



## LEARN THE PAST BY TAKING A SLIGHTLY HAUNTED TOUR

On Saturday October 12 at 5pm and 8pm at Old Village Cemetery you will have an opportunity to learn about some of the movers and shakers from Brighton's earliest days. This special tour appropriately happens once a year near Halloween. You are guaranteed an evening of enlightenment.

Those faint of heart that dare not enter the burial grounds after dark can choose the non-threatening venue of the daylight guided tour for this slightly haunted program. Those who desire more scary scenes of the past can choose the 8pm guided tour and learn some gruesome stories from Brighton's past. The partial moon will provide a setting of shadows as you meander among the spirits watching over their resting place.

Each tour is designed with two components. Everyone will meet for each tour at the CoBACH Center (aka Old City Hall), 202 W. Main St. for the initial (40) minute indoor presentation. If the weather spirits cooperate at the completion of the indoor program, then a (25) minute guided stroll through the cemetery will further enhance your evening.

Each tour program is limited to (40) people and tickets are \$5.00 per person. It is advisable to purchase tickets early as last year's tours were sold out. Tickets can be purchased during open hours at CoBACH (Sun—Fri, 5pm-8pm: Sat 11am-5pm, closed Mon). Tickets can also be purchased on Main St. at Wacky Tammy's Funhouse (across from the Millpond) but call **Wacky Tammy** first at (313-910-3807) as hours fluctuate during the week.

Jim Vichich, BAHS President

## Thanks and Recognition

- Nancy Fredenburg, Jerry Damon, Carole Damon, Hank Winegar, Joanne Bellmard, Denise Daddino, Pauline Schaffer, Shirley Knight, Bob Knight, Jan Johnson, Carol McMacken, Tony Ferreyra, Larry Lawrence, Jim DeJohn, Judy Kline, Sue Garcia, Lee Garcia, Tammy Sexton, Steve Sexton and a special thanks to Mindy Kinsey for organizing a very successful BAHS booth on Main Street for the August 3 and 4 Brighton Art Fair. (Thanks & Recognition continued on page 2)

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## Images of America: The Brighton Area

Available at  
Lawrence Autobody  
CoBACH Center  
Green Oak Township Hall  
or by  
Calling 810-250-7276

**Next work date for OVC restoration project is the 4th Monday of September, September 23 from 9am –2pm.**

**Call Jim at (810-250-7276) for information.**

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## Thanks and Recognition

### Memberships:

#### FAMILY/INDIV:

INDIV: Carolina DeLuca (2014), Dr. & Mrs. Mike Ewing (2014), Tommy Hill, Jim & Judy Tavarozzi (2014)\*

\* Welcome to new members Jim & Judy Tavarozzi.

#### Thanks:

- Carolina DeLuca for her donation to Society projects with her dues.
- Joyce Hubbs (Coldwater) for a bottle from Leland's Corner Drug Store. Leland's opened in 1935.
- Jerry Damon and Tom Niemeyer for hand delivering Trail Tales to local businesses. Each has a 3-4 block route. Sue Garcia covers to the edge of the city limits. To give these folks a break, contact the Society with your offer to take over for a month or two.
- CoBACH volunteers for August: Joe Collins, Nancy Fredenburg, Larry Lawrence, Hank Winegar, Sheryl Vigmstad and Jim Vichich.
- Larry Lawrence, Dave Pettigrove, Clark and Lynn Millar, Joe Collins, Don Thomas, Jim Vichich, Jerry Damon, Gunnar Damon, Bob Knight, P.J. Smith, Ryan Lack, and Aiden Lack for their volunteer work at Old Village Cemetery on August 26 for the Headstone Preservation Project. Headstone bases were installed and broken headstones were epoxied together for insertion into bases. Many other headstones were plumbed and leveled.

