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### Please Join Dr. Gatling at CoBACH

On Sunday, August 16 from 5pm—6pm you have the opportunity to meet Dr. Gatling and learn about his amazing machine gun and to examine a full scale reproduction of the Model 1862 Gatling Gun.

Mr. Edward Vitez will portray Dr. Richard Gatling as he presents, via PowerPoint, the events and people in his life that led to the creation of his most well known invention. You will also learn of the impact this style of gun has had on weapon design in the modern military era.

Ed has been an active member of many Civil War Reenactment/Living History groups in the community for many years. This includes the 17<sup>th</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment in Livonia, the 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan Regiment Band in Novi, the George W. Lee Civil War Roundtable of Howell, and the Historic Fort Wayne Coalition in Detroit.

This Living History Presentation is **FREE** to all and will be inside the CoBACH (City of Brighton Arts, Culture and History) Center aka Old Town Hall at 202 W. Main Street.

After enjoying Ed's 45 minute presentation you can set your chair around the Millpond and prepare to listen to one of the most popular Kiwanis concerts of the summer by Moose and Da Sharks starting at 7pm. Have dinner and make it an evening in downtown Brighton !

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

#### THE BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY HAS REACHED A MILESTONE

Twenty five members are now Society Life Members and eight of our Business / Professional Members are Life Members. We thank them so very much for their confidence in the organization. We encourage you to consider joining with these generous members and become a Life Member.

The right hand column of page three lists all the Life Members.

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#### "Burroughs Farms" August

Photo Memories of Brighton's  
Burroughs Farms  
At the CoBACH Center  
Sunday—Friday 5-8 pm  
Saturday 11am-5pm  
Closed Monday

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## Thanks and Recognition

### Memberships:

**INDIV/FAMILIES:** Jacob D. Donner\*, Nora Miller, Barbara Smith, Vic & Dianne Watson\*

**LIFE:** Linda (Skeman) Wintermute, WI

**PATRON:** Margaret Mitschelen\*, WA

\*Welcome to new members: Jacob Donner, Margaret Mitschelen, Vic & Dianne Watson and new Life Member, Linda Wintermute.

### THANKS:

- Marieanna Bair, Jackie Damm, Jane Tomlinson, Carole Damon and Jim Vichich for preparing the July issue of Trail Tales for mailing.
- Nora Miller and Barbara Smith for their donation to Friends of Lyon School sent with their membership renewal.
- CoBACH volunteers for July: Joe Collins, Mindy Kinsey, Hank Winegar, Sheryl Vigmostad, Nancy Fredenburg, Larry Lawrence and Jim Vichich.
- Our preservationists who enjoy reading and archiving the history of the Brighton area. They include Marieanna Bair, Mindy Kinsey, Jerry Damon, Jill Eastcott, Joe Collins, Valerie Haggerty, Lynn Strong, Larry Lawrence and Jim Vichich.
- Michigan Barn Preservation Network for their donation to BAHS. Feel free to meet again at the 1885 Lyon One-room Schoolhouse.

- Mindy Kinsey for setting up the Burroughs Farms exhibit at the CoBACH Center for July and August. Many great photo memories to be seen!
- Beth Chapman Smith and Tom Smith as well as Marieanna Bair, Mary Poseniak for lending items for the Burroughs Farms exhibit.
- Karen and Bob Elsey for the use of the Stingray bikes and 70's travel trailer in the 4th of July parade.
- To those who participated in the 4th of July parade: Jerry Damon, Lynn Strong, Karen Elsey, Bob Elsey, Shirley Knight, Marieanna Bair, Lin Millar and Mindy Kinsey. They had a blast!
- Julie Gajda and her fine cleaning talents as she cleaned the Lyon Schoolhouse from floor to ceiling including windows inside and out.
- Terri Leith Fisher for donating pictures and mementos that were collected by her late father, Tom Leith. These items will be scanned and preserved for the future so that family and community history is not forgotten.

