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Chas. E. Placeway, Auctioneer and Real Estate

In the beautiful village of Brighton There's no man better known Than our townsman C. E. Placeway, Who with the town has grown. He buys and sells your real estate Or will build a home for you On terms that are as reasonable As any one could do. So that you can pay for them On nearly the same plan As paying rent for houses That belong to another man, And should you wish an auction, He'll go and make your sale On farm or household goods as well At prices that prevail.

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If the date on the address label is not 96, or later, Trail Tales is coming to you at someone else's expense. Consider sending a dues fee or a contribution to the General Fund.

THANKS THANKS THANKS

UBER'S DRUG STORE for its very long time support of the Society fund raising efforts.
Bob Herbst, owner, has been the one who has stocked Society tiles, coverlets, post cards and fund raising event tickets. His generosity is much appreciated and will be missed. He is wished well in his future endeavors.

SON AND RICCI RANDKAU for hosting the September General meeting in their 1862 home. They are unselfish with their hospitality.

JOANNE CERU for assuming the Vice Presidency. The society has been without for some time. Welcome!!!

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A local merchant or business, willing to stock Society fund raising items. All proceeds from these items and from fund raising events are dedicated to preservation and restoration projects; Archives, Historic Resource Survey, Lyons School, Old Town Hall, Oral History, photographing contemporary Brighton scenes, copying of loaned materials, preparation of extra copies of historical research for the local library, etc.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct 1: 1 P.M. Commemoration of 100 Years Rural Free Delivery. Library and Post Office.
3: 7 P.M. Livingston County Genealogical Society, LDS Church, 1040 W. Grand River, Howell.
5:6: Grand Rapids Home Tour.
9: 5-8 P.M. & Oct. 22, 1-5 P.M. Genealogical Help at Library.
12: 6 P.M. Brighton Area Schools Alumni Assoc. Reunion dinner. 229-6402.
13: 9:00/5 Mi Antiquarian Book Teachers & Paper Show, New Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing. Also - Pioneer Day at Waterloo Farm Museum.
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