAT DEAL TO PREPARING A MORE COMPLETE RESULT. CALL M. BAIR, 229-6402 OR A BOARD MEMBER.

...LINDA LATTI FOR THE TWO RESTORED SCHOOL DESKS FOR USE IN THE LYONS SCHOOL. THESE WERE GIVEN IN MEMORY OF HER MOTHER, ELLEN JEAN (YOUNG) COOPER, WHO ATTENDED THE LYONS SCHOOL WHEN SHE LIVED IN THE VALLEY.

...CHUCK AND JANICE BEACH FOR THEIR USUAL EXCEPTIONAL RUNNING OF THE SOCIETY BOOTH AT THE ART FAIR. ALTHO' PLANNED AS A MEANS OF PUBLICITY, THEY, WITH THE HELP OF OTHERS, DO MANAGE TO BRING SOME MONEY INTO THE TREASURY.

ARCHIVES: THE ARCHIVES COMMITTEE WILL NOT BE MEETING IN SEPTEMBER. PLAN TO JOIN US THE SECOND SATURDAY IN OCTOBER, 9-11 A.M., UPSTAIRS AT THE OLD TOWN HALL, 202 W. MAIN.

HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION: CHECK ON THE RESTORATION THAT'S IN PROGRESS AT 132 E. GRAND RIVER. A VARIETY OF BUSINESSES HAVE USED THIS OLD BUILDING DURING THE YEARS. IT IS GOOD TO SEE IT WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE FOR A WHILE.

HISTORY BOOK: THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF SEPTEMBER YOUR HELP WILL BE WELCOME IN THE PREPARATION OF A LOCAL HISTORY BOOK. CONTACT CHAIRMAN CAROL McMACKEN, 231-2957, FOR PLACE AND TIME.

ORAL HISTORY: A LONG LIST OF PERSONS TO BE INTERVIEWED IS READY. NOW ALL WE NEED ARE MORE INTERVIEWERS. NOT SURE HOW TO GO ABOUT THIS EXCITING PROJECT? CONTACT MARIEANNA BAIR, 229-6402 FOR HELPS. A TRANSCRIBER IS AVAILABLE SO LET'S GET LOCAL RESIDENTS INTERVIEWED BEFORE THEY ARE GONE AND THEIR STORIES WITH THEM.

TOUR MICHIGAN WOMEN'S HISTORICAL CENTER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, WITH GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY. MEET AT THE PUBLIC PARKING LOT AT U.S. 23 AND SILVER LAKE ROAD TO SHARE RIDES TO LANSING - LEAVING AT 12:30.

LEARN ABOUT THE 72 YEAR STRUGGLE FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE WHICH RESULTED IN THE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION 75 YEARS AGO. THE EFFORTS OF ABIGAIL ADAMS, SOJOURNER TRUTH, SUSAN B. ANTHONY AND OTHERS HAVE ENRICHED ALL OUR LIVES.

MULLING OVER MICHIGAN

THE POPULAR FORUM FOR ALL INTERESTED IN THE TEACHING OF MICHIGAN HISTORY, IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, AT THE EBERHARD CONF. CENTER, GRAND RAPIDS. THREE WORKSHOP SESSIONS WITH MULTIPLE OPTIONS WILL ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF EDUCATORS AT ALL GRADE LEVELS. WHILE DESIGNED PRIMARILY FOR TEACHERS, ALL INTERESTED IN HISTORY EDUCATION ARE WELCOME. 313/769-1828. FOR INFO.

# FINANCIAL RESOURCES

ART FAIR BOOTH: CHUCK AND JANICE BEACH, COCHAIRMAN, WRITE: "THIS YEAR'S ART FAIR TURNED OUT TO BE A GREAT SUCCESS, EVEN THO' THE TEMPERATURE WAS ABOUT 93° EACH DAY.

"A TOTAL AMOUNT OF 940.00 WAS EARNED; \$526.00 OF THAT WAS CLEAR PROFIT MADE FROM LEMONADE AND COOKIE SALES.

"RETAIL STORES DONATING THIS YEAR WERE V.G.S, MEIJERS, KROGERS AND CORRIGANS. OTHERS DONATING WERE JANE TOMLINSON, RICKY BANDKAU AND CHUCK BEACH. THANKS TO THE CHAMBER FOR THE BOOTH SPACE.

"A SPECIAL THANKS TO NANCY FREDENBURG FOR A LOT OF HELP. OTHERS HELPING TO SELL WERE: JANE TOMLINSON, CAROLINA DELUCA, RICKY BANDKAU, AGGIE SULLIVAN, TOM LEITH, AND BILL AND JACQUE ARMSTRONG. THANKS YOU GUYS. HELPERS MAKE IT ALL POSSIBLE."

COVERLETS: THE BLUE COVERLETS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND ALREADY SEVERAL SOLD. DISPLAYING LOCAL SCENES, THESE ARE AVAILABLE AT UBER'S DRUGS AND FROM NANCY FREDENBURG, 229-9100. YOU ARE URGED TO GET YOURS SOON. YOU'LL BE HELPING THE SOCIETY AND ACQUIRING A FINE ADDITION TO YOUR HOME; OR USE AS A WELCOME GIFT.

SIGNATURE QUILT: SEND IN A SIGNATURE AND A \$10. DONATION. THE SIGNATURE WILL BE EMBROIDERED ON THE QUILT AS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE ARCHIVES.

UBER'S DRUGS STOCKS EARLY PICTURES OF THE MILL POND, POST CARDS, TILES AND COVERLETS, DEPICTING LOCAL HISTORICAL SITES. THE BOOK NOOK ALSO STOCKS THE POSTCARDS AND SOMEWHERE IN TIME AND SOCIETY BANK HAVE THE TILES AVAILABLE ALSO.

