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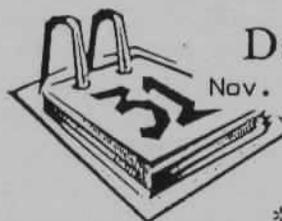
UNCLE SAM (the Historical Society) WANTS YOU!!!

The Brighton Area Historical Society has been very fortunate to have members willing to give of their time and abilities to serve as a board member to direct the Society's efforts or as the chair of a committee to see a project completed.

Projects such as building an early style barn; compiling and developing digital recording of archives; conducting oral history with local residents; developing exhibits display; Lyon School maintenance; developing/expanding the student visitation program; publicizing the Society's activities; newsletter publication; encourage the local businesses to stock the Society's sales items; promote Friends of Lyon School; promote membership; promote public programs; arrange for a Society booth at public events; organize a home tour; encourage business memberships, etc. Using this list you'll surely note some way you can participate. And you have other suggestions for sure.

Those serving at this time are convinced of the validity of the Society's mission and are doing an outstanding job. Join them in a responsible capacity to assure the Society's continued effectiveness.

If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting November 5, contact a board member with your desire to work; be a part of the success of the mission. With your involvement, whether of time, energy or financial, the Society will continue.



Dates to Remember:

Nov. *5: 1-4, 25th Annual Meeting at Lyon School. Tour, inspect the archives, enjoy good company and refreshments. A short business meeting at 2 p.m.

*16, 30: 1-3 p.m. Archive filing. Welcome. Call 810/229-6402 to confirm.

*27: 6:30 p.m. Society board meeting. Welcome.

* Lyon School, 11455 Buno Road, Brighton Township.

MEMBERSHIP

COUPLES/INDIV: Norma Jean Pless (Roscommon), Dan Schmidt and Don & Alice Wyland.

Noting renewing members is very heartening. Welcome. Your support is vital.

It's that time of the year - time to review the mailing list. Check the mailing label on this issue; is there an 07 (or 08) included? If not the Society must consider discontinuing its mailing. The Society has no income other than what is donated.

You may be getting your Trail Tales at a local business. The Society distributes many for P.R. value. Perhaps it's time for you to accept some responsibility if you wish to continue

learning about local history and the organization promoting its preservation. The Brighton Area Historical society is the only organization in the Brighton area doing this.

THANKS THANKS THANKS

...Ida Bair, John & Janice Field, June Kimble and Harold Salow for help in getting the October issue of Trail Tales in the mail.

...Norma Jean Pless for her contribution to Friends of Lyon School.

...Ann Stratigos and John & Janice Field for distributing complementary copies to the schools and local businesses.

...Lucille Weaire for arranging for the Society booth at various public events.

...Steve and Marcy Allen of Parent-Teacher Tech for stocking the Society's history book.

...John Fillicaro, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Carol McMacken, Tom Reinke, Susan Walters-Steinacker, Jim Vichich and Dick Weaire for their dedication to the mission of the Society.

PRESERVATION/RESTORATION

ARCHIVES: Preservation of the Brighton Centennial Scrap book is ongoing. The chronological cataloging of earlier Brighton Argus newspapers is underway. You can help with this. Note Archive dates on page 1 or call to help another day. These will be microfilmed for research access.

HISTORY BOOK: Reservations for 'From Settlement to City - 1832/1945 - Brighton, Michigan' is entering its second edition. It should be ready in time for Christmas giving. Reservations are being accepted. Member price, \$60.00, non members \$65.00 shipping is \$3.00. A check may be sent to the Society. Proceeds are designated to the barn building fund.

FRIENDS OF LYON SCHOOL: Donations by members cover most of the cost of utilities and maintenance.

LYON SCHOOL: Students from Spencer Elementary visited in October. Roof and electrical repairs are underway. Adult and children's groups are invited to plan a visit to the school.

ROCKING BEAR SILENT AUCTION

Constructed by Bruce Owens, this rocking bear is just right, and safe, for a child to use. (It makes a great decoration in the house also.) Bids are being received. Send in your bid. If you are outbid you'll be notified so you can raise yours. At the November 5, 25th anniversary party, the highest bidder buys the bear.

SIGNATURE QUILT

This quilt has dozens of names embroidered on it. Sending your signature is an easy way to make a donation. From early tax rolls, school and government contracts, etc., copies of early residents' signatures are in Society files i.e. Moon, Galloway, Loch, Van Amburg, etc. The completed quilt will remain in Society archives for occasional display.

