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DATES TO REMEMBER

- *SEPT. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: 1-3 P.M. ARCHIVES/
FILING. WELCOME. 810/229-6402
TO CONFIRM.
- * 9: 5-8 P.M., SEPT. 22, 1-5 P.M.
GENEALOGICAL HELP. 810/227-1760.
- ** 17: 7 P.M. LYONS SCHOOL CURRICULUM/
PROGRAM SUB COMMITTEE. WELCOME.
- ** 17: 7 P.M. LYONS SCHOOL FUND RAI-
SING COMMITTEE. WELCOME.
- ** 20: 1 P.M. TOUR WATERLOO FARM MUSEUM
WITH GREEN OAK TWP. HIST. SOC.
- ** 24: 7 P.M. LYONS SCHOOL STEERING
COMMITTEE, LYONS SCHOOL. WELCOME.
- * 28: 7 P.M. SOCIETY BOARD MEETING.
WELCOME.

* AT BRIGHTON DISTRICT LIBRARY

**SEE RELATED ARTICLE

LYONS SCHOOL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETS

BRIGHTON AREA SCHOOL TEACHERS, SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS, SOCIETY MEMBERS, ARE ALL INVOLVED WITH THE STEERING COMMITTEE WHICH MET AUGUST 26.

CHRIS WARD, BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP CLERK, 810/229-0560, HAS ACCEPTED CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE.

A CURRICULUM/PROGRAM SUB COMMITTEE WILL BE MEETING IN THE BRIGHTON ROOM AT THE LIBRARY, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 7 P.M. TO DETERMINE THE FUTURE FOCUS OF THE STUDIES FOR GRADE SCHOOL CHILDREN (GRADES TO BE DETERMINED), NUMBER OF DAYS CHILDREN WILL BE AT THE SCHOOL, ETC.

A FUND RAISING SUB COMMITTEE WILL BE MEETING AT THE BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP HALL, 4363 BUNO ROAD, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 7 P.M. IF SUFFICIENT FUNDS CAN BE RAISED WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE THE SCHOOL READY FOR STUDENTS IN THE SPRING.

THE STEERING COMMITTEE WILL MEET THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 7 P.M. AT THE LYONS SCHOOL, 11455 BUNO ROAD. A TOUR OF THE BUILDING WILL BE INCLUDED.

PERSONS INTERESTED IN ASSISTING EITHER OF THE SUB COMMITTEES OR THE STEERING COMMITTEE ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

THE RESTORATION OF THIS BUILDING WILL REMIND THE COMMUNITY OF THE STRUGGLES OF THOSE WHO PRECEDED US. NOT ONLY WILL AREA CHILDREN BENEFIT, WE WILL ALL RECEIVE THE LEGACY OF A VIGOROUS AND VALID PAST.



MEMBERSHIPS

COUPLES/INDIV: DAVID APPS (99), CATHERINE COHEN, BILL & JANE TOMLINSON (99), ERIC & SHERYL VIGMOSTAD.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER CATHERINE COHEN. IT IS GOOD TO CONTINUE GROWING.

THE DATE ON THE MAILING LABEL IS THE YEAR FOR WHICH DUES HAVE BEEN PAID. IF THE DATE IS EARLIER THAN 98 (OR IF THERE IS NO DATE) TRAIL TALES IS COMING TO YOU GRATIS. IT IS VITAL TO THE LIFE OF THE SOCIETY THAT YOUR DUES BE RECEIVED SOON. ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES ARE PAID WITH DUES RECEIVED. ALL DONATIONS (NOT DUES) ARE DESIGNATED TO THE PRESERVATION/RESTORATION PROJECTS IN WHICH THE SOCIETY IS INVOLVED.

THANKS THANKS THANKS

...NORM CATRELL, JOHN & JANICE FIELD AND JUNE KIMBLE FOR HELPING GET THE AUGUST ISSUE OF TRAIL TALES READY TO MAIL.

...JUNE KIMBLE FOR PAYING THE POSTAGE FOR THE AUGUST ISSUE.

...JIM VICHICH AND MIKE WOODFORD FOR INSTALLATION OF THE LYONS SCHOOL HISTORIC MARKER.

