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### LYONS SCHOOL RESTORATION PROJECT

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A RECENT, NEWLY APPLIED PAINT JOB SURE MAKES THE SCHOOL LOOK GOOD. DRIVE BY 11455 BUNO ROAD, BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP, AND SEE FOR YOURSELF. MANY THANKS ARE IN ORDER: JOANNE SWONK, JIM VICHICH, CHRIS WARD AND ANDREW WARDACH WHO SCRAPED THE SCHOOL PRIOR TO PAINTING; AND TO MATT MATHISON AND MIKE VICHICH, STUDENTS, FOR HELPING WITH THIS PREPARATION; TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BEA, A GOOD TURNOUT, WHO PAINTED THE SCHOOL; AND TO MIKE AND BARB EMMORY FOR SUPPLYING THE WATER NEEDED.

BONNIE CORRIGAN AND JANE TOMLINSON HELD A SUCCESSFUL BAKE SALE AT THE FARMERS' MARKET LAST MONTH, WITH MANY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO DONATED. IF YOU WEREN'T CONTACTED OR YOU WEREN'T ABLE TO PROVIDE A CAKE, PIE, ETC., A FINANCIAL DONATION CAN STILL BE MADE.

RONNI POWERS (TEACHER AT HAWKINS ELEMENTARY), ALONG WITH STUDENTS FROM ALL ELEMENTARY BUILDINGS, CONDUCTED A BOTTLE/CAN DRIVE IN MAY. NEARLY \$700. WERE RAISED WITH MORE STILL TO GO INTO THE CRUSHERS. ANOTHER DRIVE WILL BE HELD IN THE FALL. IN THE MEANTIME (ESPECIALLY IF YOU DON'T WANT TO KEEP ALL YOUR CONTAINERS ALL SUMMER) YOU MIGHT CONSIDER SAVING YOUR DEPOSIT REFUND SLIPS TO TURN IN AT THAT TIME; OR SEND TO THE SOCIETY.

WORK ON CLEARING OUT THE INTERIOR OF THE SCHOOL FOR RESTORATION TO BEGIN WILL TAKE PLACE SATURDAY, JUNE 12 IN THE A.M. HAVE AN HOUR AND A BIT OF ENERGY? WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

IN THIS PRESERVATION EFFORT THERE ARE WAYS FOR EVERYONE AND ANYONE TO CONTRIBUTE. FOR A REAL SENSE OF SATISFACTION GET INVOLVED WITH THIS PROJECT. THE SOCIETY IS AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTIBLE ORGANIZATION. A DONATION RECEIPT CAN BE PREPARED.



### Dates to Remember:

- \* JUNE 3, 10, 17, 24, 1-3 P.M. ARCHIVES FILING. CALL 810/229-6402 TO CONFIRM.
- \* 9, 5-8 P.M. AND 22, 1-5 P.M. FOR GENEALOGICAL HELP. 227-1760 TO CONFIRM.
- \* 24, 7 P.M. SOCIETY BOARD MEETS. WELCOME.

\*BRIGHTON DISTRICT LIBRARY, 200 ORNDORF DR.

## MEMBERSHIPS

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\*MEMBERSHIP VIA LYONS SCHOOL RESTORATION PROJECT DONATIONS. WELCOME!!!

\*\*OTHER NEW MEMBERS. AGAIN, WELCOME!!!

SINCERE ATTEMPTS ARE MADE TO KEEP THE MEMBERSHIP YEAR ON THE MAILING LABEL UP-TO-DATE. CALL 810/229-6402 IF IT'S INCORRECT. IF YOU FIND NO DATE (99 OR LATER) ON THE LABEL IT IS HOPED YOU WILL RESPOND BY SENDING DUES. THE MORE MEMBERS THE MORE DOES THE SOCIETY BECOME A VIABLE ORGANIZATION. THE MEMBERSHIP LIST IS FOR SOCIETY USES ONLY.

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THANKS THANKS THANKS

...ERV AND DOT BANDKAU, NORM CATRELL AND JOHN AND JANICE FIELD FOR THEIR HELP IN GETTING THE MAY NEWSLETTER MAILED.

