



Veterans' Day: Let's Honor Our Most Deserved Citizens at the Millpond!

Veterans' Day will be celebrated in downtown Brighton on Saturday, November 12. There will be three successive parts in the program.

Part 3 of the program will take place in the Old Village Cemetery. You have a unique opportunity to participate in the double headstone rededication and memorial service for Privates Homer and Charles Goucher. These Brighton brothers died in the Civil War and both men served in Company B of the 6th Michigan Cavalry. Homer died while a prisoner at the horrid Andersonville Prison in Georgia.

The Color Guard of the Sons of the Union Veteran Camp #120 in Howell and the uniformed Hartland High School Civil War History Club will lead all participants into the cemetery at about 10:45 AM. This entry will follow the conclusion of the Veterans' Day Program, Part 2 at the new Veterans' Memorial located at the Millpond.

You are guaranteed a short, rousing history of these Civil War soldiers by author and historian Richard Hutchins, SUV120, (retired Army-Korea).

- 10:00AM — Part 1: Parade Steps off from Brighton High School
- 10:15AM — Part 1: Presentation by VFW Commander at Main St/Millpond
- 10:30AM — Part 2: Presentation at Brighton Veterans' Memorial/Millpond
Recognition of (10) Veterans from the Community by Bill Rubin
- 10:45AM — Part 3: March into Old Village Cemetery
Memorial Program for Privates Homer and Charles Goucher
- 11:00AM — Part 3: Gun Salute and Taps by Master Bugler Dave Pettigrove

PLEASE REMEMBER AND DON'T FORGET OUR VETERANS!

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

EXHIBITS at CoBACH

Sunday—Friday 5—8pm
Saturday 11am—5pm
Closed Monday

CoBACH Display October

"Brighton State Bank"

See the many photos and memorabilia related to this part of Brighton history.



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**Brighton Area Historical
Society**

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Thanks and Recognition

Memberships:

FAMILY: Dave & Jacqueline Fuller, (2017).

- Marieanna Bair, Carole Damon, Jeanette Johnson, Bob & Shirley Knight and Jim Vichich for preparing the September issue of Trail Tales for mailing.
- Doreen & Rudy Meffert, Lawrence Stobbe and Trudy A. Reicks for donating in honor of Larry Lawrence's birthday.
- Mindy Kinsey, Carole Damon, Lin Millar, and Lynn Strong for helping to set up the current CoBACH display of the Brighton State Bank.
- Sue Walters for getting the items from Brighton State Bank for us to use for this current display.
- Dennis Dimoff and the Brighton Kiwanis for the 40 years of Sunday evening concerts during the summer at the Millpond in Brighton.
- CoBACH volunteers for September: Joe Collins, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Bob Knight, Larry Lawrence, Lin Millar, Bonnie Riutta, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.
- Lyon School History Archivists: Marieanna Bair, Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Mindy Kinsey, Larry Lawrence, Lin Millar, Lynn Strong, Peggy Van Sickle and Jim Vichich. Stop by and share some old stories from 9am—12nn every Thursday.
- Marieanna Bair and her research stories of the Brighton

area that always are found on page four of the monthly newsletter, *Trail Tales*.

- Ed Cord for his generosity in sending photos of children that attended school at the Lyon Schoolhouse in 1947-48. These were great photos where the names of the kids are all listed. Photos included the following students. Friends or family desiring a copy of the photo, please email Jim Vichich at jvichich@comcast.net.

8th Grade—Maxine Whitney, Eddie Cord

7th Grade—Kay Conely, Melvin Whitney

6th Grade—Frances Cameron, Phillis Brown, Jack Conely

4th Grade—Ardis Goodchild, JoAnne Ellis

3rd Grade—Byron (Butch) Whitney, Joe Slicker, Gladly Brown, Bruce Driver, Jimmy Mayo

2nd Grade—Floice Ellis, Mike Dilloway, Danny Newman, Roger Anderson

1st Grade—Betsy Crawford, John Cord, Margaret Conely, Carlene Boice

Beginners: Ellen Goodchild, Phillip Wertman, Dickie Krause, Brian Slicker

November 20, 2016—BAHS Annual Meeting

The business meeting will include elections to the Board for 2017. Your interest in and support of the Society can be confirmed by a willingness to serve on the Board. Call Marieanna Bair, 810-229-6402, Nominations Chairperson.