A man cannot leave a better legacy to the world than an educated family.
H.S. Truman

All bow to virtue, and then walk away.
De Finod
The vagabond, when rich, is called a tourist
Paul Richard

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\$\$\$ 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. Reservations for 2nd edition being accepted.

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 \$14.00 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 \$4.00 with local scenes.

MORE INFO? 810/229-6402.

WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

November 18: 5-9 p.m. Howell High School Cafeteria. The Livingston County Woodcrafters Guild will hold the third Annual Auction of wood-crafted items. Proceeds will purchase materials to continue their work making small toys to be given to children in hospitals. Tickets, \$20.00 available at Aria Booksellers, 214 W. Grand River, Howell.

December 2: 10-5. Livonia Christmas Walk. 248/477-7375.

Dec. 2-3. Waterloo Area Hist. Soc. Christmas on the Farm. 517/851-7890 or 734/498-8251.

November 2, 7 p.m. Liv. Co. Genealogical Society, LDS Church, 1041 W. Grand River, Howell. 'Newspapers - A Valuable Research Tool' by: Shirley Hodoes.

Dearborn Historical Museum tours, 313/565-3000.

Ypsilanti History Museum, 734/482-4990. www.ypsilantihistoricalsociety.org.

BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS

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

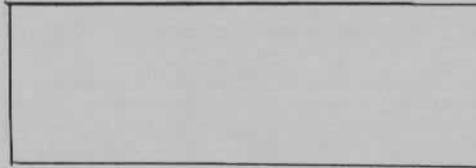
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JOHN GILLULY, 1824/1862

Of the early settlers to the Brighton Area, many were of a moral caliber which assumed a responsibility to the community and the young state. Among them was John Gilluly, son of Iris-born parents, Thomas and Ann. John was born in Massachusetts. Research indicates John taught in the Brighton School District in 1845, '46, '57, '59. Earlier, 1852, he'd been appointed as a Livingston County Surveyor. It appears he attended Michigan normal College (EMU) to become a better teacher and an attorney. After graduation he taught and practiced law in Brighton. He met Alvira Frances Carpenter while both were in Ypsilanti attending college. Alvira was born 1831 in New York.

In referring to early census records we find John and Alvira had several other children besides the one, Caroline, who is buried with them in the Old Village Cemetery. A son, Henry, of whom no later record is found, was born in 1848. Three daughters are born: Lucy F., 1855, (married C. A. Withey and moved to Reed City); one married LeBaron (and lived in Fenton), and Caroline, the youngest born 1860 and died March 2, 1886.

Armed with a degree in law, John was elected and served in the 20th Michigan State Legislature which convened January 5, 1859. Two years later he received his commission as Captain in the U.S. Army. After the rebel south fired on Ft. Sumpter (opening the Civil War) April 12, 1861, President Lincoln requested troops from the states. Following a mass meeting in Howell, April 30, 1861, John recruited Livingston County men to serve in Company I in the 5th Michigan Infantry Regiment. In less than one month this company was raised. After several months' training at Ft. Wayne in Detroit, the troops were mustered into service August 11, 1861. A month later they received their flag and shipped out to Cleveland; then the train to Pittsburg and Washington in September. There they were greeted by both Kinsley Bingham (Senator from Green Oak) and President Lincoln. Knowing all too well they'd soon hear "...the crash of hostile rifles, and the dread whispers of passing bullets..." a fairly comfortable winter was spent in the Capitol. April, 1862, found the Company in battle at Yorktown and Williamsburg, Virginia. July 11, 1862, Gilluly received his Lt. Col. commission. During the summer and fall battles at Fair Oaks, Seven Days Battle, Charles City, Malvern Hill, 2nd Manassas, Chantilly and Fredericksburg were joined. December 13, 1862, while commanding his troops at the Battle of Fredericksburg, Lt. Col. John Gilluly was killed. His comrade, 1st Lt. Hudson Blackman brought John's body home for burial in the Village Cemetery. Twenty-six other local Civil War vets are buried on the hill by the mill pond in Brighton.

The Fowlervill Post of the GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) was named for this valiant man by his comrades. To commemorate the 130th anniversary of John Gilluly's death the George W. Lee Civil War Roundtable placed a new marker by the deteriorating grave marker. A number of other veterans' sites, which either did not have a marker, or it was damaged, are now properly identified due to the recent efforts of John and Janice Field. (Compiled by Marieanna Bair from 1880 History of Livingston County; Wm. Pless' Supplement to the Village Cemetery records; census records; obituaries copied by Milton Charboneau and conversation with George Allen. Add/Corr. welcome. 810/229-6402.)