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ORAL HISTORY WORKSHOP, JUNE 24

The oral history workshop to be held June 24, 9:30-3 p.m. at the Brighton District Library is a cooperative project of the Society and the Library open to the public.

The workshop is designed to train those interested in recording and preserving family and community-focused oral history.

Geneva Wiskemann, Secretary of the Michigan Oral History Association, is an experienced oral historian with an impressive background and knowledge of the subject, will direct the workshop.

The \$30.00 fee includes printed material and lunch. Registration deadline is June 20. Send name, address, phone/e-mail and check (made to MOHA) to Brighton District Library, 100 Library Drive, Brighton, MI 48116.

VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY BICENTENNIAL

Beginning the eastward journey up the Columbia from Fort Clatsop, May 2, 1806, Capt. William Clark records, "...it rained, hailed, snowed and blowed with Great Violence the greater portion of the day." The shortage of food became critical - the last of the provisions stored by the Corps was gone. The trade goods were 95% spent. Luckily Indians they met the next day traded food (roots and dogs) in exchange for Clark's medical remedies which were remembered from the previous fall. Altho' dispensing medications daily, insufficient provisions were traded. The Corps' leaders told each corpsman to try for the best trade he could get.

May 7, the snow covered Bitterroot Mountains came into view. Warned by the Indians that the unusually deep snow

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Dates to Remember:

- May *9,16,30: 1-3 p.m. Archives filing. Your help is welcome. 810/229-6402 to confirm.
- *12: 9 a.m. Students from Cornerstone School.
- 13: 8 a.m. Society booth at Farmers' Market.
- *22: 6:30 Board meeting. Welcome.
- June * 4: 1-4 pm. Open House, Welcome. Quilt display and demonstration.

*Lyon School, 11455 Buno Road, Brighton

MEMBERSHIPS

PATRON: Tom Leith.

COUPLES/INDIV: George & Muriel Allen (Howell), Ted & Doris Carmack (AL) Duane & Thelma Duncan, Libby Eisenhardt, Rudy & Doreen Meffert, *Donna White (A2), Joyce Terry (Whtmr Lk).

*A sincere welcome to new member

Donna White. FAithful renewing members are the life blood of any organization. Continued support keeps the many restoration/preservation projects going and enables the Society to advance its mission. 'Complementary Copy' stamped on this issue indicates dues for 2006 have not been sent. Contact the Society if an error has been made. Dues and donations make up the Society's financial resources.

THANKS THANKS THANKS

...Bert Bair, Ida Bair and John & Janice Field for help with mailing the April issue of Trail Tales.

...Charles Bidwell and Mary Miller for help with I.D. of photo of 1949 Brighton Football team. The team scored 150-6 points for opponents. Coach Archie Peterson lead them to 1948-1949 Class C state champs.

...Scout den pack #343, leader Valerie Spence, for the tulips planted last October. The deer got a few but the rest are blooming.

...Ted & Doris Carmack (AL) and Libby Eisenhardt for donations to Friends of Lyon School 2006.

...Bernie Young (FL) who sent an early stock certificate.

...Dick Weaire for the lunch box shelf and row of pegs for coats installed at the Lyon School.

...John Fillicaro for joining the Society board. Welcome.

ETERNAL TRUTHS

Dogs have owners, cats have staff.

Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.

Some days are a total waste of makeup.

PRESERVATION/RESTORATION

ARCHIVES: The original newspaper of the 1955 75th anniversary edition of the Brighton Argus is very fragile. To prepare it for research use an archival quality copy is to be made. The search is on for a copier capable of the job. Each page is 17"x22". Donations may be made to the Society to help with cost.

LYON SCHOOL: Five groups of third graders from Hornung School spent a day at the school experiencing early Michigan education. The many who've made this site available for this purpose can be assured their efforts are not in vain. On nice days the flag is raised and the pledge recited to begin the experience. The June 4 Open House will include a demonstration and display of quilts.

FARMERS' MARKET: Dick and Lucille Weaire will again host the Society booth at the Brighton Farmers' Market May 13. All sales stock will be available. Good Public Relations is the name of the game.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS: Want a program on local history for your group? Transparencies of early Brighton will be shown. Groups may meet at the Lyon School to tour to learn of its history. Tours of downtown, with a guide can be arranged. 810/229-6402.

NEEDED NEEDED NEEDED

...typing paper, postage stamps, rest room supplies.

...attendees to the Oral History workshop June 24, 9:30 at the Library.

...liaison for the Society and local elementary schools to advise of the opportunity to visit for a day.

...a weed puller and leaf bagger at the Lyon School.

...more info? 810/229-6402

...PERSONS TO CONDUCT RESEARCH OF LOCAL HISTORY OF AREA FARMS, ESPECIALLY FOR THE NEWSLETTER.

