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Work will commence at dawn and continue 'til dark each day. Volunteer workers on all shifts are needed.

Rotary members are dedicating their complete efforts to assist the Society in the fulfillment of this project. (read - dream)

Child care will be available and plenty of food.

The interior carpentry, final plumbing, final electrical service, exterior porch and sidewalks are on the 'to do' list.

*The Brighton Area Historical Society’s long term project is close to completion. This opportunity to complete the building this fall and to open the classroom to elementary students and teachers is wonderful*, said Piet.

Donations of funds and materials will be Income Tax deductible. Funds may be sent to the Society, P.O. Box 481, Brighton, 48116.

Contact Piet, 227-5668; 8:50/5:30, to offer your services or to donate building materials.

Dates to Remember:
Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, 1-3 p.m. Archive Filing.
Call 810/229-6402 to confirm. Welcome.
* 13, 5-8 p.m. and 26, 1-5 p.m. for genealogy.
* 25, 7-9 p.m. Society Board Meeting.
Welcome!

*Brighton District Library, 200 Onndorf Dr.*
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BUS/PROF: Brighton Prof. Tax Service, Inc.


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BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP/DONATION FORM

P.O. Box 481, Brighton, MI 48116-0481

NAME

ADDRESS

PHOTO

DUES: ( ) $50.00 Patron ( ) $25.00 Couple ( ) $20.00 Student ( ) Individual.

DONATION: ( ) $100.00 ( ) $75.00 ( ) $25.00. The Society is a 501(c)3 income tax deductible organization.


FUND RAISING PROJECTS: Bake Sale, Coverlets, Home Tour, Raffles, Needlepoint Kit, Note and Post Cards, Signature Quilt, Special Events, Tote Bags, Pillow.

***ADMINISTRATION OF THE SOCIETY: Board/Officers/Committee Meetings, Newsletter, Publicity.

FUND RAISING PROJECTS: YOUR SUPPORT IS VITAL

Post cards with early local scenes. PK of 6/$3.50; Mag & $5.00; Tote Bag $15.00; Note Paper w/$2.50; 11x14 Photos of the Mill Pond and Dam $25.00. 10 sets of 8x11 Plat maps of Brighton, Genoa, Oak and Hamburg Townships a 1915 Map of Brighton for $1.00. Make an interesting display: Needlepoint kits $5.00, Show the Old Town Hall. All the above at 810/229-6402.

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WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS


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