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The membership is composed of people who feel this purpose is worthwhile and should be promoted.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- MAR. 3, 7 P.M. TOUR LIVINGSTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, HOWELL.
- 6, 7 P.M. LIVINGSTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY; AT REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE, COURTHOUSE, HOWELL. "AVAILABLE RECORDS AND HOW TO USE". 227-1760.
- \* 12, 7 P.M. 1997 HOME TOUR MEETING.
- 12, 5-8 P.M. AND MARCH 25, 1-5 P.M. GENEALOGICAL HELP AT THE LIBRARY.
- \*\* 16, 4-6 P.M. GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING.
- \* 24, 7:30 P.M. BOARD MEETING. WELCOME.
- APR. 7, 10-4:30 GENEALOGY AND HISTORY BOOK FAIR, LANSING CENTER, 333 E. MICHIGAN, LANSING. 517/332-0123.
- \*\* 11, 12, 17TH ANNUAL PRESERVATION CONFERENCE, BAY CITY.
- MAY 26, 6 P.M. TOUR OF GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM.

GENERAL MEETING MAY 29

IN 1981, THE GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY BEGAN DEVELOPING THE GAGE HOUSE MUSEUM. AT 6440 KENSINGTON ROAD IT IS THE SITE OF THE HOME OF ONE OF THE TOWNSHIP'S EARLIEST SETTLERS. THIS MUSEUM IS UNIQUE IN THAT IT'S A TYPICAL FARM HOUSE.

ARTIFACTS, MOST OF WHICH ARE FROM THE TOWNSHIP, DEMONSTRATE THE RURAL LIFE FROM C. 1835 UNTIL THE JARVIS GAGE FAMILY DISCONTINUED FARMING. NOT ONLY IS THE STRUCTURE INTRIGUING, THE SURROUNDINGS ARE IN THE PROCESS OF RESTORATION.

MAY 29, 6 P.M., THE SOCIETY WILL TOUR THE MUSEUM AND GROUNDS. THERE IS SO MUCH TO SEE THAT MOST WHO VISIT THIS MUSEUM COME BACK AGAIN AND AGAIN.

1997 HOME TOUR MEETING

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO PLAN FOR AN OCTOBER 4 TOUR. IT WILL BE A BEAUTIFUL TIME OF THE YEAR. TOURING AREA HOMES ENCOURAGES OTHERS TO CONSIDER PRESERVATION/RESTORATION. DON'T HAVE AN OLD HOME? YOU'LL GET LOTS OF INSPIRATION AND DEVELOP APPRECIATION FOR THE HISTORY OF THE AREA. HOWEVER THREE PEOPLE WORKING STEADILY CANNOT DO IT ALL. YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED. COME TO THIS MEETING AND SEE WHERE YOU FIT IN. CALL 229-9100 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

- JULY GUIDED TOUR OF VILLAGE CEMETERY.
- SEPT. 12, SOCIETY SPAGHETTI SUPPER.
- OCT. 4, SOCIETY HOME TOUR.
- ? PROGRAM WITH WELDON PETZ.
- NOV. ? ANNUAL MEETING. ELECTION AND VOTING ON BYLAWS UPDATE AND CHARTER AMENDMENT.

\*OLD TOWN HALL, 202 W. MAIN.  
\*\*SEE RELATED ARTICLE.

BUS/PROF: FENCE SPOT, LINDHOUT ASSOC.

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THE DATE ON THE LABEL IS THE YEAR THROUGH WHICH DUES HAVE BEEN PAID. PLEASE CALL MARIEANNA BAIR, 229-6402, IF YOUR DATE IS INCORRECT. IF THE DATE IS EARLIER THAN 1997, AND YOU'D LIKE TO CONTINUE RECEIVING TRAIL TALES PLEASE CONSIDER REMITTING DUES. IT'S HARDLY FAIR TO LET OTHERS FOOT THE BILL.

THE LARGE PERCENTAGE OF RENEWALS IS A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION TO BOARD MEMBERS AND CHAIRPERSONS. IT VALIDATES THEIR TIME AND ENERGY AND THE CONVICTION THE PURPOSES AND GOALS OF THE SOCIETY ARE WORTHWHILE.

THANKS THANKS THANKS

...SHERYL VIGMOSTAD FOR ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR PUBLICITY ABOUT THE SOCIETY AND ITS PROJECTS AND EVENTS.

...JOHN AYAUB FOR HIS HELP WITH THE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT.

...BERT BAIR, CHUCK AND JANICE BEACH, JOANNE CERU AND SHIRLEY RITTER FOR HELP IN PREPARING THE FEBRUARY ISSUE FOR MAILING.

NEEDED NEEDED NEEDED

...PEOPLE TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR VARIOUS FUND RAISING PROJECTS: ART FAIR, RAFFLE, BAKE SALE, ETC.

...PEOPLE TO HELP WITH SPAGHETTI SUPPER, HOME TOUR, SALE ITEMS.

...COPY MACHINE, LEGAL SIZE FILE CABINET. CALL 229-6402 TO RESPOND TO THESE NEEDS.

