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Preserve, Advance and Disseminate Knowledge of the History of the Brighton Area

PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR 2006

1. Improve connections to local schools to facilitate visits to Lyon School. A liaison is needed.
2. Make better use of the site for community events. Host groups.
3. Continue the 1st Sunday schedule of Lyon School Open Houses.
4. Acquire appropriate costumes for docents.
5. Encourage recognition of Friends of Lyon School.
6. Install motion detector lights on the school.
7. Build early style barn on site - develop agricultural display/program.
8. Continue restoration of desks.
9. Inventory archival holdings. Develop appropriate filing system.
10. Coordinate personnel to promote P.R. via Farmers' market, Art Fair, etc., booth. A P.R. person needed.
11. Promote local historic site designations; erect markers.
12. Develop/promote public local history programs to children and adult groups.

The continued support and cooperation of readers of Trail Tales will move these projects to the 'DONE' column at the end of 2006.

VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY BICENTENNIAL

January 1, 1806, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark are awakened by a volley of small arms ushering in the new year, the only sign of celebration available to the corps. Dining on boiled elk and roots, their only beverage water, the Captains' thoughts turn to New Year's Day 1807, and its celebration.

Now that Ft. Clatsop is completed the relations with the Clatsop Indians becomes even more important. Roots, berries and blubber from a beached whale are traded for beads and fishhooks. Aware

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Dates to Remember:

Jan. 1: HAPPY NEW YEAR

*5, 12, 19: 1-3 p.m. Archive filing.

Welcome. 810/229-6402 to confirm.

*18, 25: 7 p.m. Lyon School maintenance.

You can help.

*23: 6:30 p.m. Society board meets.

Welcome.

* Lyon School, 11455 Buno Road, Brighton



MEMBERSHIP

LIFE: *Seth & Shannon Lemke (TX).

PATRON: Tillie Bitten, Dr. Harry & Carol Davis, Whitney & June Kimble, Rich & Mary Ray.

COUPLES/INDIV: Erv & Dorothy Bandkau, Joe Chenoweth, Lois Clark (Midland), Tim & Helen Hurst, m Harold Leitz, Jere & Kay Michaels, Doris Singer (Grand Rapids), Jim & Joanne Swonk (07), *Carolyn E. Weber (FL) and *Paul W. Weber (FL).

A warm welcome to new Life members Seth & Shannon Lemke and to Carolyn E. Weber and Paul W. Weber. It is important that all members do their best to continue to merit support from the community at large. Those not in the area can contribute their own families' histories and memories, articles & clippings, photos, etc., and, of course, financial support.

Many thanks to those notifying of changes of address. The postal rate at which Trail Tales is sent does not include forwarding. It does include address corrections for which .37¢ is charged.

FRIENDS OF LYON SCHOOL MEMBERS

Dr. Harry & Carol Davis, Harold Leitz and Jim & Joanne Swonk. Physical and financial support help maintain the Lyon School.

THANKS THANKS THANKS

...John & Janice Field, Bert Bair, Ida Bair and June Kimble for their help preparing the December issue of Trail Tales for mailing.

...Marilyn Pettigrove who donated a hand made sampler for a fund raising raffle. More on this later.

...Erv & Dorothy Bandkau, Tillie Bitten, Whitney & June Kimble and Doris Singer for their added donation with their dues.

...Susan Walter-Steinacker for stepping up to serve on the board.

...Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Carol McMacken, Tom Reinke, Jim Vichich and Dick Weaire for their willing service in the board.

PRESERVATION/RESTORATION

Archives: Tho' an arduous task the compiling of an inventory of Society holdings is becoming more obvious. More and more often are requests received for information. It's not very impressive when one isn't able to inform people whether their questions can be answered. Your help would be appreciated, Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.

