

PARADE AND CROWDS FOR THE 100 YEAR CELEBRATION

## Should We Celebrate Brighton's 150 Years ?

**As we approach Brighton's 150<sup>th</sup> year as a city (2017), should there be festivities and celebrations? What types of activities would be enjoyed? Should activities be focused for all age groups? Would you be willing to help in the planning and operation of the program?**

In 1967 Brighton held their centennial with a celebration program that ran from August 20-26. The Executive Committee and their committee chairmen totaled over (35) volunteers. Many more volunteers helped in the operation of the individual programs. It takes a community of support to make a successful, safe celebration from its earliest brain-storming until the final cleanup is performed.

Please contact me and share your thoughts. Planning is the key to a successful program. Your ideas are needed. Think about fun events that you have experienced in other communities.

The Brighton Area Historical Society will be planning some history specific community events that relate to Brighton and its rich history. These BAHS events will take place even if a community-wide celebration does not happen.

A community-wide 150<sup>th</sup> celebration program will only be successful with your help. I look forward to hearing your ideas and thoughts!

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### "Summer Wheels"

May 4 through July 6  
At the CoBACH Center  
Sunday—Friday 5-8 pm  
Saturday 11am-5pm  
Closed Monday

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## Thanks and Recognition

### Memberships:

**LIFE:** Charles & Janice Beach.

**INDIV/FAMILIES:** Andrew & Mary Parker, Brian Pawlak, Lynn Strong (2016).

Renewing members indicate others share the society's goals: preservation, advancement and dissemination of knowledge of the history of the Brighton area.

### THANKS:

- CoBACH volunteers for April: Joe Collins, Mindy Kinsey, Lynn Strong, Nancy Fredenburg, Hank Winegar, Sheryl Vigmostad, Bob Knight, Tammy Sexton, Larry Lawrence and Jim Vichich.
- Trail Tales editor and BAHS Treasurer, Jerry Damon for the wonderful work in assembling the monthly newsletter.
- Archive Preservation Team of the society who work diligently preserving and organizing historical records of the Brighton area at the Lyon Schoolhouse each and every Thursday. Great work and fun times by Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Marieanna Bair, Mindy Kinsey, Larry Lawrence, Lynn Strong, Lin Millar, Sue Garcia and Jim Vichich.
- Marieanna Bair, Lynn Strong, Gary Reutter, Jackie Damm and Jim Vichich for preparing the April issue of Trail Tales for mailing.
- Andrew and Mary Parker for their donation to Friends of Lyon School.

- Thanks to Beth Smith for her submission of the story on Burroughs Farms on Page 4 of this month's Trail Tales.

### History Skills Workshop Series Historical Society of Michigan

For details and session descriptions, visit [www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org)

May 15 — Bringing History to Life: Creating Crowd Pleasing Living History Events

May 29 — Volunteer Recruitment and Management

June 12 — Printed Marketing

July 10 — Copyright Issues for Historic Collections

July 24 — How to Successfully Publish Your History Book

August 14 — Museum Stores: Using the Past to Plan for the Future

September 11 — Advanced Digitizing of Collections

October 2 — Basic Archives

October 23 — Online Marketing

November 13 — Advanced Archives

### Society Life Members:

John & Deb Armstrong  
Tom Archer  
Paul & Kathryn Bair (Allen)  
Shirley Barton  
Charles & Janice Beach  
Donald & Shari Black (N.J.)  
Marilyn Campbell (IN)  
Bernie & Bonnie Corrigan  
Jerry & Carole Damon  
Nancy Fredenburg  
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Jim & Vicki Vichich

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## Dates to Remember

**May 4—July 6 CoBACH Exhibit:** "Summer Wheels" Check out the classic bikes and scooters that helped kids have fun and stay busy in the summer. Sun-Fri: 5-8pm, Sat: 11am—5pm, Mon: Closed

**May 2; 9am-1pm:** Old Village Cemetery 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Cleanup. Reserve this Saturday and join many community members as they participate in the "Community Civic Pride" event as volunteers prepare veteran and non-veteran gravesites for Memorial Day.

**May 7, 14, 21, 28; 9am—12nn:** Archiving / Open House at Lyon Schoolhouse.

**May 3,6,10,13,17,20,24,27,31; 5pm—8pm:** BAHS hosts at CoBACH Center on Sun. and Wed.

**May 25; Memorial Day Parade; 10 AM:** Veterans Step Off Parade in downtown Brighton. Millpond Veterans' Memorial Service at 10:30 AM.