...BERNIE YOUNG, FLORIDA, FOR ALLOWING COPYING OF PHOTOS, ETC., OF HIS BRIGHTON FAMILY, THE BROWNS, WHO LIVED IN THE HOUSE THAT MATCHED THE LEE HOUSE, WHICH WAS RECENTLY DEMOLISHED.

...HERB WARNER FOR THE FINE MANNER IN WHICH THE LYONS SCHOOL RECORDS HAVE BEEN KEPT. THEY INCLUDE TEACHERS' RECORDS AND BOARD MEETING NOTES. THESE ARE BEING RESEARCHED. TEACHER AND STUDENT LISTS CAN BE COMPILED FOR ARCHIVING.

...DONATIONS TO THE LYONS SCHOOL RESTORATION PROJECT: BILL & JACKIE ARMSTRONG, JAMES E. CLARK (GREAT, GREAT GRANDSON OF RICHARD LYONS), MERRILL & RUTH HERBST, JOHN & RUTH LEPATOUREL, KAY NICHOLS, MAUDE MOORE VAN DIS.

...JOHN & JANICE FIELD FOR THEIR CONTINUED ATTENTION TO THE VILLAGE CEMETERY.

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THE SOCIETY WAS ABLE TO HELP WITH PLANS FOR THE HORNUNG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HISTORY DAY LAST MONTH. THESE KINDS OF EVENTS ENCOURAGE TODAY'S CHILDREN TO EVALUATE THE PAST TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE.

## PRESERVATION/RESTORATION

ARCHIVES: THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCRAP-BOOK OF THE HISTORY OF THE SOCIETY IS MOVING ALONG. THE MEETING DATE IS CHANGED TO THURSDAY AFTERNOONS AT 1 P.M. PERHAPS IT WILL BE BETTER FOR SOME OF YOU WHO MAY BE INTERESTED. CALL 810/229-6402 FOR CONFIRMATION.

OLD VILLAGE CEMETERY: NICELY MOWED FOR MEMORIAL DAY AND WITH FLAGS FLYING AT VETERANS' GRAVES ONE CAN BEGIN TO SENSE A CHANGE OF ATTITUDE TOWARD THIS HISTORIC SITE IN OUR MIDST. CONTINUING RESTORATION SHOULD ASSURE A REDUCTION OF VANDALISM. TAKE A LOOK WHEN YOU'RE ON THE TRIDGE. CALL BRIGHTON POLICE, 227-2700 IF YOU SEE VANDALISM OCCURRING.

LYONS SCHOOL: ITEMS DONATED FROM PREVIOUS FUND RAISING SALES ARE AVAILABLE FOR A DONATION. YOU'LL FIND: SEVERAL TIRES - SOME MOUNTED, JACKS AND EXTERIOR MIRRORS FOR USE WITH A CAMPER, DINING ROOM TABLE WITH 3 LEAVES IN WOOD BOX AND MATCHING SIDEBOARD, WOOD IRONING BOARD, LARGE PICTURE FRAMES, 4 GALLON GAS COFFEE URN, LAMP/SHADE, LOG MAKER, CAST IRON BATHROOM SINK, ATTIC FAN IN FRAME, 2 HOLLOW CORE DOORS, SOLID WOOD paneled door, ALUMINUM STORM DOOR W. SCREENS, METAL DOOR W. WINDOW, 3 DOUBLE HUNG WINDOWS IN FRAMES, STORM WINDOWS, ETC., ETC., COLLECTION 78 RPMs, GAMES IN ORIGINAL BOXES, SMALL BOX GARDEN TOOLS, DRILL BITS, ETC., c. 1950 BELL/HOWELL MOVIE PROJECTOR, 3 DRAWER METAL FILE CABINET, 2 METAL FRAME SCHOOL DESKS, AND SEVERAL LARGE 1/4" PLEXIGLASS SHEETS.

CALL MARIEANNA BAIR, 810/229-6402 TO SEE THESE ITEMS. THE SOCIETY IS AN I.R.S. INCOME TAX DEDUCTIBLE ORGANIZATION.

BRIGHTON AREA HISTORY BOOK: CAROL MC MACKEN, 810/231-2957, REPORTS THE FIRST CHAPTERS ARE COMING TOGETHER NICELY. PUBLICATION IN Y2K IS A POSSIBILITY.