Dates to Remember

October: CoBACH Center Exhibit, **FREE!** Brighton State Bank: Photos and Memorabilia of the Past.

October 2,5,6,9,12,13,16,19,20,23,26,27,30; 5—8pm: BAHS hosts at CoBACH Center on Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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

October 24; 9am—2pm: Old Village Cemetery Headstone Restoration Day. Last workday for 2016.

October 26; 6pm: BAHS Board Meeting at CoBACH.

November 12; Saturday: Veterans' Day Observance in Brighton

10:00am—VFW Main St. Parade Commences BHS

10:15am—Main St. at Millpond, VFW Commander Presents

10:30am—Brighton's Veterans' Memorial at Millpond

10:45am—Old Village Cemetery Rededication and Memorial Program

Life — Business — Professional Members

Life Members:

John & Deb Armstrong — Tom Archer — Paul & Kathryn Bair (Allen) — Marieanna Bair — Shirley Barton — Charles & Janice Beach
Donald & Shari Black (N.J.) — Marilyn Campbell (IN) — John & Jenny Conely — Bernie & Bonnie Corrigan — Timothy & Giannine Corrigan
Jerry & Carole Damon — Emil Engel — Nancy Fredenburg — William & Lenore Harris — Betsy & Bob Herbst — Dr. John & Barbara Jacoby (MN)
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Greg & Pamela Park (OH) — John G. Park & Madeline Kingston-Park — Richard Park (IL) — Bob & Donna Phillips — Joyce Powers
Douglas & Carole Rearick — Tom & Bonnie Riutta — Robert & Pauline Schaffer — Bruce & Betty Schuman — Anne Stratigos
Jim & Vicki Vichich — Linda (Skeman) Wintermute

Business /Professional Members: (** Indicates Life Members)

Acorn Deck Accessories (2016) — Advance Craft Builders (2016) — Archer Huntley Financial Services ** — Brighton Art Guild (2016)

Brighton District Library ** — Brighton Veterans Memorial Comm. ** — Buckley-Jolley Group, LLC (2016) — Clark Eye Center (2016)

Davis Multimedia, Inc. (2016) — Kimble Appraisal Group, Inc. (2016) — Lindhout Associates** — Lawrence Autobody **

Make Believe Manor, LLC (2016) — Masonic Lodge No. 247 ** — Patrick Financial Group, LLC ** — Preview Properties (2016) — Promess, Inc.**
Refrigeration Research **

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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.

Mail check or money order payable to: Brighton Area Historical Society P. O. Box 481 Brighton, MI 48116-0481	Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ E-Mail: _____	Phone: () — How would you prefer to receive Trail Tales: <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> US mail
Membership Plan: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> \$2 Student <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Patron <input type="checkbox"/> Renew <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Individual <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Business/Professional <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Family <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Life	Donation to—Check One: <input type="checkbox"/> Friend of Lyon School <input type="checkbox"/> BAHS CoBACH Events <input type="checkbox"/> Old Village Cemetery Fund	Amount of Donation: <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____

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BAHS Director Biography



Director: Mindy Kinsey: In the early 60s married Tom, raised in Davison, MI and have lived in the Brighton/ South Lyon area since 1972. We live in a house that had its beginnings in 1835 (when Michigan was just a Territory).

I have been with the BAHS board as Treasurer and Director for 14 years. Some of my involvement is creating displays at CoBACH, helping organize the archival room at Lyon School, or-

ganizing BAHS involvement with the 4th of July Parade and helping out at the Farmer's Market and Art Fair.