LYON SCHOOL: When the open house schedule is set for 2006, docents will be needed to welcome guests. Long before that a few clean-up times will be set. Exciting tasks such as floor cleaning, window washing, desk polishing, dusting, etc., are awaiting your attention in each room of the building. Check the 'Dates to Remember' on page 1. If none of those work for you other arrangements can be made.

A number of donated items need refurbishing to make them saleable. 810/229-6402 for more information.

NEEDED NEEDED NEEDED

...local business(es) to stock Society sale items: coverlets, tiles, pillows, tote bags, Lyon School T-shirts, pewter plates, etc.

...people to assist the board with necessary projects or as a board member.

...'First Sunday at Lyon School' docents.

...someone to repair a broken wood grain cradle.

...articles for the newsletter.

For more information 810/229-6402

THE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE BRIGHTON AREA WOMEN'S ROLL OF HONOR

Nominate for recognition an area woman who's made a contribution to the well-being of the area/the world.

Forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce, the Brighton Library or 810/229-2149 or cell 810/599-5552

Return by January 31, '06 for recognition during Women's History Month, March, 2006.

BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP/DONATION FORM

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NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

New() Renew() Send Membership Card yes() no() (Please include Zip and 4 digit)

Dues: () \$500.00 Life () \$25.00 Couple () \$50.00 Bus/Professional
 () \$ 50.00 Patron () \$15.00 Individual () \$ 2.00 Student

Friend of Lyon School: () \$10.00 () \$20.00 () \$25.00 () Other \$ _____

The Society is a 501(c)3 Income Tax Deductible Organization

\$\$\$ FUND RAISING PROJECTS \$\$\$

Book: FROM SETTLEMENT TO CITY - Brighton, MI 1832-1945, by Carol McMacken. Brighton's own history. Almost 500 pages, over 300 pictures. Members, \$60.00. Non-members \$65.00, + shpg. Available at Parent-Teacher Tech, 117 E. Grand River. Or 810/229-6402.

TILES: 6" square, ceramic tiles. 13 local scenes in black/white. \$8.00, 3/\$21.00.

1875 TOWNSHIP PLAT MAPS: Brighton, Conway, Genoa, Green Oak, Hamburg, Hartland, Iosco, Howell and Oceola \$1.00. 1915 city maps of Brighton and Howell.

LYON SCHOOL T-SHIRTS, S/XL \$12.00.

NOTE PAPER \$2.50 pkg.

TOTEBAG \$15.00. PEWTER PLATE \$35.00 All with the Old Town hall and millpond.

WOVEN AFGHAN \$49.00, red, green, blue with nine local sites.

TAPESTRY PILLOW \$28.00 shows depot and train.

SIGNATURE QUILT \$10.00. Your signature or another's to be embroidered on the quilt to remain in Society archives.

2004 CALENDAR \$5.00 with local scenes.

MORE INFO? 810/229-6402.

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their store of beads and fishhooks is limited, hunters are sent out. Elk, elk and more elk become the diet; boiled, dried and jerked, leftover, etc. etc.

Tho' friendly the Corps finds the Indians skilled in thievery. The Captains' backgrounds cause caution to come to the fore. Strict regulations are instituted including: a guard is set at the gate, Indians leave before dark, breaches of rules to be reported and punishments will be meted. Contact between the Corps and Indian maidens could not be regulated. With Lewis as their doctor, "I cured him (of syphilis) as I did Gibson last winter by the use of mercurry."

PRESERVATION IN THE REAL WORLD

Realities of Urban and Rural Preservation

Michigan Historic Preservation Network Conference

April 20-22, -2006, Saginaw

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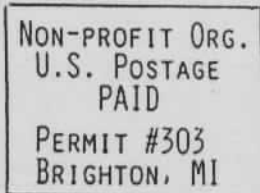
Advance Craft Homebuilders, Inc.; Ameri-Construction; William P. Horal, DDS; **Lawrence Autobody; Matthew Matuszak, DDS, PC; Carol McCririe & Associates; Lindhout Associates; **Promess, Inc.; The Fence Spot. Be sure to patronize these local, independent sustainers of the Society.

