REDEDICATION OF THE LT. COL. JOHN GILLULY MONUMENT

Many have read of the volunteer work at the Old Village Cemetery over the past six years. A large number have also visited this 1838 burial ground to see the vast improvements in the grounds and the many restored monuments.

On Saturday, November 8 you need to attend the rededication of the recently restored headstone to one of our local Civil War heroes, Lt. Col. John Gilluly. This rededication will be held in the Old Village Cemetery and will be part of the Brighton Veterans’ Day Observance Program. This will immediately follow the program at the new Veterans’ Memorial next to the Millpond.

The Lt. Col. John Gilluly headstone has been broken and laying in the dirt for decades. It is now standing tall and provides a respectful display for the Brighton man who gave so much. Lt. Col. Gilluly was killed while riding his horse and leading his men into action at the battle of Fredericksburg in 1862.

John was 16 when his family relocated from Boston to the Brighton area. He became a Brighton school teacher and then graduated from the University of Michigan Law School and became a practicing attorney in Brighton. He answered President Lincoln’s call for volunteers when the War of Rebellion started in 1861.

The Veterans’ Day program will commence with a parade in downtown Brighton on Saturday, November 8 at 11:30 am. Please join with the community as we honor all our veterans with the parade and solemn remembrance at the new Brighton Memorial!

Jim Vichich (810-250-7276)
President, Brighton Area Historical Society

Halloween Movies
at
CoBACH
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Our Sympathy
To the family of Marge White, Brighton Area Historical Society Treasurer from 1989 through 2001 who passed on September 21. She will be remembered for her sense of humor and desire to have fun!
Thanks and Recognition

Memberships:


STUDENT: Tommy Hill

When an address change occurs, contact the Historical Society. This will avoid re-
turned issues of Trail Tales which are charged as 1st Class and delays your re-
ceiving that issue.

THANKS:

- Marieanna Bair, Larry Lawrence, Jane
  Tomlinson, Jackie Damm and Jim
  Vichich for preparing the September
  newsletter for mailing.
- CoBACH volunteers for September:
  Nancy Fredenburg, Joe Collins, Hank
  Winegar, Bonnie Riutta, JoAnn
  Bellmard, Bob Knight, Denise Daddi-
  no, Larry Lawrence, Sheryl Vigmo-
  stad, Mindy Kinsey and Jim Vichich.
- The donation of time and energy in
  the keeping of the business minutes
  by our secretary Lin Millar is deeply
  appreciated by the members of the
  board!
- There is not enough room to thank
  our VP Marieanna Bair for all the
  work that she does for the good of
  the Brighton Area Historical Society!
  She has been an actively involved
  member for over 30 years and a non-
  stop advocate for local history.
- Special thanks to our members that
  make up our 2014 Board of Direc-
  tors. Your donation of time for
  meetings and events and your guid-
  ance is appreciated by all!
- The Old Village Cemetery headstone
  preservationists who are restoring
  the broken headstones in Brighton's
  oldest cemetery. The help of these
  volunteers is critical in preserving
  these family monuments. Thanks to
  the August volunteers: Joe Collins,
  Dave Pettigrove, Jerry & Gunnar Da-
  mon, Larry Lawrence, Bob Knight, Lin
  & Clark Millar, Paul Hunkele, Ed Vitez
  Don Thomas and Jim Vichich.
- The Brighton area history preserva-
  tionists who archive every Thursday
  from 9am to noon at the 1885 Lyon
  One-room Schoolhouse. The weekly
  volunteers are: Joe Collins, Jerry Da-
  mon, Marieanna Bair, Lynn Strong,
  Lin Millar, Sue Garcia, Larry Law-
  rence, Mindy Kinsey, and Jim Vichich.
- Lyon School has been repainted
  where paint blistered off the south
  and west exterior walls due to the
  brutal winter last year. Prior to the
  final paint coat, scraping and priming
  was needed. Our local Rembrandts
  were: Joe Collins, Jerry Damon,
  Mindy Kinsey, Tammy Sexton, Lynn
  Strong, Larry Lawrence and Jim
  Vichich.
- Lin Millar, Mindy Kinsey, Joe Collins,
  Marieanna Bair and Jerry Damon for
  their work in rearranging and up-
  dating the museum room at the Lyon
  School.

CoBACH Future Exhibits:

- Do you have items to loan?
  Nov-Dec: “An Old Time Home Christmas”
  Jan-Feb: “Winter in Yesteryear Brighton”

Dates to Remember

October CoBACH Exhibit: “Boo!” Halloween Exhibit and see Two Classic Halloween mov-
ies. Start off the evening with Movie Trivia, a
short tour of three gravesites in the Old Vil-
lage Cemetery at intermission. Movie showing
on October 24, 25 (7:30) is the 1932 version of
The Mummy with Boris Karloff and Nov. 1
(7:30), Nov. 2 (2:00) the 1948 version of Ab-
bott and Costello Meet Frankenstein. FREE
admission but RSVP is required due to lim-
ited seating. Halloween attire is welcome for
this event.