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### Society Life Members:

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## Dates to Remember

**August CoBACH Exhibit:** "Photo Memories of Brighton's Burroughs Farms from 1927 to the 1970s" Sun-Fri: 5-8pm, Sat: 11am—5pm, Mon: Closed

**August 2,5,9,12,16,19,23,26,30; 5pm—8pm:** BAHS hosts at CoBACH Center on Sun. and Wed.

**August 6,13,20,27; 9am—12nn:** Archiving /Open House at Lyon Schoolhouse.

**August 16; 5pm—6pm:** Special One Day CoBACH Center Presentation "Dr. Gatling and his Amazing Gun." Presentation and Exhibit are **FREE!** (see Page 1)

**August 24; 9am—2pm:** Old Village Cemetery, Headstone Preservation Day. Help rebuild broken headstones at Brighton's 1838 Cemetery. 4th Monday of the summer months, Sept. 28, Oct. 26.

**August 26; 6pm:** BAHS Board Meeting at CoBACH.

### WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

**August 8-9:** Antique Tractor, Truck and Farm Equipment Show, Waterloo Area Historical Society.

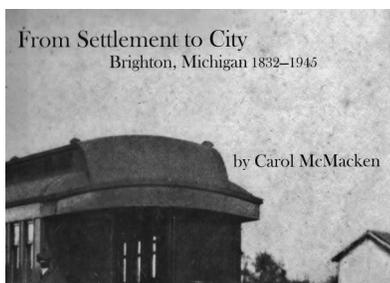
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**From Settlement to City:  
Brighton, Michigan 1832-1945**  
By Carol McMacken  
450 plus pages  
Over 300 photos  
\$65.00

### 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

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## BAHS Leadership 2015

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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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**Crippen’s Barn and Woodland Lake — Conclusion**

For about 100 years the Brighton area has been a destination for those seeking recreation. The many lakes still are an enticing draw. The paving of Grand River in 1924, promoted the already growing entertainment opportunities in the area.

At 2855 Hacker Road, stands the Ernest Crippen farmhouse which his parents, Ansel and Marilla Crippen, built after arriving in Brighton Township c. 1837.

In 1904, Ernest and Helen retired from farming, moving into town. Crippen sold the farm and its huge barn to Wallace Meyer in 1922, who farmed before selling to Good & Spitzley, developers who converted the barn for dancing.

In 1927, the Capitol Land Company of Detroit dammed Ore Creek near Hilton Road, forming Woodland Lake. The barn now became the framework of a large club house, known as Woodland Lodge. During the years spacious additions were made to the Crippen barn. In the December 12, 1928, issue, the Brighton Argus reporter waxed rhapsodic in his description of the interior, which included two huge stone fireplaces, in his write-up of the grand opening of Pine Lodge. "...the lodge is a castle of medieval times,".

During the years of the Great Depression of the 1930s, the property returned to Wallace Meyer several times from various speculators. Many local groups and schools held special parties and proms at the barn during the 1940s.



Tim Doolittle’s Pine Lodge, in September, 1946, hosted Larry Schultz and His Boys for dancing to modern and square dancing. Four months later a special attraction was Ford’s Original Band, Men About Town of WJR. Thomas & McQuivey, in March, 1949, then owners of Pine Lodge Dance Hall, were moving to Florida; an auction was held to sell all furniture and equipment.

The property was back in Wallace Meyers hands in 1951, when George Almashy, Sr., bought the Pine Lodge Ranch. The Pine Lodge Riding academy was in business at the site that

November. Also large parties could be "...catered with fishing, swimming and boating for your pleasure" at the resort, the Pine Lodge Inn which, in March 1952, specialized in "Ranch Style Dinners."

Almashy leased the structure to Lee Caron of Milford in the late 1950s. Caron had great plans to revive the Lodge and" bring back the gay times which were enjoyed in the log lodge in past years." However, December 22, 1958, 30 years and two weeks after its grand opening, a fire of undetermined source completely destroyed the old landmark leaving two tall stone fireplaces standing over the ashes.

(Compiled by Marieanna Bair from: Bill Pless writings; the Historical Society’s Historic Resource Survey File. Additions/ corrections requested. 810-229-6402)