

Exhibits at CoBACH



Archiving at Lyon School

Thank You to All BAHS Supporters !

The Brighton Area Historical Society is blessed to have:

1. A Board of Directors who sacrifice much time to improve the Society and strive to preserve and maintain local history.
2. The support and appreciation of the City of Brighton, City Manager and all staff who acknowledge that the past is important and preservation of historical assets is critical for a thriving downtown.
3. The early founding members of the Society who in 1981 determined that preservation of historical community assets, such as the Old Town Hall, was a requirement for a cultural-centered community.
4. A growing base of lifetime members, who donate today so that Brighton history can be preserved now for the enjoyment of future community members.
5. Dedicated community members and businesses who support, by annual membership, the BAHS mission to "Preserve, Advance and Disseminate Knowledge of the History of the Brighton Area."
6. The active members who are able to join in the Society's physical needs by volunteering to support the many projects where their work, talents and time are greatly needed and truly appreciated.
7. Community members who have saved and maintained historical artifacts and share these treasures with the Society in exhibits and displays.
8. Local families that contact the Society to share old documents and photos of Brighton's past, that we can scan, preserve and make available to future generations.
9. The many generous service organizations and their members who donate time and material to make **OUR** community strong and vibrant.

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EXHIBITS at CoBACH

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



January 10 through
February 28, 2016
"Let the Chips Fly"

A Woodworking Exhibit

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

THE BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXTENDS SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF RICHARD J. PARSONS, A LONG-TIME MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY AND A MERCHANT IN THE CITY OF BRIGHTON FOR MANY YEARS.

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Thanks and Recognition

Memberships:

BUS/PROF: Advance Craft Home Bldrs, Brighton Art Guild*, Davis Multimedia, Inc., Make Believe Manor, LLC*

LIFE: John & Jenny Conely*, James & Janis Miller (in memory of Harold & Ester Jarvis, Lyle & June Miller and Karl & Amy Jagielky).

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*Welcome to new members: Brighton Art Guild, Make Believe Manor, LLC, John & Jenny Conely, Peggy VanSickle, Shirley Warren and Geneva Keeler Wiskeman.

THANKS:

- Marieanna Bair, Judith Coebly, Gary Reutter, Jerry & Carole Damon, Larry Lawrence and Jim Vichich for preparing the January issue of Trail Tales for mailing.
- Janice & John Field for donating copies of early obituaries, and news items. These donations add to our research material.
- Pleasant Valley Social Club for a donation in memory of Donna Nelson.
- Jim & Janice Miller for their donation in memory of parents, uncle and aunt.
- Jim DeJohn, Marlene Fonseca, Pat Franklin, Robert Johnson, Ted & Linda Potter and Jane Tomlinson for a donation to Friends of Lyon School with their dues.

- Robert Johnson and Shirley Warren for their donation to the Old Village Cemetery project with their dues.
- Advance Craft Home Builders, Mary Jo Comiskey, John & Jenny Conely, Bill & Jackie Damm, Robert Johnson and Judy Parsons for their donation to Society projects with their dues.
- Mindy Kinsey, Gary Reutter, Judith Coebly, Hank Winegar, Bill Besso, Joe Collins, Bob & Shirley Knight, Clark & Lin Millar, Carole Damon, Tom Reinke and Jim Vichich for setting up the current display at CoBACH and the loan of materials for the display.
- CoBACH volunteers for January: Lynn Strong, Joe Collins, Mindy Kinsey, Hank Winegar, Nancy Fredenburg, Larry Lawrence and Jim Vichich.
- The history preservation archivists who share Thursday mornings at the Lyon Schoolhouse with a donut and a laugh or two include: Lynn Strong, Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Marieanna Bair, Mindy Kinsey, Lin Millar, Peggy VanSickle, Larry Lawrence and Jim Vichich.
- City of Brighton for their support of the City of Brighton Arts, Culture and History Center. Their lease of the CoBACH Center with the BAHs, Brighton Art Guild and the Livingston Players allows the community to see programmed exhibits and performances by local artists, historians and drama specialists.

**11th Annual
Brighton Antique Show**
Saturday, March 5th, 2016
9525 East Highland Rd (M59)
9am — 4pm
Admission proceeds provide scholarships for local area graduating seniors. Admission \$4 per person.

MAY 7th — 9AM—12:30 PM
8th Annual Old Village Cemetery
Spring Cleanup.
More information to come.

Society Life Members:

John & Deb Armstrong
Tom Archer
Paul & Kathryn Bair (Allen)
Marieanna Bair
Shirley Barton
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Marilyn Campbell (IN)
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Brighton Art Guild (2016)
Brighton District Library **
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** Life Members

Dates to Remember

February CoBACH Center Exhibit, "Let the Chips Fly." Woodworking Exhibit, Through February 28.

Feb 3,7,10,14,17,21,24,28; 5—8pm: BAHs hosts at CoBACH Center on Sun. and Wed.