Information and reservations: 810-250-7276
October 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 12, 15, 16, 19, 22, 23, 26,
29, 30; 5pm—8pm: BAHS hosts at CoBACH
Center on Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday.
October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; 9am—12nn: Archiv-
ing/Open House at Lyon Schoolhouse. Tour
the school or share photos and stories with
archivists.

October 27; 9am—2pm: The Headstone
Preservation Project Team meets at the Old
Village Cemetery for the last organized work-
day for 2014. Your help is needed as we re-
build broken headstones. No experience nec-
essary. You can learn as we work together.
Info call Jim at 810-250-7276

October 22; 6pm: BAHS Board meeting at
CoBACH.

November 16; 1pm—4pm: Annual member-
ship meeting with elections. Potluck from 1—
2pm and business meeting with elections at
2pm.

December 14; 1pm—4pm: Lyon School
Christmas with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

October 12: Pioneer Day. Waterloo Area
Historical Society.
www.waterloofarmmuseum.org

October 16: “The J.L. Hudson Building”. Mil-
ford Historical Society.
www.milfordhistory.org

October 20, 7pm: “The Willow Run Story.”
Wixon City Hall. wixomhistory@yahoo.com
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.

Mail check or money order payable to:
Brighton Area Historical Society
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Brighton, MI 48116-0481

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(Please check one)

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☐ Renew ☐ $15 Individual ☐ $60 Business/Professional
☐ $25 Family ☐ $500 Life

Friend of Lyon School:
☐ $10 ☐ $100
☐ $25 ☐ $250
☐ $50 ☐ $500 Other $________

BAHS Projects Fund:
☐ $10 ☐ $250
☐ $25 ☐ $250
☐ $50 ☐ $500 Other $________

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We Need Your Help

We are asking our members to step up and get involved. “Can you fill this need?”

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: How to Contact Us or Find Us

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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.

From Settlement to City: Brighton, Michigan 1832-1945
By Carol McMacken
450 plus pages
Over 300 photos
$65.00

Description:
This large volume hardcover book offers the reader an opportunity to gain insight into the chronology of the first one hundred and thirteen years of Brighton’s existence. Through text and an extensive photo collection it is possible to appreciate the effort of the early inhabitants as they endeavored to establish a viable community.

This book can be found at Lawrence Autobody and CoBACH Center or by calling 810-250-7276

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.
In a Brighton Argus editorial, dated January of 1930, action was needed to address the increase in accidents on state highways and the soaring crime rate in Michigan. Reasons for the increase in crimes were thought to be the use of alcohol by children, child labor laws, parental indifference and lack of school supervision. In a 1931 issue of the Argus, it was stated that Brighton was being considered by the state as the possible best location for a new State Police Post. Officials from the city were scheduled to meet with the Governor to discuss the matter.

It was official! The northwest corner of U.S. 16 (E. Grand River) and Old U.S. 23 was to be the site of a newly created Michigan State Police Post.

The State of Michigan rented quarters for the new “Flying Squadron” officers until the funds were acquired and 33 workers were employed for 4 months to construct the building. By December 1936, four State Policemen moved into the new building containing an administrative office and sleeping accommodations.

This traditional two-story brick Works Progress Administration building served as the post and barracks. The familiar design is a hallmark in many communities throughout the state. The building still stands today and serves as a real estate office. You can still see the Michigan State Seal on the front wall of the building.

In 1985, the Brighton Post relocated to a larger, leased facility further north on Old U.S. 23 in Brighton Township. In February 2013 a new Michigan State Police Brighton Post was officially dedicated. The new building, located at 4337 Buno Road, will better serve the Post’s needs today since the Brighton and Ypsilanti Posts merged in 2011, the post now includes Livingston and Washtenaw counties.

Please take time to thank our Michigan State Police for their service. Their work is difficult but their job is to enforce the law.

State Police Blotter, 1958

In August of 1958, Deputy U.S. Marshall Allie of Minneapolis stopped at the Brighton State Police Post to ask for assistance in locating two quart jars of nitroglycerin, supposedly buried next to a house behind the Log Cabin Inn by Lake Chemung in 1948. The house was owned by Mrs. Arlene Trabman of Detroit. This nitro tip was given by Alex DeGoode, then a prisoner in North Carolina. He told the U.S. Marshall about breaking and entering crimes and ‘safe jobs’ committed in the Brighton area. After digging a hole about 10 x 14 feet, 4 feet deep, police doubted DeGoode’s story...especially since the inmate also told the U.S. Marshall about a murder and hidden body in Minnesota that couldn’t be found.

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