ARCHIVES: WORK IS CONTINUING RECORDING THE HISTORY OF SITES ON LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS. EARLY FILES ARE BEING REVIEWED TO DETERMINE WHICH SHOULD BE RETAINED. A BOOK OF THE HISTORY OF THE SOCIETY IS BEING DEVELOPED.

HISTORY BOOK: 7:30, FOURTH THURSDAY (ANOTHER CORRECTION FROM THE FEBRUARY ISSUE) IS WHEN THIS GROUP MEETS. VARIOUS CHAPTERS ARE PROGRESSING WELL. YOUR INFORMATION, ETC., IS VALUABLE. CONTACT CAROL McMACKEN, 231-2957, WITH COMMENTS, PICTURES, ETC.

HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION: HAVE YOU VISITED 132 E. GRAND RIVER? THEY'RE MAKING PROGRESS ON THIS PROJECT.

ORAL HISTORY: MOST OF THE TAPES HAVE BEEN TRANSCRIBED. HAVE YOU CONDUCTED AN INTERVIEW WITH OLDER MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY? CALL 229-6402 FOR GUIDELINES.

HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY: PICTURES OF EARLY STRUCTURES ARE A VITAL COMPONENT OF A COMPLETE SURVEY. BEFORE SPRING, BEFORE LEAVES ON BUSHES AND TREES OBSCURE DETAILS, IS AN IDEAL TIME TO TAKE THESE PICTURES. ON A NICE DAY LOAD UP YOUR CAMERA AND EXPOSE A ROLL, IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, OR FARTHER AFIELD. FURTHER RESEARCH CAN THEN DETERMINE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE STRUCTURES (SOME OF WHICH ARE COLLAPSING AS WE READ). DAVE BARTON, 229-5213, WITH APPRECIATE YOUR HELP WITH THIS PROJECT.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

MANY SOCIETY MEMBERS ARE ABLE TO HELP WITH VARIOUS PROJECTS. OTHERS CAN'T BECAUSE OF TIME, ENERGY, DISTANCE CONSTRAINTS. YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE SOCIETY, THROUGH AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE MOST WELCOME. FOLLOWING IS A LISTING OF MANY ITEMS FROM WHICH TO CHOSE.

- ANNUAL POST OFFICE BOX RENT FEE = \$40.
- ANNUAL NON PROFIT MAILING PERMIT = \$85.
- MONTHLY NEWSLETTER PRINTING = \$160.
- MONTHLY NEWSLETTER POSTAGE = \$48.
- A COPY MACHINE CARTRIDGE = \$125.
- PAPER, REAM = \$4.
- LYONS SCHOOL ANNUAL UTILITY BILL = \$165.
- ARCHIVAL SUPPLIES: NOTEBOOKS = \$18.
- PKG 50 PAGES = \$ 7.
- COATED PAPER CLIPS = \$ 5.

THE ITEM OR A CHECK, NOTING YOUR SELECTION, CAN BE SENT TO THE SOCIETY.

BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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(PLEASE INCLUDE ZIP + 4 DIGIT)

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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| DUES: \$25. Patron          | \$2. Student (K-12, College)          |
| \$25. Business/Professional | Brighton Area Historical Society      |
| \$12. Couple                | P.O. Box 481, Brighton, MI 48116-0481 |
| \$ 7. Individual            |                                       |

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

COVERLETS: NINE SCENES OF EARLY BRIGHTON ARE WOVEN INTO BLUE, GREEN OR RED COVERLETS. NAUGHTY 'N NICE, 412 W. MAIN, HEARTLAND HOUSE, 124 W. MAIN AND WOOD N THINGS, 200 HYNÉ STOCK THESE. WHEN THIS LAST SUPPLY HAS BEEN DEPLETED....

CERAMIC TILES: FOR THE PAST 12 YEARS THE SOCIETY HAS PRODUCED A 6" SQUARE TILE WITH SCENES OF THE BRIGHTON AREA. THESE ARE AVAILABLE AT NOSTALGIC ANTIQUES, 116 W. MAIN. AS A DECORATIVE ITEM OR GIFTS THESE LIMITED EDITIONS ARE A FINE WAY TO SUPPORT THE SOCIETY IN ITS PROJECTS.

POST CARDS: YOU'LL FIND SCENES OF EARLY BRIGHTON ON THESE. THE BOOK NOOK, 322 W. MAIN, STOCKS THESE FOR THE SOCIETY.

SIGNATURE QUILT: THIS IS NEARING COMPLETION. WHEN FINISHED IT WILL REMAIN WITH THE SOCIETY FOR DISPLAY AT LOCAL EVENTS. FOR A \$10. DONATION SEND YOUR SIGNATURE, OR THAT OF ANOTHER, TO BE EMBROIDERED ON IT. SIGNATURES OF EARLY RESIDENTS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE.

FOR NEEDLEPOINT KITS OF THE OLD TOWN HALL AND 10"x14" PICTURES OF THE MILL STREAM DAM (WHEN IT WAS ON THE S SIDE OF MAIN): CALL 229-6402.