LEE HOUSE: WILL WE BE REMEMBERED FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF EARLY ARCHITECTURE INSTEAD OF ITS PRESERVATION?

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WANT TO HELP?

...LONG TIME RESIDENTS TO RECORD THEIR MEMORIES OF FARM/TOWN LIFE, SCHOOL, BUSINESS, POLITICS, WINTER/SUMMER ACTIVITIES, HOMEMAKING, TRAVEL, SHOPPING.

BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP/DONATION FORM

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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: THE COOK & SHANNON BLACKSMITH SHOP ON W. MAIN, c. 1900, WILL BE SHOWN ON THE 1998 TILE. RESERVE YOURS NOW TO BE SURE YOU DON'T MISS OUT. THIS, AND THE OTHER LOCAL SCENES ON TILES MAKE FINE CHRISTMAS, BIRTHDAY, ETC., GIFTS. THE STOCK OF EARLIER ONES IS STEADILY BEING REDUCED. CHECK WHICH ONES YOU NEED BEFORE THEY'RE ALL GONE. A LIMITED NUMBER ARE MADE EACH YEAR. THE EARLIER ONES ARE AVAILABLE AT NOSTALGIA ANTIQUES, 116 W. MAIN. EACH \$8. OR 3/\$21.00.

TOTE BAGS \$15., MUGS \$5., SUPPLIES DWINDLING; POST CARDS PKG 6/\$3. EARLY LOCAL STREET SCENES; NOTE PAPER \$2.50; 11"x14" PHOTOS OF THE MILL POND AND DAM, c. 1940, \$25. 810/229-6402.

TAPESTRY PILLOW: 810/229-9100, TO PLACE YOUR ORDER. \$28.00 WILL MAKE A FINE GIFT. IT ALSO GOES WELL WITH THE COVERLETS. THESE ARE AT NAUGHTY 'N NICE, 412 W. MAIN IN RED, GREEN OR BLUE FOR \$49.00.



SIGNATURE QUILT STILL HAS SOME ROOM FOR YOUR SIGNATURE. \$10.00 AND IT'LL BE EMBROIDERED ON THE QUILT. THIS WILL REMAIN WITH THE SOCIETY. SIGNATURES OF OTHERS CAN BE SENT OR USE EARLY RESIDENTS' SIGNATURES THAT ARE AVAILABLE.

WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

JUNE 13: UTICA - "36TH ANNUAL CARNIVAL OF CARS" SHOW. 313/278-1655.

JUNE 27, 1-4 P.M. LOG CABIN DAY. WATERLOO HISTORICAL SOCIETY FARM MUSEUM. MARK NICE'S PROGRAM ON "AMERICAN WINDMILL" 2 P.M. 517/596-3072. WEB SITE HTTP://SCS.K12\_MI.US/~WATERLOO.

AUG. 21, 1-4 P.M. GREEN OAK DAY AT THE GAGE HOUSE MUSEUM, 6440 KENSINGTON ROAD.

SEPT. 25, MICHIGAN HISTORIC PRESERVATION NETWORK WORKSHOP ON YOUR ELIGIBILITY FOR 25% STATE TAX CREDIT WHEN RESTORING YOUR HISTORIC PROPERTY. 248/625-8181.

JUNE/AUGUST, SUNDAYS, 1-4 P.M. GAGE HOUSE MUSEUM, 6440 KENSINGTON ROAD OPEN. 248-486-9113.

2ND THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM, PLYMOUTH, "CELEBRATE THE CENTURY."

VISIT STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE: WWW.SOS.STATE.MI.US/HISTORY/PRESERVE/PRESERVE.HTML "MICHIGAN HISTORIC SITES ONLINE" IS A SEARCHABLE DATABASE. YOU'LL FIND PHOTOS AND INFORMATION ABOUT MICHIGAN'S HISTORY.

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### AREA FARMS C. 1900

RESEARCH OF LOCAL FARMS AND FARMERS, LISTED IN THE BRIGHTON ARGUS, THEIR BACKGROUND AND LOCATION CONTINUES. ED BAUER'S CRANBERRY CREST IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS ISSUE.

