



Join the Birthday Party !!

The Brighton Area Historical Society invites all members and friends of Brighton to attend their **35th Birthday Party on Sunday, July 17 from 3:30pm—6:30pm** at the CoBACH Center and on West Street. Outside the Yum Yum Tree Restaurant on West Street there will be fun old-time games for children. These supervised games were popular back in the days of early radio! Treat your children to the simple amusing activities that kept generations of kids busy when there wasn't school!

Adults and kids alike will enjoy the continuous slide shows inside the air conditioned CoBACH Center which will feature many old Brighton photos. Some of the photos will include the Pere Marquette Train Depot, Eastern House Hotel, Hyne Brothers' Mill, Post Offices, Parades on Main Street, Brighton Fire Department, Western House Hotel, Schools and of course the Millpond and Its Famous Ducks!

Cake and Ice Cream will be served. Souvenirs will be given to all. Party balloons for the kids. Share the past with your children and grand children. Great weather is guaranteed!

Immediately following the Birthday Party you can stay and enjoy the music of the famous Kiwanis Millpond Concert and see classic cars of the past parked on Main Street. Enjoy downtown Brighton!

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WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The Brighton Area Historical Society extends sympathy to the family of **Peggy Lou Gage**. Peggy was a long time resident and Society member.

EXHIBITS at CoBACH

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



Through June 30
"G. B. Ratz & Son Hardware"

SAVE THE DATE

July 17

3:30pm—6:30pm

**35th Birthday Party for
the Brighton Area
Historical Society**

**Celebrate at CoBACH and
West Street**

**Cake, slide show of old
Brighton photos, old time
games, souvenirs,
balloons and more.**

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Thanks and Recognition

Memberships:

LIFE: Tom & Bonnie Riutta.

INDIV/FAMILY: Ed Koss*, Barbara Smith, Henry & Mary Lou Winegar.

*Welcome to new member Ed Koss.

THANKS:

- Marieanna Bair, Judith Coebly, Larry Lawrence, Gary Reutter and Jim Vichich for preparing the May issue of Trail Tales for mailing.
- John G. Park and Madeline Kingston-Park for donating to the Old Village Cemetery fund.
- Ed Koss and Henry and Mary Lou Winegar for their donation to the Society Projects fund with their dues.
- Kathy Pearson for an address change from Oregon to Washington.
- Mindy Kinsey, Lin Millar, Lynn Strong and Judith Coebly for the setup of the Ratz & Son Hardware display at CoBACH.
- Betsy & Bob Herbst for memorabilia from Ubers Drugs and Bitten Shell Station donated to BAHs.
- Julius DeChavez of the DeChavez Design Co. for his design work on the new 35th Birthday Logo for the Society. Great job—Julius!
- May Headstone Restoration Team volunteers include Bob Knight, Ed Vitez, Jerry Damon, Bill Dixon, Dave Rebiger, Dave Pettigrove, Bill Goodwin, Larry Lawrence, Dave Fuller, Bob Pettengill, Joe Collins and Jim Vichich.
- CoBACH volunteers for May: Lynn Strong, Joe Collins, Mindy Kinsey, Nancy Fredenburg, Hank Winegar, Larry Lawrence and Jim Vichich.
- The Thursday morning archive preservation volunteers that file local history information include: Jerry Damon, Lin Millar, Peggy Van Sickle, Lynn Strong, Joe Collins, Marieanna Bair, Mindy Kinsey, Larry Lawrence and Jim Vichich.
- The team of Jerry & Carole Damon along with Sheryl Vigmostad and Jim Vichich as they prepare the publication of local historical writings done by Marieanna Bair over the past 30 years. These stories have graced the last page of the monthly newsletter, *Trail Tales*. This softbound book will be available before the end of July and the price will be \$20. This book is a must have for the folks that enjoy our local history.
- Vicki Vichich for providing the tasty soups, muffins and cookies for the 8th Annual Old Village Cemetery Spring Cleanup on Saturday, May 7. Also a shout-out to Lin Millar for making the yummy bread for the meal!
- All the volunteers and DPW workers that did an outstanding civic job at the spring cleanup of the Old Village Cemetery! Stop by and check out this historic, beautiful 1838 cemetery that sits next to the tranquil waters of the mill-pond.