Feb 4,11,18,25; 9am—12nn: Archiving/Open House at Lyon Schoolhouse.

Feb 10; 6-pm—7pm: CoBACH Center. Committee planning meeting #4 for BAHs 35th Anniversary program that will be held Sunday, July 17, 2016 from 3:30—6:30pm.

Feb 20; 1pm—3pm: Special presentation at CoBACH during woodworking exhibit by wood worker Tom Reinke. Learn how to use antique tools for your special projects.

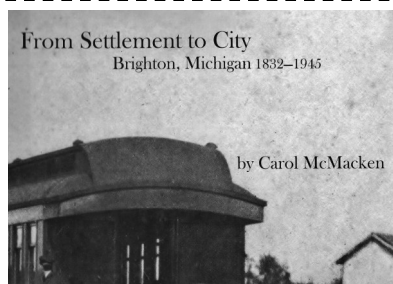
Feb 24; 6pm: BAHs Board Meeting at CoBACH.

April 28; 6:30pm—9pm: Hartland Crounse Library. Spring Cluster meeting for local historical and genealogical societies and libraries. Great format for sharing information and learning about local history.

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 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 Projects Fund <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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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

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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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.

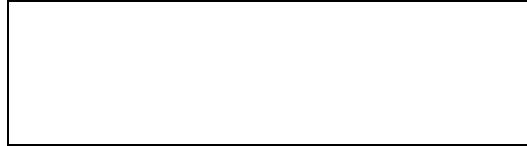
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A Story About Island Lake — Part 6



Tom Leith's house on Island Lake

Word was out, March 1922, Mr. Tom Leith was in touch with Governor Groesbeck regarding the state leasing (for five years) the Michigan Military Academy site for a state park. A month later Brighton is buzzing with the news the governor was expected to arrive soon to close the deal.

Harvey S. Jacobs, the Argus editor, could hardly contain his enthusiasm about the possibilities of growth for Brighton City with a state park at Island Lake in its proximity. May 10, 1922, Governor Groesbeck saw to the signing of the papers making the deal official. Jacobs continued that included in the agreement are "The athletic field of the Michigan Military Academy" (to include a quarter mile track with a 220 foot straightaway with a football field in the center. Two baseball fields will be laid out and nine tennis courts) "...three acres of grove...and 65 lots on the south side of the lake near the ice houses...the buildings of the Academy...are to be used and the state has authorized Tom Leith to complete them immediately." (In anticipation of 2000 bathers and 5000 picnickers.) The main house, later call the Casino, will be decorated and painted on the interior, porches built, a gymnasium on the first level, the lower level will be a bath house.) "Mr. Leith can continue to use the building for his purposes." The reporter pointed out "Mr. Tom Leith was instrumental bringing about this deal with the state. The state is expected to build a gravel road from Grand River to the park." June 14, 1922, "Charlie Conely has the contract for building the piece of state road ... into the state park at Island Lake." That same year

Robert Park of Brighton was appointed superintendent of construction at the State Park site. August 4, 1922, the local press reported that the state is erecting barracks at the park for the purpose of giving Lansing Industrial School's boys a short outing.

From Tom Leith the governor purchased lake frontage on which to build his personal summer home.

Taking heed of his admonitions to local merchants to be mindful of business acuity and possibilities, the first edition of the Island Lake Souvenir is published June 7, 1922, by Argus editor Jacobs, at no charge to property owners and campers. He also notes the governor, the J.O. Hearn Company, photographers, etc., all encourage the publication. The Souvenir provided news of weekly happenings at the lake. Fishing news, sports events, a listing of guests at the Island Lake Hotel, etc. Local merchants: the Stricks Store, ladies merchandise; P.G. Hartman Meat Market; Cline-Boylan, clothiers; Caleb Collett, plumber; F.T. Hyne & Son, lumber; Charles Goucher, realtor; M.L. Pitkin, furniture; all bought space in the new publication. Well diggers, builders, bakers and others also placed ads. The Island Lake Repair Shop at the Lakeview Garage had Sinclair hi-test kerosene for lamps and stoves. News included "...less getting stuck in loose gravel...since the roller and chemicals have been applied."

The state park received 600 park benches, electricity was supplied to cottage owners on the west shore of the lake. "A public drinking fountain is installed in front of the Michigan Military Academy building. The water is pure well water, and the power is from an electric motor."

"Auto Accidents Increase" read the August 25, 1922 issue. "It has been noticed that every Sunday when the traffic was heavier there has been a series of accidents. ...A Ford sedan owned by Detroit parties skidded from the road (Grand River) in the loose gravel near Briggs Lake and started down the steep bank." The car hit a tree "...wrecking the machine" and noting it was the same tree hit the week before. *(To be Continued)*

(Compiled by Marieanna Bair from the Island Lake Souvenir. Additions/corrections requested 810-229-6402.)