Veterans’ Day Program: Saturday, November 7, 2015

The Veterans’ Day Program, in the Old Village Cemetery, will follow the 10am VFW and American Legion parade on Main Street.

Please join the Brighton Area Historical Society and the community for the memorial service in the cemetery for two Brighton Civil War Soldiers that were killed in action in different battles in Virginia in 1864. Captain George W. Rose died at the Battle of the Wilderness and Private John S. Prosser died at the Battle of Spotsylvania.

The distinguished ornate white marble headstone of Captain Rose was restored this year after lying broken in the dirt and sod for over 70 years. This headstone will be rededicated, as the grave site of Captain Rose is now returned to a respectful condition.

The white marble headstone for Private Prosser was installed this summer and provided by the Veterans’ Affairs Administration. This memorial headstone was placed into the Prosser family plot as Private Prosser was buried on the battlefield in an unmarked grave and thus had no recognition in Brighton or Virginia for his life and service to country. There will be a headstone dedication service at this site.

Your participation at these Veterans’ Day Observances is important as a member of the Brighton community! The Brighton community distinguishes itself as always being a strong supporter of our veterans through the years. Please join us as we remember OUR patriots!

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Thanks and Recognition

Memberships:

INDIVIDUAL: Norma Jean Pless, 2016; Paul Weber (FL).

Renewing and new members keep the Society vital.

THANKS:

• Marieanna Bair, Jerry & Carole Damon, Bob & Shirley Knight for preparing the September issue of Trail Tales for mailing.
• Beth Chapman Smith, Tom Smith, Carole Damon and Mindy Kinsey for taking down the CoBACH display of Burroughs Farms.
• Mindy Kinsey and Carole Damon for setting up the “Children’s Memories—Brighton History” Exhibit for September-October at the CoBACH Center. See writings and colorings that reflect Brighton’s history through the eyes of 4th-5th grade students.

• The August OVC Headstone Preservation team: Dave Fuller, Hank Winegar, Bob Pettengill, Bill Goodwin, Jerry Damon, Judith Coeby, Gary Reutter, Dave Pettigrove, Bill Dixon, Don Thomas, Larry Lawrence, Dave Rebiger, Joe Collins, Ed Vitez, Bob Knight and Jim Vichich.
• The “Thursday Before Noon” archivists at the Lyon Schoolhouse include: Jerry Damon, Marieanna Bair, Mindy Kinsey, Jill Eastcott, Joe Collins, Valerie Haggerty, Lynn Strong, Larry Lawrence and Jim Vichich.
• Norma Jean Pless for donating to Friends of Lyon School with her membership.
• Jere Michaels for giving us the tattle tales for the CoBACH display.
• Bruce Ritter for giving us the students’ paperwork for the CoBACH display.

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK at Brighton Area Historical Society

BAHS has a large number of old photos. Copies are available for purchase from the Society. Contact Jim at 810-250-7276 or visit the Lyon School on Buno Road any Thursday morning from 9am—12nn.

Mark Your Calendar

December 13: 1—4pm Santa and Mrs. Claus visit Lyon School (Free Event)

Dates to Remember

Oct. 1,4,7,8,11,14,15,18,21,22,25,28,29; 5pm-8pm: BAHS hosts at CoBACH Center on Sun, Wed and Thurs.

Oct. 1,8,15,22,29; 9am-12nn: Archiving/Open House at Lyon Schoolhouse.

Oct 1; 6:30pm—9pm: Cluster Meeting of Historical Societies and Libraries at Milford Historical Society Museum.

Oct 15; 6pm-7pm CoBACH Center: Committee planning meeting for BAHS 35th Anniversary Programming (2016).


October 16 and 24 The Remarkable Molly Brown, and October 17 and 23 Mary Todd Lincoln: Encore Performances: 7:30 pm at CoBACH. Tickets are $10 at CoBACH or $10 + fee using PayPal at www.livplayers.org.

Oct 28; 6pm: BAHS Board Mtg. at CoBACH.

Nov. 15; 1—4pm, Lyon School: Annual BAHS meeting with election of officers and board members. Potluck, 1pm-2pm; Business meeting 2:15pm-4pm.

WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:


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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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Membership Plan:
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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 (one day a month), help set up displays, loan of personal items for displays of the early days of Brighton.

Contact Jim Vichich at 810-250-7276

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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.

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

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

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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.

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A Story About Island Lake — Part 2

The railroad (1871), the same tracks which pass through Brighton today, made it possible for those desiring entertainment and diversion to reach the station at Island Lake; which already had a reputation for recreational opportunities. Grand River Road was still gravel.

Plat maps of 1875 and 1895 would indicate the land on which the militia had trained was leased by the state from owner Trueman Vanderlip with the railroad running through it.

The Board of the Haslette Park Association of Lansing sent a letter September 20, 1894, to its members notifying them of a decision pending; to move their camp ground to Island Lake in Green Oak Township.

Incomplete minutes of the Haslette Park Association note the site had been scouted “…and find it especially suited for our purpose.” “…where the truth of Spiritualism might be promulgated and a world of good accomplished.” The annual meeting of the organization and the election of officers was scheduled at Island Lake on October 10, 1894. At that meeting, the board recommended the organization of the Island Lake Camp Association. Tickets would be available from the Detroit, Lansing and Northern Railroad to the station at Academy Road. “Bring your lunch basket with you. Ample shelter will be provided in case of need.” The letter continues: “Therefore we announce that a new Camp Meeting is to be organized at Island Lake…its meetings to be held the usual season, August of each year, as nearly as we can designate now, commencing with 1895, providing we can get suitable buildings erected, and we think we can. We have secured a lease for 60 years of about 40 acres of the finest land, with all the natural advantages, as well as railroad facilities we could wish.” (This was on the west shore of the lake. The final lease was for lesser terms.)

Statewide advertisement of the Island Lake Camp promoted the dancing, boating, sailing, fishing, etc., to be enjoyed. South of and across the tracks one could be entertained watching the soldiers in the Michigan Militia as they trained.

July 4, 1898, a grand celebration took place at Island Lake with orations, dancing, rowing and excursions around the lake on the Steamer S.V. Halleck. The grand display of fireworks was only excelled by Admiral Dewey’s splendid achievements at Manila Harbor. (To be Continued)

(Compiled by Marieanna Bair from “From Settlement to City, Brighton, Michigan, 1832-1945” by Carol McMacken and “Yesteryears of Green Oak, 1830-1930”; donated photographs and clippings. Additions/corrections requested 810-229-6402.)