- Dawn and Terry Hubert, who loaned and transported their antique petroleum equipment to CoBACH for the **August 20 through September 19 Petrol Exhibit at CoBACH. The exhibit is titled "Fill 'er Up!"** Many great antique gas pumps, gasoline brands and neon signs are exhibited. Also many great gas station ads from the Brighton Argus have been enlarged on foam core boards and hung for display.
- Enjoyable Thursday mornings at the Lyon School archive sessions due to wonderful volunteers that love to laugh and share stories. Thursdays would not be the same without the work of Lynn Millar, Marieanna Bair, Joe Collins, Sue Garcia, Larry Lawrence, Caren Biermann, Sue Zimmermann, Jerry Damon, Mercedes Ferreyra and Jim Vichich.
- Jerry Damon, Joe Collins and Jim Vichich for the near perfect installation of the new Lyon School sign that is now mounted over the front door facing Buno Road.
- Joe Collins, Larry Lawrence and Jim Vichich for the quality work of assembling the new 24"x24" BAHS sign to be used at CoBACH. The sign is two-sided, mounted to an A-frame holder, and has replaceable inserts for listing the BAHS CoBACH exhibits being shown. The two-color BAHS logo and website are shown on the sign.
- Larry Lawrence, Judith Coebly, Jim Vichich for setting up the Petrol "Fill 'er Up!" Exhibit at the CoBACH Center.

Congratulations to Life Bus/Prof member Lawrence Auto Body for recognition as Livingston County Best Auto-Collision Shop non-dealer 9 of the last 11 years.

### Society Life Members:

Tom Archer  
Shirley Barton  
Marilyn Campbell (IN)  
Nancy Fredenburg  
William & Lenore Harris  
Betsy & Bob Herbst  
Larry & Kate Lawrence  
Seth & Shannon Lemke (TX)  
Carol McMacken  
Joyce Powers  
Douglas & Carole Rearick  
Robert & Pauline Schaffer  
Anne Stratigos

### 2013 Business / Professional Members:

Acorn Deck Accessories, Inc.  
Advance Craft Builders  
Fred Bonine, DDS, MSPC  
Brighton Bar and Grill  
Robert Clark Eye Center, MD., P.C.  
Caretel Inns of Brighton  
Champ's Pub  
Davis Multimedia, Inc.  
Susan Doyle, realtor  
Grace Pointe Church  
Kimble Appraisal Group, Inc.  
Mancuso and Cameron P.C.  
Schoolhouse Family Dentistry  
SOS Livingston  
Synergy Environmental, Inc.  
Yum Yum Tree  
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Masonic Lodge No. 247 \*\*  
Patrick Financial Group, LLC\*\*  
Promess, Inc.\*\*  
Refrigeration Research \*\*  
Archer Huntley Financial Services \*\*

\*\* Life Members

*Our efforts are not possible without the support of our Business/Professional members.*

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## Dates to Remember

**September 1, 4, 5, 8, 11, 12, 15, 18, 19, 22, 25, 26, and 29: 5pm-8pm**

BAHS hosts at CoBACH Center on Sun, Wed and Thursday.

**September 5, 12, 19, and 26: 9am-12nn**

Archiving/Open House at Lyon School.

Visitors are welcome. Please share your early life Brighton experiences.

**September 23: 9am-2pm**

Old Village Cemetery Headstone Project Workday. Join us the 4th Monday of the month as headstone repair work continues in 2013. Future dates are October 28 and possibly November 25. Questions call Jim Vichich, 517-304-7722.

**September 25: 6pm**

BAHS Board Meeting at CoBACH

**October 12: 5pm and 8pm**

Old Village Cemetery Annual Fall Tours.

\$5.00 per person: limit of 40 people per tour.

See Page 1 for further information.

**October 20: 1-4pm**

Fall Pumpkin Painting and Decorating.

At the Lyon School One-room Schoolhouse, 11455 Buno Rd, Brighton Twp.

Admission is free. Pumpkins, paint, decorations, cider and cookies are free.

**November 17: 1:00pm** BAHS 31st Annual

Meeting. Business meeting and election of the board. Consider how you can participate.

### WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

**September 6: 7-10pm** Salem Area Historical.

Barn Dance at Three Cedars Farm and

September 15: 1-3pm Art, Craft County fair.

[www.sashistory.org](http://www.sashistory.org)

**September 14:** 10am-3pm: Green Oak His-

torical Society hosts Green Oak Day at the

township hall, 10001 Fieldcrest. Classic vehicle

display, petting zoo, ice cream and cake,

noon—3pm; historical displays, Vintage

Strings 1 pm. [greenoaktownshiphistoricalsociety.org](http://greenoaktownshiphistoricalsociety.org)

[www.milfordhistory.org](http://www.milfordhistory.org)

**September 21, 22:** Milford Home Tour.

[www.milfordhistory.org](http://www.milfordhistory.org)

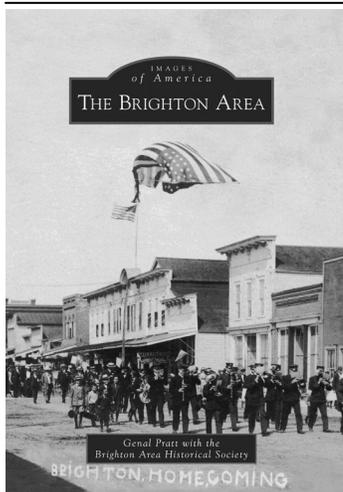
**September 27-29:** Historical Society of Michigan State History Conference, Kalamazoo.

## Support BAHS: Become a Member or Donate

The BAHS relies on participation of its members and the generosity of its patrons. If you would like to make a donation or become a member, please mail to the address provided on the form below.

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| <b>Mail check or money order payable to:</b> |  | <b>Name:</b> _____   | <b>Phone:</b> (____) ____-____                                       |
| Brighton Area Historical Society             |  | <b>Address:</b> _____  |  |
| P. O. Box 481                                |  | <b>City:</b> _____   | <b>State:</b> _____ <b>Zip Code:</b> _____                           |
| Brighton, MI 48116-0481                      |  | <b>E-Mail:</b> _____   |  |
|  |  | <b>How would you prefer to receive Trail Tales:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> US mail<br><small>(PLEASE CHECK ONE)</small> |  |
| <b>Membership Plan:</b>                      |  | <b>Friend of Lyon School:</b>  | <b>BAHS Projects Fund:</b>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New                 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$2 Student     | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Patron   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100         |
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|  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Family     | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Life  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$_____ |

The Brighton Area Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization . All donations are tax deductible.



### New book released

#### Images of America: The Brighton Area

by Genal Pratt with the Brighton Area Historical Society

128 pages, and includes 199 pictures

**\$20.00** Plus \$5.00 if shipping is required

**Description:** This new book contains a treasured collection of photographs and provides a fascinating historical record of the people, farms, and businesses that drove the growth of Brighton through the 19th and 20th centuries. The architecture, landscape, and cherished character of Brighton tell the stories that embody the foundation of our community today.

### We Need Your Help

We are asking our members to step up and get involved. "Can you fill these jobs?"

#### Treasurer

Bookkeeping experience needed, knowledge of Quick-books a plus: Current Treasurer willing to advise.

#### Volunteers at CoBACH

Welcome desk, help set up displays, loan of personal items for displays of the early days of Brighton.

Contact Jim Vichich at 810-250-7276

## BAHS Leadership

President

**Jim Vichich**

Vice President

**Marieanna Bair**

Secretary

**Judith Coebly**

Interim Treasurer

**Mindy Kinsey**

Trail Tales Editor

**Jerry Damon**

Directors

**Joe Collins**

**Jerry Damon**

**Nancy Fredenburg**

**Larry Lawrence**

**Thomas Reinke**

**Tammy Sexton**

Education Liaison

**Judith Coebly**

**Sue Skwarski**

## BAHS: How to Contact Us or Find Us

If you would like to contact us, please use the following options:

**E-Mail:**

info@brightonareahistorical.com

**Phone:**

(810) 250-7276

**US Mail:**

Brighton Area Historical Society

P. O. Box 481

Brighton, MI 48116-0481

#### Lyon School

11455 Buno Road, west of Pleasant Valley Road. The 1885 Lyon School is a fully restored, barrier-free one-room schoolhouse and serves as our organization headquarters.