**Life Members

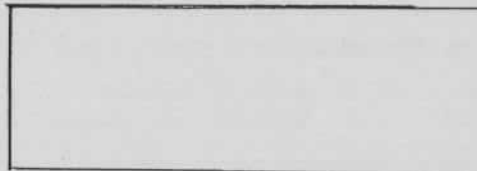
Canton Historical Society is taking on a project to save a local barn. The school district, on which the barn stands, will donate the structure. Canton Township is donating a site.

The Society and the Canton Historic District Commission will partner in this. Response from the community will determine if this project is possible. An estimate of \$200,000 is the goal toward which they are aiming. If they get the same support the Brighton area has shown - it's a done deal.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



OFF TO MICHIGAN! THE BISHOPS LEAVE NEW YORK

Among the flood of Easterners to Michigan following the opening of the Erie Canal in 1825, came several by the name of Bishop, all born in New York. Their relationship has not been established. They may be brothers or cousins.

The patriarchs included Edward b. 1796 (to Michigan 1836). A land purchase is recorded November 15, 1854, Hamburg Township section 3. He and Lavina have eight children, one of who, Henry, saw much action in the Civil War. Lyman b. 1805, records his first land ownership in Hartland Township, January 5, 1848. However he was in Michigan in 1837, when his third child, Henry, is born to Martha. They have four children. The 1860 census records Andrew J., b. 1831, in Howell. In 1861 he enlisted for three years, was promoted to Captain of the 15th Infantry, Co. D and was mustered out January 28, 1865. He served as deputy sheriff of the county. The 1870 census records Walker, b. 1810, living with another settler in Hartland Township. Otis, b. 1823, is boarding as a laborer in Handy Township in 1880 census.

It was April 18, 1856, that Horace K., b. 1823 and Elizabeth, b. 1830, record land bought in Section 3, Hamburg Township, in the area of present Bishop Lake. There are six children born to them: the first two in New York. The first son, Clarence A., b. October 21, 1850, is in Green Oak Township Section 5, in 1880, having purchased 300+ acres from Wm. McPherson, an officer in the company building the railroad. By 1870 the tracks run diagonally, NW/SE across the property which is east of the Ann Arbor Road across from Lee Road; from Maltby Road north to the township line. Clarence is a farmer and raiser of stock. He served as township supervisor 1903-09. He married Isadori Peach, daughter of Joseph and Ermina Peach, early settlers in the township. After living in the old house, perhaps built by Royal Rumsey, the first owner, a new home was built to which they retired. A four column, Greek Revival with adjoining wings was built across from the end of Maltby Road on the east side of the trail. Several large evergreens shaded the yard. Clarence died April 14, 1927, and Isadori, in 1938. They are buried in the Plains Cemetery on Maltby Road. (Bishop Road is named for the family.) They had two daughters. Daisy b. October 19, 1880 and Ermina b. April 17, 1883, who married Claude M. Taylor. Their daughter Thelma married Dr. F. Haight. A son and daughter came from this union. Daisy married Judson Timothy Warner December 4, 1906, and moved to Ronan, Montana, for his health in 1910. He died March 26, 1947 and she September 18, 1967. Both are buried in Ronan.

After their parents' death Daisy and Ermina own the property, c. 175 acres. The portion north of the railroad is privately owned and 50 acres are part of the Island Lake State Recreation Area. By 1961 the house is gone and acreage is reduced because of US 23 Interstate and Fieldcrest Road construction. In 1979 Haight Industries, Inc. is the owner of record. 2005 saw the beginnings of Green Oak Village Place Mall. (Compiled by Marieanna Bair from census records; Early Landowners and Settlers of Livingston County and Obituaries compiled by Milton Charboneau; cemetery records by John S. Janice Field; Yesteryears of Green Oak 1830-1930. Additions/corrections gratefully received. 810/229-6402.)