ALL DONATIONS TO THE SOCIETY ARE INCOME TAX DEDUCTIBLE TO THE EXTENT THE LAW ALLOWS.

WITH OTHER GROUPS

GREEN OAK TWP HIST SOCIETY MEETING

THIS MEETING, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, WILL BE HELD AT THE FIRE HALL, 9384 WHITMORE LAKE ROAD. SEVERAL LIFE LONG RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP WILL SERVE AS PANELISTS RECOUNTING SOME OF THE TOWNSHIP'S HISTORY. THERE'LL BE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS. EARLY TRANSPORTATION, SCHOOLS, ACTIVITIES, ETC., WILL BE AMONG THE SUBJECTS. (EDITOR'S CORRECTION: THIS PROGRAM WAS INACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN LAST MONTH'S NEWSLETTER.)

"EARLY LAND OWNERS AND SETTLERS OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY, 1828/1870" IS AVAILABLE FROM MILTON CHARBONEAU, 9040 FARLEY RD., PINCKNEY 48169, FOR \$60. THREE YEARS OF RESEARCH AND EDITING HAVE GONE INTO THIS 800 PAGE BOOK.

PRESERVATION NETWORK CONFERENCE, APRIL 11, 12, BAY CITY. THE TWO DAY PROGRAM FEATURES TWO CONCURRENT TRACKS AND OVER FIFTY SPEAKERS. TRACK I ADDRESSES BASIC HOW TO TOPICS RANGING FROM IDENTIFYING YOUR PROPERTY'S HISTORIC STYLE, SELECTION OF AN APPROPRIATE PAINT SCHEME, WORK IN KEEPING WITH NATIONALLY ACCEPTED PRESERVATION STANDARDS. TRACK II LOOKS AT THE STATE'S VERY BEST PRESERVATION PROJECTS OF THE PAST 20 YEARS. FRIDAY'S LUNCHEON FEATURES THE KEYNOTE PRESENTATION BY BALTHAZAR KORAB, ONE OF THE NATION'S FINEST ARCHITECTURAL PHOTOGRAPHERS. SATURDAY INCLUDES TOURS OF SEVERAL OF BAY CITY'S IMPRESSIVE PRESERVATION PROJECTS. FOR A COMPLETE PROGRAM OF THE CONFERENCE CALL 313/998-6248.

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"HOLIDAY GREETINGS": FROM THE BRIGHTON ARGUS, 1898

MORE FROM A BOOK OF POEMS BY FRED A. BUSH

BIRKENSTOCK & BIDWELL - MILLINERY AND BAZAAR

WHEN YOU LADIES ARE LOOKING  
FOR A PRETTY HAT TO WEAR,  
JUST GO TO MISSES B. & B. AND  
YOU WILL FIND IT THERE.  
FOR HERE ARE HATS AND BONNETS  
IN THE LATEST STYLE,  
AND VERY FANCY PATTERNS  
TO MAKE THE LADIES SMILE.  
THEY CARRY THE LATEST STOCK  
OF MILLINERY GOODS  
THAT YOU WILL FIND  
IN THIS NECK OF WOODS.  
IN CHRISTMAS AND BAZAAR GOODS  
THEIR STOCK SO COMPLETE,  
I'M SURE YOU CAN NOT BEAT IT  
IN ANY BRIGHTON STREET.  
ANOTHER PRETTY LINE  
I WISH TO CALL TO VIEW,  
IS THE YARNS AND ZEPHYRS  
THAT THEY OFFER YOU.  
AND IN THE WAY OF TABLETS,  
THEY MAKE IT A RULE  
TO CARRY QUITE A LINE  
FOR THE CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOL.  
HERE ARE DOLLS AND TOYS  
AND PRETTY GAMES  
AND BOOKS  
WITH INTERESTING NAMES,  
AND DISHES HANDSOME  
YOU WILL SURELY SEE  
IF YOU'LL ONLY CALL  
ON THE MISSES B. & B.

FRED A. BUSH - SINGER SEWING MACHINES

IF YOU WANT TO BE  
HAPPY AND MERRY  
AND SEE ALL YOUR  
TROUBLES GO BY,  
THEN DON'T BE  
MEAN AND CONTRARY,  
BUT THE WORLD'S  
FAMOUS SINGER JUST TRY.  
THE MACHINE DOES ITS  
WORK IN A MANNER  
THAT SURELY IS  
CERTAIN TO PLEASE,  
FOR EVEN A SMALL CHILD  
CAN RUN IT,  
AND RUN IT WITH  
GREATEST OF EASE.  
IN THE HOME IT'S AN  
ORNAMENT PRETTY,  
AND SOMETHING THAT'S  
USEFUL AS WELL,  
AND ALTHOUGH THE  
PRICE IS SOME HIGHER  
THAN THOSE THAT  
OTHERS MAY SELL,  
THE BEST IS ALWAYS  
THE CHEAPEST,  
NO MATTER WHICH  
WAY YOU MAY PUSH,  
SO PURCHASE A  
GENUINE SINGER  
OF THEIR BRIGHTON AGENT,  
FRED BUSH.