...ALSO RESEARCHING AND COMPILING THE HISTORY OF LOCAL SITES, I.E., CITY AND RURAL SCHOOLS, THE RAILROAD, THE INNS AND HOTELS, RECREATION, THE LEGAL PROFESSION AND OTHER OCCUPATIONS (BLACKSMITHS, FARMERS, HARNESS MAKERS, ETC.)

Junk is something you've kept for years and throw away three weeks before you need it.

Experience is wonderful. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.

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Dues: () \$500.00 Life () \$25.00 Couple () \$50.00 Bus/Professional
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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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would delay the Corps for at least three weeks, Capt. Meriwether Lewis noted the Clearwater River was rising daily - a sign of melting snow; altho' a great deal of snow was still visible. By now horse meat, dried fish and an occasional elk or deer was included in the diet.

Horses and cached arms, stored the previous fall with the Nez Perce', were being retrieved. Several of the horses had not been well cared for. By the end of May the Corps had collected 65 horses which they hoped would be sufficient to get them over the mountains, providing grass was available.

All this waiting, by men heading home, left time for contests between the Corps and the Indians - foot and horse racing, shooting, horse trading, games, etc. The exercise was good "...they have had so little to do... getting rather lazy and slothful," recorded Lewis.

BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS

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 Member

OTHERS' EVENTS

May 11,: 10-4. Brighton Garden Club wild-flower/plant sale. Brighton Community Center, 555 Brighton St. No charge.

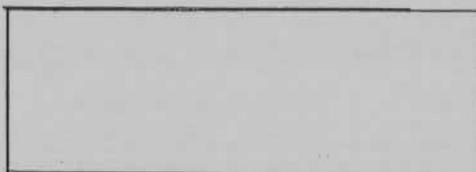
May 18-20: 9-4. Green Oak Township Historical Society garage sale. 9185 Silverside Dr. (on Silver Lake). Also 10'x10' booth @ \$35. 248/437-8461.

This annual event helps raise funds for restoration of 1856 Green Oak Township Hall, 10789 Silver Lake Road.

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BRIGHTON'S OWN STANDLICKS

Phillip Standlick, born in England in 1846, was in Brighton and married to Hannah Hartman, by the 1870 census. (Hannah, b. Sept. 1, 1848, was a daughter of John and Maria Westphal Hartman of Genoa Township, settlers who came from Germany in 1836.)

By 1872, Phillip built a home in the Smith-McPherson Addition, lots 3 and 4, on Walnut Street. This addition included several blocks on both sides of W. Main from the mill pond west. In 1875-76 Phil served as Village Marshall. The 1880 census includes children Charles b. 1872, May b. October, 1872 and James b. 1876. At that time Phillip is in business as a grain buyer. The Brighton Argus reports that Memorial Day, 1881, was rainy and cool. Standlick's dray horse attempted to swim the millpond without the permission of Standlick. He was nearly killed. His cousins, John (b. 1831) and Edward (b. 1859) Truscott, came from England and were with Phillip and Hannah; they are recorded as laborers and may have been employed by Phillip in his business. The 1895 map of Genoa Township Sec. 32, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, notes an extensive huckleberry marsh owned by Phillip Standlick.

Phillip's daughter May married William Jarvis II and had two children, Beatrice and Harold Edward. Son James married Mrs. Isabell Bucklew. Son William, b. September 14, 1881, married Libby Becker and lived at 124 S. Third for a time.

Son Edward E., b. August 1, 1880 (whose twin died) married Grace Avis. Circa 1920 they lived near the Rialto Theater. Around 2:30 a.m., noises were heard. The next morning it was discovered the safe, with \$200.00 was stolen - wheeled out of town. This couple had 11 children, several of whom also married neighbors. About 1926 he owned the Western House, 500 W. Main, which he planned to use for 'residential purposes'. There were very few train passengers since the advent of the auto and he sold in 1927. He was also in the ice business. His brothers, Charlie, Harry b. 1884 and Roy b. 1889, cut ice on Lime Lake. January 1, 1926, that business was sold to Don Leith, Sr.

Brighton High School graduation listing in 'From Settlement to City, Brighton, 1832-1945' puts Ed's son Phil in the class of 1927. (There's also a picture of him and his school mates ten years earlier.) Ed's son, Joseph and daughter Lillian are in a 1925 photo of elementary school children in Brighton. Daughter Vivian graduated in 1939, and daughter Dorothy with the class of 1944.

Beginning with Phillip and Hannah, names of many early settlers can be found in this family's genealogical record: Baetcke, Bauer, Collett, Funsch, Herbst, Musch, Taylor, Truhn in addition to those already noted. A family reunion could include half the population of the area. All have descendants in the area. Calvary, St. George and Fairview Cemeteries are the final resting places for many. (Compiled by Marie-anna Bair from: census records; cemetery transcriptions; Writings of Bill Pless; Obituaries compiled by Milton Charboneau and From Settlement to City - Brighton - 1832-1945 by Carol McMacken. Additions/corrections welcomed. 810/229-6402.)