I am also involved with the Friends of the Brighton District Library

Board for about 8 years. Another group I have enjoyed greatly is Casual Quilters of Brighton where I am the past President. I am also proud to be a 20-year member of Pleasant Valley Social Club. The club started in 1928 to help the farm wives and families gather to help with the isolation that farming brought.

I enjoy collecting old items. Have sheds and an attic full of items especially vintage Halloween and Christmas items as well as hats and clothing. Always looking for anyone who has a collection, odd or not. Will meet with anyone to see their collections that they can lend to BAHS for a display at CoBACH. I am just an old soul. My mother always said I was born 100 years too late.

I hope to continue to be active in serving BAHS and further the path for others that so many have paved for me.

BAHS Leadership 2016

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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.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Early Roads in Genoa Township — Conrad Road

The family Conrad arrived in New York harbor from Germany shortly before Christmas, 1832. Charles Sr., wife Maria Catherine, sons Jacob (10), Charles, Jr. (4), Phillip (1) and daughter Mary Magdalena (8) lived in New York state for three years, during which time daughter Elizabeth was born. Other than the \$400 lent by a sister, Charles had no other funds.

The Erie Canal was most likely the first leg of their journey to Michigan in 1835, crossing Lake Erie and landing in Detroit. After walking to Genoa Township, his 80 acres were recorded in Section 23, June 6, 1836. Son John was born in 1842. During those trying years, their German ancestry and its characteristic attributes of frugality and economy stood them in good stead as the entire family was involved in clearing land for crops and stock. The boys often worked for neighboring farmers also. The sons of Charles, Sr., bought Genoa Township land, Sections 22, 23, 27 as did some of their sons in later years, often from their parents.

Son Jacob of Charles, Sr. worked in California for three years, returning to Michigan with sufficient cash to get started in Section 23, in 1852, and married Elizabeth Dorr in 1856. Their five children selected German neighbors' children for spouses. One tended to marry those one met at school or church. Jacob's son, Henry, a Brighton City Health Officer closed schools, theaters and churches for two weeks February 1, 1934, due to a Scarlet Fever epidemic.

Daughters Mary and Elizabeth of Charles, Sr. both married Genoa Township farmers and prospered on the land.

Charles, Jr. (son of Charles Sr.), wife Sarah and the family were determined to make their way in Kansas, while raising a family of three.

Son Phillip of Charles, Sr. married Elizabeth Becker. Of their four children, Louise (b. 1870) married Langdon Scripture and lived in

town. Son Carl C. (b. 1871) founded an electric lighting plant in 1902. The plant was built behind the Burgess Store located at 334 W. Main. After installing lights on Main Street he sold electricity to Brighton Village and residents. In October 1904, he announced he would "...run his electric light plant from 5PM until dawn for a week." "...if it could be made to pay" he would continue all winter. In 1914, Carl's plant became part of the Eastern Michigan Edison System. Son George bought the general store from George W. Cushing, 120 E. Grand River, in April, 1910. George carried mail to Chilson, was on the School Board in 1921, and helped the first PTA get organized. Sister, Amelia, took over George's store in May 1931. During the depression years of the 1930s, she often hosted Mrs. Santa who distributed goodies and toys, promising to get all letters to Santa. Amelia is also known for driving her own Ford in 1914. Her civic responsibilities included her as one of six women marshals sworn to enforce the November, 1916 curfew after the Village bell rang at 8PM.

The Conrads were among those forming the Evangelical Lutheran St. George's Congregation in Genoa Township, April 23, 1845. Phillip owned property at Main and Fourth. In 1922, the property was purchased by the congregation as the site to which to move the church building. When Detroit Edison assigned names to roads, the selection of Conrad Road was a logical given. On earlier maps Conrad Road runs north from Brighton Road for one mile.

(Compiled by Marieanna Bair from: census records; From Settlement to City—Brighton by Carol McMacken; Early Landowners—Livingston County by Milton Charboneau; 1880 History of Living-