**May 25; 9am—1pm:** CoBACH Center-Civil War Display. Two private collections of handguns, rifles, uniforms, drums, cannon balls, canteens, etc. Great museum collection in downtown Brighton, before, during and after parade. **ONE DAY FREE EXHIBIT!!**

**May 27; 6PM:** BAHS Board Meeting at CoBACH.

**June 12, 13 and 19, 20; 7:30 pm:** CoBACH Center. *Meet the Remarkable Molly Brown!* Sponsored by the Livingston Players. Tickets \$10. [www.livplayers.org](http://www.livplayers.org), PayPal, credit card, or at CoBACH Center.

### WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

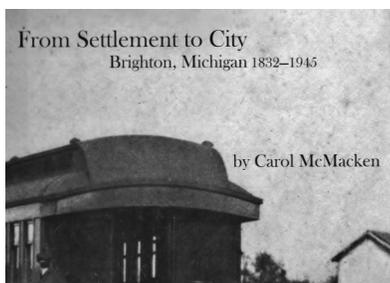
Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame, 213 W. Malcolm X St., Lansing. Exhibit "The Story of Women in the Military WWI to The Present" (Through February 27, 2016) [www.michiganwomenhalloffame.org](http://www.michiganwomenhalloffame.org)

## 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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P. O. Box 481		<b>City:</b> _____	<b>State:</b> _____ <b>Zip Code:</b> _____
Brighton, MI 48116-0481		<b>E-Mail:</b> _____	
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**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

## 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

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS**  
 Please consider becoming a new member.

## BAHS Leadership 2015

<b>President</b> <b>Jim Vichich</b>	<b>Directors</b> <b>Bill Besso</b>
<b>Vice President</b> <b>Marieanna Bair</b>	<b>Joe Collins</b>
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	<b>Lynn Strong</b>
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## 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.

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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**The Philosophy of “Family”/ The Inspiration for the Farms**



three thousand reportedly went on trips each of those years to Tashmoo Park, near Algonac, Michigan, in the St. Clair River, which had a “casino”, beach, sporting fields and picnic grounds. In addition to adult pursuits, activities included *races for the children*.

You see, BAMCo was more than just an employer. They considered their employees as part of a family. There was a Burroughs band, Burroughs baseball teams, Burroughs bowling teams, Burroughs tennis teams, a Burroughs gymnasium and pool to teach employee’s children athletics and more. Athletic teams from BAMCo competed against other manufacturing companies’ teams in the Detroit area such as Ford Motor, Studebaker, Northway Motor, Packard, Grinnell Electric and others.

The inspiration for Burroughs Farms is credited to Burroughs Adding Machine Company (BAMCo) Vice-President Alfred J. Doughty. He is often referred to as the “Founder” of the Farms. Mr. Doughty is said to have proposed the idea of a recreational “center” for BAMCo employees. There may be several reasons for his idea. In the 1983 Burroughs publication, *In Focus*, it was said that the decline in industrial sports teams following World War I was what drove the idea of having a place for employees to recreate. In my opinion, it was more than that.

I believe that at some point in the mid-1920s, A. J. Doughty decided that it would benefit the Company if employees and their families had someplace to swim, dance, play sports and picnic more than just one day a year.

In the decades or more before 1927, when the Farms was created, the Company made it an annual habit of taking all of its employees and their families for a day-long “picnic” excursion, something the Company called “Burroughs Day.”

The evidence is this: when the Farms was born, the first endeavors were to have a beach, picnic groves, a “casino” or dance pavilion, and sports fields. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations centered on races and games for the children. It would be like Put-In-Bay or Tashmoo Park everyday.

For Burroughs Day, the company shut down the factory so that all employees could attend. In the summers of 1913–1916, and again in 1918, almost 2,000 Burroughs employees and their families climbed aboard a boat each of those years and went to Put-in-Bay, on South Bass Island in Lake Erie in Ohio, for a day of *picnicking, swimming, games and dancing*. In 1919 and 1920,

My father once told me that BAMCo had looked into buying what would become Kensington Metro Park before they settled on a series of Brighton farms scabbled together to make Burroughs Farms.

Next month... The acquisition of land and the fruition of the dream. (Thanks to Beth Chapman Smith for her submission.)

*See CoBACH Exhibit in July-August featuring Burroughs Farms Memorabilia*