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IT IS GOOD THAT LONG TIME MEMBERS RENEW SO FAITHFULLY. Bonnie and Chris are new members we welcome them. Bonnie is a descendant of Ira Wariner, buried in the Village Cemetery, and will be grateful for more information.

"Chris has offered to help with the restoration of Lyons School."

The membership form lists many areas where help is needed. Your help is needed. Not quite sure where/how you can help? Pres. Bair or any board member will be glad to hear from you. Reading this newsletter should give you some ideas.

THANKS

...Brighton City Council has included the restoration of the Village Cemetery in the budget for the next fiscal year. This fall we can expect to see some real activity.

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VILLAGE CEMETERY: It will be good when work begins on the restoration. Each time the Society visits the cemetery the historic site marker is broken. It is expected that restoration will make us more aware of this historic site and, therefore, more respectful. Vandalism should be reported to the Brighton City Police as soon as possible.

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...A Society member to serve as Treasurer. Person to serve on Lyons School historic site marker dedication this summer.

...Helpers at Society table at sales items June 13, 14, Spanish/American War Centennial Commemoration.

...New logo for Society.

PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION

BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP/CONTRIBUTION FORM
P.O. BOX 481, BRIGHTON, Ml 48116-0481

NAME ____________________________________________ PHONE __________________________

ADDRESS (Please include Zip + 4 digits)

DONATION: $10.00 ($20.00) $50.00 ($100.00) $25.00 Patron $12.00 Couple $2.00 Student (K-12, College)

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NATIONAL BANK-CANDY STORE IS IN STOCK $8.00 EACH OR 3 FOR $21.00. YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS AND OTHER FUNDraisers IS VITAL TO SOCIETY PROJECTS.

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COVERLETS, RED OR GREEN, NINE LOCAL SITES WOVEN IN $49. AT NAUGHTY NICE.


THE SIGNATURE QUILT, ON WHICH ARE EMBROIDERED SIGNATURES OF PEOPLE DONATING $10., HAS SPACE FOR YOURS. SEND YOUR SIGNATURE OR THAT OF A RELATIVE. SIGNATURES OF EARLY RESIDENTS ARE AVAILABLE ALSO. YOUR DONATION CAN INCLUDE THEM. AN APPROPRIATE AND SIMPLE WAY TO SUPPORT THE SOCIETY'S PRESERVATION/RESTORATION ACTIVITIES.

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BLUEWATER MICHIGAN CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, SUMMER/FALL RAIL TRIPS, P.O. BOX 296, ROYAL OAK 48068-0296.

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TILES depicting 12 SITES OF LOCAL HISTORIC INTEREST AVAILABLE AT NORTLAND ANTIQUES, 116 W. MAIN, THE UNION SCHOOL, WESTERN HOUSE, LYONS SCHOOL, EASTERN HOUSE, MELLUS HOSPITAL, STATE POLICE POST, ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BRIGHTON MILLS, BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL, ST. GEORGE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, RIALTO THEATER AND THE LINCOLN HOTEL.

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**TRAIL TALES**

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

**SPANISH/AMERICAN WAR CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE WEEKEND**

June 13 & 14, 1998

100 years ago 5000 men came as civilian volunteers, to Camp Eaton at Island Lake. Here they trained briefly, were mustered in and departed on the train to serve the U.S. in the Spanish/American War. Michigan was the only state to offer five regiments: the 51st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th and 35th.

Come and help as the "Boys of ’98" are remembered.

The Great Lakes Living History Society will participate in a living history encampment on the site. We can learn about the War and how the volunteers prepared. A number of tents will be raised and we can talk with the "solder" about life at Camp Eaton.

On display will be museum quality military exhibits and demonstrations. Marching and artillery demonstrations will mix with music of the 1890s.

At 2 p.m. Saturday, the new historic site marker, funded by the Ann Arbor News, will be dedicated. There’ll be lots of flags. A bit of speaking and authentic rifle salutes to reinforce. You’ll be glad you were there. Be sure to bring the children.

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