...LISA CAVE, LIBBY EISENHARDT, NANCY FREDENBURG, KATE LAWRENCE, PAULINE SCHAFFER, BARB SMITH, JOANNE SWONK, AGGIE SULLIVAN FOR SERVING IN THE SOCIETY BOOTH AT THE ART FAIR. ALSO TO THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR USE OF THE SITE. PRIMARILY A MEANS OF MAKING THE SOCIETY A VISIBLE ENTITY SOME FINANCIAL PROFIT WAS REALIZED.

...NANCY FREDENBURG FOR ASSURING THE SOCIETY'S PRESENCE AT THE FARMERS' MARKET AND THE CHAMBER FOR USE OF THE SITE. NANCY HAS ALSO SEEN THE BOOTH IS UP AND RUNNING AT SEVERAL OF THE SUNDAY EVENING CONCERTS. SHE GIVES FREELY OF HER TIME AND ENERGY. THANKS ALSO TO BRIGHTON KIWANIS FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND TO NANCY'S MOTHER, JENNIE, FOR HER HELP.

...HERB MUNZEL FOR HIS HELP IN DECIPHERING THE LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE VILLAGE CEMETERY.

...THE TOMLINSONS AND THE VIGMOSTADS FOR THE DONATIONS ACCOMPANYING THEIR DUES.

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...SPONSORS FOR TRAIL TALES EXPENSES.

...EARLY SCHOOL DESKS, ETC., FOR LYONS SCHOOL.

...CASE OF COPY/TYPING PAPER.

PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION

ARCHIVES: MOST TUESDAY AFTERNOONS JOHN AND JANICE FIELD ARE IN THE BRIGHTON ROOM AT THE BRIGHTON DISTRICT LIBRARY SORTING, FILING, INDEXING. HOLDING THE HISTORY OF THE AREA, PHOTOS, CLIPPINGS, ETC., IN ONE'S HANDS IS A DISTINCTLY MOVING PRIVILEGE. DONATING (OR A COPY) OF SIMILAR ITEMS WILL MAKE THE ARCHIVES MORE COMPLETE. YOU CAN HELP. PH: 810/229-6402.

HISTORY BOOK: IT DOES TAKE TIME BUT THE HISTORY BOOK CAROL McMACKEN, 810/231-2957, IS COMPILING WILL BE WORTH IT. YOUR OFFER OF PHOTOS, ETC., IS WELCOME.

LYONS SCHOOL: THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND SUB COMMITTEES ARE UNDERWAY! YOUR SUPPORT IS STILL MOST WELCOME. SEE PAGE ONE TO LEARN MORE. THE HISTORIC MARKER IS UP!

VILLAGE CEMETERY: KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN AND YOU'LL SOON SEE SOME CHANGES HAPPENING IN THE APPEARANCE OF THE CEMETERY. APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN HISTORIC SITE REGISTER IS IN PROGRESS. SEEING VANDALISM? CALL THE BRIGHTON CITY POLICE 227-2700.

OLD TOWN HALL

IT IS GOOD TO LEARN COMPLETION OF THE RESTORATION WILL BE UNDERTAKEN SHORTLY. MISSING KEYSTONES, DETERIORATING MORTAR, ETC., ARE CONTRIBUTE TO THE APPEARANCE OF NEGLECT. WHETHER A BUILDING IS OLD OR NEW REGULAR MAINTENANCE IS NECESSARY. BUILDINGS LIKE THAT AREN'T BUILT ANY MORE. IT HAS A SIGNIFICANT PAST IN THE COMMUNITY AND CAN CONTINUE TO HAVE A FUTURE.

THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE IS CONDUCTING TWO WORKSHOPS SEPTEMBER 25,26, AT THE MICHIGAN HISTORICAL CENTER, LANSING. "THE CURE FOR COMMON SPRAWL: PRESERVING HISTORIC LANDSCAPES" AND "SKILLS FOR HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSIONS." 517/373-1630.

WEBBED FEATS

A NEW BARN AGAIN! SITE PROVIDES A PHOTO TOUR OF BARNS AND A BARN TALK INTERACTIVE FORUM. OPEN THE BARN DOOR AT WWW.BARNAGAIN.ORG.

BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP/DONATION FORM
P O BOX 481, BRIGHTON MI 48116-0481

NAME _____ PHONE _____

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SEND MEMBERSHIP CARD? (YES) (NO) (Please include Zip + 4 digit)

() New () Renewal. Your help is needed with: *Historic Preservation Projects,
Fund Raising Projects, *Administration of the Society. (Please Circle One.)

DUES: \$25.00 Patron \$12.00 Couple \$2.00 Student (K-12, College)
\$25.00 Bus/Prof. \$ 7.00 Individual

DONATION: () \$10.00 () \$20.00 () \$50.00 () \$100.00 () \$_____ Other.
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*Historic Preservation Projects: Archives, History Book, Historic Resource
Survey, Historic Site Registration/Restoration/Marker, Lyons School,
Oral History/Video, Photography.

**Fund Raising Projects: Bake sale, Coverlets, Home tour, Mugs, Needlepoint
Kit, Note and Post Cards, Signature quilt, Special events, Tote bags.

***Administration of the Society: Board/Officer/Committee members, Newsletter,
Publicity.

FUND RAISING PROJECTS

YOUR SUPPORT IS VITAL

TILES DEPICTING 12 SITES OF LOCAL HISTORICAL INTEREST ARE AVAILABLE AT NOSTALGIA ANTIQUES, 116 W. MAIN. IN STOCK ARE: 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/FIRST NATIONAL BANK/CANOPY HOTEL. EACH \$8. OR 3/\$21.

POST CARDS: EARLY LOCAL STREET SCENES, A PACKET OF 6/\$3. MUGS: \$5., TOTE BAGS: \$15., NOTE PAPER: \$2.50, 11x14 PHOTOS OF THE MILL POND AND DAM: \$25. 810/229-6402.

COVERLETS: NINE LOCAL SITES WOVEN IN, \$49. AT NAUGHTY 'N NICE, 412 W. MAIN.

WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

SEPT. 11/13: WYANDOTE HERITAGE DAYS. FREE ADMISSION, CONCERTS, CRAFTS, TOURS, MUSEUM, LIVING HISTORY/ENCAMPMENTS. 734/324-7297.

SEPT. 18/20: HIST. SOC. OF MICHIGAN & MICHIGAN ORAL HIST. ASSOC. COSPONSOR ANNUAL MEETING, MIDLAND, MI 734/769-1828.

SEPT. 20. GREEN OAK TWP. HIST. SOC. INVITES US TO JOIN THEM ON A TOUR OF THE WATERLOO AREA FARMS MUSEUM, JACKSON COUNTY. MEET AT THE PARK/RIDE LOT, SILVER LAKE ROAD/U.S.23 1 P.M. 248/486-9113 OR 810/229-6402.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN. "MULLING OVER MICHIGAN", A WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS OF MICHIGAN HISTORY. NOVEMBER 9, MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE. MEL MILLER, 810/228-3465.

THE SIGNATURE QUILT, ON WHICH ARE EMBROIDERED SIGNATURES OF THOSE 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. THE QUILT WILL REMAIN IN THE SOCIETY ARCHIVES.

ANOTHER GREAT GIFT IDEA

FEATURING THE OLD TOWN HALL THIS CUSTOM DESIGNED TAPESTRY PILLOW MAKES A COLORFUL AND MEMORABLE ACCENT FOR ANY HOME. IT IS A GIFT THAT IS SURE TO BECOME A TREASURED HEIRLOOM. WOVEN IN FULL COLOR, 14" x 14", IT IS OFFERED WITH HUNTER GREEN PILLOW BACKING. MADE IN THE USA BY RIDDLE & COCKRELL, INC., IT IS AVAILABLE FOR ONLY \$28.00.

YOU CAN ORDER YOURS TODAY TO BE SURE YOU GET ONE. SEND CASH, CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. Box 481, BRIGHTON, 48116.

IF OUT OF TOWN CALL 810/229-9100 PLEASE FOR SHIPPING CHARGES. ALL PROCEEDS ARE DESIGNATED TO THE PRESERVATION/RESTORATION PROJECTS OF THE SOCIETY. THANK YOU.



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AREA FARMS C. 1900

RESEARCH OF LOCAL FARMS AND FARMERS, NAMED IN THE BRIGHTON ARGUS, THEIR BACKGROUND AND LOCATION CONTINUE. THE CEDARS, IN EDWARD McCLEMENTS' NAME IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS ISSUE. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION READERS CAN PROVIDE WILL BE WELCOME.