#### CoBACH Center

202 W. Main Street, in downtown Brighton next to the Millpond. CoBACH is formally known as the City of Brighton, Arts, Culture and History Center. It is located in the historic 1879 two story brick building, also known as the Old Town Hall.

The BAHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Please help us fund our mission while also helping yourself with a tax-deductible contribution.

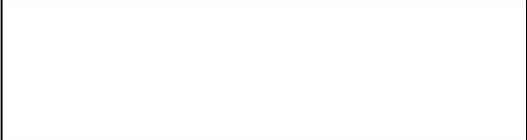
The BAHS accepts monetary support and donations of historical artifacts. Please consider supporting us with your generosity.

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**FROM THE WILDERNESS—BRIGHTON Part 5 (Conclusion)**

The Detroit, Lansing and Northern Railroad (DLN) brought many major changes to lives of Brighton Village residents. It should also be recognized that major changes also came to area rural residents in the nearby townships.

In Green Oak, the DLN entered the township in Section 13, south of 12 Mile Road near the intersection of Silver Lake Road and Rushton Road, crossing Silver Lake Road in a northwest/southwest direction. Not much time elapsed before a new depot named Green Oak Station was established. The post office, a general store, saw mill, elevator and the Parker House operated by the Parker sisters were soon located at the station site.

In 1917, the Green Oak Inn accommodated employees of the Greenville Company from Ohio, when sand and gravel mining began in the area.

The DLN crossed the Huron River and Dutcher Road, running south of Island Lake. A depot at Academy Drive, made Island Lake a popular destination for vacationers from Detroit to come and enjoy the various recreational amenities found there.

South of Academy Drive a training site for the National Guard was set up and served soldiers since 1882. Following the declaration of war with Spain, April 25, 1898, soldiers embarked from the depot. Michigan sent five regiments from the Island Lake Training Camp. The administration of the camp and individual soldiers improved the local economy during the periods of training.

Crossing the southwest corner of Section 31, Brighton Township, the railroad continued through Brighton Village into Gen-

oa Township. The southeast corner of Section 15 in Genoa (corner of Dorr and Crooked Lake Roads) was the location of a flag station. The train stopped when signaled. Patrick Bogan was the owner of the flag station site. Mail was dropped there for township residents. Passengers could also board or disembark on occasion. (Patrick’s son, James, c. 1880, became post master at the post office near Genoa Station on the Ann Arbor Railroad which ran through Chilson in the southern portion of the township.)

As we have seen, the Iron Horse made an enormous difference in the local economy. Even the manner in which farming was done evolved. Instead of raising cattle, horses or sheep for the drover to drive on the Grand River Trail to a distant market, special breeds were raised for meat, milk, wool and horses. Many farmers began to concentrate on new types of grains or the development of a new variety of fruit trees. Although the railroad cut through a farmer’s acres, it brought new outlets for his produce. The railroad connected small towns with large towns; riding in comfort instead of rough rutted roads; stage coaches and toll roads were no more; towns/hamlets grew up around the crossings.

Early reminiscences compare the wilderness with the changes the DLN railroad brought. One might also include the shrill, loud steam whistle at crossings and the rumble of iron wheels on steel tracks? “...things sure are changing” was a common element found while researching the impact of the railroad on the area.

(Compiled by Marieanna Bair from Bill Pless writings; “Yesteryears of Green Oak 1830-1930”; “From Settlement to City” by Carol McMacken; census records; 1880 History of Livingston County. Additions/corrections requested call 810-229-6402.)