JOHN BAUER AND WIFE, MAGDELINA, CAME TO THE U.S. FROM GERMANY C. 1844. THEIR THREE SONS, LEONARD (11), GEORGE (9) AND THOMAS (3), CAME WITH THEM. THEY LIVED IN DETROIT UNTIL MOVING TO SAGINAW FROM WHERE THEY CAME TO GENOA TOWNSHIP IN 1850. (BABY MARGARET WAS BORN 1847.)

THE EARLIEST BAUER LAND PURCHASE IS RECORDED IN SECTION 2 OF BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP IN 1852. BY 1855, 80 ACRES IN GENOA TOWNSHIP ARE IN JOHN AND MAGDELINA'S NAME. SHE ALSO BUYS 160 ACRES NEARBY IN A FEW YEARS. THESE LANDS ALL BORDER WHAT WE NOW CALL BAUER ROAD, NORTH OF BRIGHTON ROAD. NO NEED TO WONDER HOW BAUER ROAD GOT ITS NAME.

BY 1840 THERE WERE ALREADY SEVERAL FAMILIES FROM GERMANY WHO HAD SETTLED IN GENOA. AMONG THEIR NEAR NEIGHBORS WERE GEORGE AND CAROLINE ROUSHER WHO HAD ALREADY SETTLED IN 1835, SECTION 24 (NW SW). BY 1854 THERE ARE TWO BOYS AND DAUGHTER, BARBARA, BORN 1839. WHEN PLANNING A NEW HOME SO FAR FROM ONE'S NATIVE LAND IT MUST BE COMFORTING TO NEIGHBOR WITH THOSE WHO SPEAK ONE'S MOTHER TONGUE.

C. 1860 GEORGE BAUER AND BARBARA ROUSHER MARRY. BY 1875 THEY OWN 200 ACRES, A PORTION OF WHICH WAS ACQUIRED FROM HER PARENTS. BY THE TURN OF THE CENTURY THE BAUER NAME IS ON SEVER 100 ACRES OF GENOA TOWNSHIP LAND. ALTHO' CONDUCTING A FARMING OPERATION HE IS ALSO RECORDED AS BEING A SHOEMAKER AND HAVING A COBBLER SHOP IN TOWN. (WHERE?) HE IS ALSO NOTED AS SERVING AS J.P. IN GENOA IN 1879. RESEARCH INDICATES GEORGE AND BARBARA HAD FIVE CHILDREN, SEVERAL OF WHICH ALSO MARRIED NEIGHBORS' OFFSPRING.

C. 1900, SON, ED, WAS FARMING 150+ ACRES ON THE CORNER OF CHALLIS AND BAUER ROADS. IN THE OCTOBER 16, 1935, ISSUE OF THE ARGUS ONE FINDS "FOR SALE. SQUASH, PUMPKINS, POTATOES. PHONE 63F21 Ed BAUER & SON." GRAIN AND CRANBERRIES WERE GROWN; TO WIT THE TITLE OF CRANBERRY CREST FOR HIS FARM. THIS IS SOMEWHAT PUZZLING SINCE THE CRANBERRIES WE KNOW GROW ON VERY ACIDIC SOIL AND ARE FLOODED FOR PICKING. THESE CONDITIONS DID NOT EXIST. ED'S MIGHT HAVE BEEN A VIBURNAM CRANBERRY OR EVEN FROWN FROM SEEDS BROUGHT FROM EUROPE WHERE A TYPE OF CRANBERRY IS GROWN. THE ALSO HAD MILK COWS AND ED OWNED A THRESHING RIG. NEIGHBORS, OFTEN YOUNGSTERS, WERE HIRED TO PICK THE CRANBERRIES. ANY EXTRA PRODUCE COULD HAVE BEEN SHIPPED TO MARKET ON THE RAILROAD THAT RAN DIAGONALLY ACROSS ED'S FARM. ED'S BROTHER, ALBERT'S 200+ ACRE FARM HAS BECOME THE EVER POPULAR MOUNT BRIGHTON. (COMPILED BY MARIEANNA BAIR FROM EARLY ATLASSES, OBITUARIES, AND EARLY LAND OWNERS OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY COMPILED BY MILTON CHARBONEAU. ALSO THANKS TO DOROTHY BOETTGER, JOHN CODDINGTON AND MERRILL HERBST AND THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE'S GRETCHEN VOYLE.)