BORN IN COUNTY DOWN, IRELAND, ROBERT McCLEMENTS AND WIFE, "MISS CANNON", HAD SIX CHILDREN. JOHN BORN 1823, WILLIAM BORN 1826, JOSEPH BORN 1830, SAMUEL BORN 1833, ROBERT BORN 1837, MATHILDA (OR ANNA) BORN ?. ALL OF WHOM WERE BORN IN IRELAND.

IN 1855, JOHN, JOSEPH AND SAMUEL CAME TO THE UNITED STATES. WITHIN A FEW YEARS WILLIAM FOLLOWED. PERHAPS THEY JOINED THE MANY WHO EMIGRATED FROM IRELAND FOLLOWING THE POTATO BLIGHT IN 1845-46.

JOSEPH AND SAMUEL MADE THEIR FIRST PURCHASES OF LAND IN BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP, SECTIONS 17 AND 20, WHILE STILL LIVING IN NEW YORK. BY THE MID 1860S THEY WERE SETTLED IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY. JOHN ALSO BOUGHT LAND IN THE TOWNSHIP, SECTION 10, 34 ACRES IN 1872, A PORTION OF WHICH HAD BEEN OWNED BY CHARLES GOUCHER. BY 1895 THESE HOLDINGS HAD INCREASED TO 72 ACRES. HE HAD MARRIED SUSANNA MOORHEAD IN IRELAND. TWO OF THEIR NINE CHILDREN DIED AS INFANTS. WILLIAM SETTLED IN GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP SECTIONS 5 (40 ACRES) AND 6 (20 ACRES) ON THE NORTH SIDE OF LEE ROAD ALONG RICKETT AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME. BY MID 1870 WILLIAM HAD SOLD AND MOVED FROM MICHIGAN.

JOSEPH AND WIFE, AGNES HAWTHORN, PURCHASED 40 ACRE TRACTS IN 1858, 1868, 1869 AND 1871. THESE 120 ACRES ARE ON HUNTER ROAD APPROXIMATELY $\frac{1}{2}$ MILE NORTH OF HILTON ROAD. WHEN JOSEPH DIED IN 1912 THE LAND APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN EQUALLY DIVIDED BETWEEN SON EDWARD AND DAUGHTER MARGARET ANNA. EDWARD'S FARM "THE CEDARS" IS ON THE LIST NOTED IN THE BRIGHTON ARGUS C. 1900. THE 1859 ATLAS INDICATES A HOUSE ABOUT $\frac{1}{2}$ MILE NORTH OF HILTON ROAD. THE 1895 ATLAS SHOWS A HOUSE KATYCORNER. BOTH HOUSES ARE STILL STANDING ALTHO' SOME ADDITIONS AND CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE.

THE BRIGHTON GRANGE, CHARTERED 3-25-1874, HAS "...DEVOTED ITSELF MORE ESPECIALLY TO THE DISCUSSION OF AGRICULTURAL TOPICS AND SUBJECTS WHICH WOULD INTEREST FARMERS, AND HAS AIMED, BY FREQUENT INTERCOURSE, TO DEVELOP THE SOCIAL QUALITIES OF ITS MEMBERS." J. McCLEMENTS, S. McCLEMENTS AND MISS MAGGIE McCLEMENTS ARE LISTED AS OFFICERS OF THE BRIGHTON GRANGE IN 1879.

AS THE McCLEMENTS' BOYS' CHILDREN GREW UP SEVERAL MARRIED CHILDREN OF NEIGHBORING EARLY SETTLERS. IN THE BRIGHTON VILLAGE CEMETERY ONE FINDS MEMBERS OF THE NEWMAN, PROSSER AND CONLEY FAMILIES MINGLED WITH THE GRAVES OF THE McCLEMENTS SETTLERS. (COMPILED BY MARIEANNA BAIR FROM EARLY ATLASSES; BILL PLESS' SUPPLEMENT TO VILLAGE CEMETERY RECORDS; 1880 HISTORY OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY; OBITUARIES AND EARLY LAND OWNERS AND SETTLERS OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY BY MILTON CHARBONEAU; THE McCLEMENTS/PROSSER GENEALOGY FROM MARILYN CAMPBELL OF INDIANA.)