ALL RECEIPTS FROM FUND RAISING PROJECTS GO TO THE PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION EFFORTS OF THE SOCIETY. THANKS TO ALL INVOLVED.

## SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

IT WASN'T EASY BUT THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE WAS ABLE TO FINALLY MAKE A SELECTION OF ONE OF THE THREE PHOENIX HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE APPLICANTS. THE \$1000.00 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT IS RYAN CAMPS, WHO IS APPLYING TO CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY.

RYAN HAS BEEN EMPLOYED FULL TIME WHILE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING RECOMMENDED COURSES AT WASHTENAW COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

THE SOCIETY FEELS STRONGLY THAT THE CONTINUED EDUCATION OF PHOENIX HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES IS A LOGICAL PURSUIT OF ITS PRESERVATION POLICY.

DONATIONS TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND WILL BE MOST WELCOME.

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## 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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| ( ) 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

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

"...PROVIDED THE CITIZENS OF THE PLACE SHOULD PLEDGE TO THE SOCIETY THE SUM OF \$200.00 TOWARDS DEFRAYING THE INCIDENTAL EXPENSES" THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY RESOLVED, IN MARCH, 1854, THAT ITS SECOND FAIR SHOULD BE HELD AT THE COUNTY SEAT, HOWELL. AGAIN APRIL 15, WAS SET AS THE PLEDGE DATE DEADLINE. HOWEVER, IF HOWELL COULDN'T ANTE UP IT WOULD GO TO THE TOWNSHIP THAT COULD.

ALTHO IT WAS MAY 2, 1854, THE FAIR BOARD DEEMED THE PLEDGE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS AND IT WAS VOTED THE FAIR WOULD BE HELD IN HOWELL. THE PUBLIC SQUARE TO BE THE FAIR SITE. ONE ASSUMES THIS WAS IN THE BLOCK WHERE THE COURTHOUSE STANDS.

WHERE THE 1855 FAIR WAS HELD HAS NOT BEEN NOTED. HOWELL WAS AGAIN THE SITE FOR THE FOLLOWING TWO YEARS. BRIGHTON HOSTED IN 1858 AND 1859. THEIR PLEDGE INCLUDED AN OFFER TO "...INCLOSE A SUITABLE GROUND AND ERECT ALL NECESSARY BUILDINGS AS DIRECTED BY THE OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY" FOR THE 1860 FAIR. THIS OFFER NECESSITATED PROMPT ACTION BY THE CITIZENS OF HOWELL (OR PERHAPS LOSE OUT COMPLETELY) AND THEY CAME THROUGH. (IT IS THIS WRITER'S OPINION THE SOCIETY PREFERRED THE PERMANENT SITE TO BE HOWELL.) IN TIME FOR THE 1860 FAIR LAND HAD BEEN PURCHASED, FENCED AND SOME BUILDINGS ERECTED EAST OF HOWELL, NEAR THE TOLL GATE ON GRAND RIVER. THIS WOULD BE THE AREA NORTH OF E. GRAND RIVER BETWEEN NATIONAL AND CATRELL STREETS. BY 1880 THE SOCIETY OWNED 20 ACRES WITH A HALF MILE RACE TRACK AND PROPER BUILDINGS WHICH HOUSED ANIMALS, CROPS AND DISPLAYS OF 'HOME MECHANICS'. THE SOCIETY HAD GOOD REASON TO BE PROUD OF HOLDING "...ITS FIRST FAIR ON ITS OWN GROUNDS." (EDITORIAL COMMENT: SINCE IT WAS A COUNTY ORGANIZATION THE GROUNDS COULD HAVE BEEN BUILT ANYWHERE IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY.)

AT THE GREAT RISK OF INCURRING TEDIOUS SIGHS FROM OUR READERS WE WILL, NEVERTHELESS, LIST NAMES OF EARLY SETTLERS WHO WERE ACTIVE IN THE FORMATION OF THE LIVINGSTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY AS LISTED IN THE 1880 HISTORY OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY.

APPLETON, ISAAC W.	DEAN, WM. W.	NOBLE, A.C.
ALBRECHT, A.F.	EULER, JOHN	OSBORN, WM.
BAETCKE, GUSTAVE & F.	FISHBECK, JACOB & I.	PADDOCK, J.
BARNARD, ELY	FONDA, L.B.	PECK, GEO. W.
BERHNES, RICHARD	GALE, J.D.	PLACEWAY, WM.
BEURMANN, EDWARD & EMIL	GAY, V.W.	POWER, D.B. & R.D.
BINGHAM, KINSLEY & IRA	GAGE, GEO. L.	PRATT, L.C.
BIRD, MELZER & GARDNER	GRANT, E.W.	ROGER, P.
BITTEN, WM.	HARRINGTON, J.F.	ROSS, PERRY G.
BOGAN, PATRICK	HARTMAN, JOHN	SPENCER, CHAS.
BRIGGS, H.D.	HAZARD, S.H. & DAVID	THOMPSON, DAVID & WM.E.
CASE, DANIEL & J. & E.	JUDSON, L.	TUNIS, WM.T.
CLARK, JAMES	KELLOGG, D. & J.W.	WARNER, S.
CONELY, SM., W.D., W.B.	LEE, D.S. & HANIBAL	WEBB, W.L.
CRANSTON, JOB	MALTBY, A.	WOODRUFF, EGBERT W.
CRAWFORD, WM.	MCCABE, M.	

WE'VE INCLUDED ONLY THOSE WITHIN A FEW MILES OF THE CROSS ROAD OF GRAND RIVER TRAIL AND FITCH (MAIN) STREETS, BRIGHTON. (BY MARIEANNA BAIR. TO BE CONT.)

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