Dates to Remember

June 1-30: CoBACH Center Exhibit, “Ratz & Son Hardware”

June 1,5,8,12,15,22,26,29; 5—8pm: BAHs hosts at CoBACH Center on Sun. and Wed. **CLOSED** Father’s Day, Sunday June 19.

June 2,9,16,23,30; 9am—12nn: Archiving/Open House at Lyon Schoolhouse.

June 3-4 & 10-11: Livingston Players present at CoBACH; 7:30 pm: Will Rogers, “Home Spun Common Sense”. Tickets on sale at www.livplayers.org — \$10 or at the door as space allows.

June 27; 9am—2pm: Old Village Cemetery Headstone Restoration Team meets 4th Monday through October. Set your calendar for: June 27, July 25, Aug. 23, Sept. 26 and Oct. 24.

June 22; 6pm: BAHs Board Meeting at CoBACH.

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 — Jerry & Carole Damon — Emil Engel Nancy Fredenburg — William & Lenore Harris — Betsy & Bob Herbst — Dr. John & Barbara Jacoby (MN) — Larry & Kate Lawrence Seth & Shannon Lemke (TX) — Carol McMacken — Jere & Kay Michaels — James & Janis Miller — 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

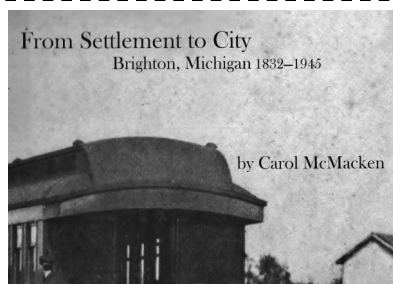
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The BAHS relies on participation of its members and the generosity of its patrons. If you would like to make a donation or become a member, please mail to the address provided on the form below.

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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.

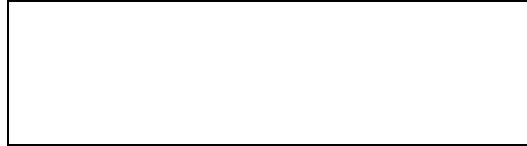
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A Story About Island Lake — Conclusion

Indians, settlers, farmers, ice harvesters, the railroad and depot, the Michigan Militia, Spiritualists, the Michigan Military Academy, hotel/resort owners, dance hall and roller skating rink owners, land developers, homeowners, the state park; all have benefitted by making use of the unique alliance of water, real estate, transportation, commerce and entertainment to be found at Island Lake. All played their part in "A Story About Island Lake".

From a gravel road to being paved, the road named Grand River has given over much of the task to I-96 to arrive at Island Lake. However, paved roads can be slick in cold weather. "Bottled Water Available for Salt Water Residents. Well water in the Fonda Lake area has allegedly been exposed to road salt..." read the January 3, 1979 Brighton Argus headline. The story indicated salt from the nearby MDOT storage facility was the source. A Fonda Lake salt study began which resulted in a state water system for Fonda, Island and Briggs Lakes residents.

Before the railroad made its way across Green Oak Township, merchandise, produce, cattle and people walked, rode horses or horse-drawn conveyances to get to the market in Detroit. (This may be considered a mini-look at how change is continuous and life goes on.)

By 1875, the Detroit, Howell & Lansing Railroad entered the eastern border of Green Oak Township. After a stop at the Green Oak



Station on Silver Lake Road it crossed the Huron and skirted the south end of Island Lake with a station at Academy Drive, the Island Lake Station. Brighton Village became a stop in 1873. For 20+ years the D.H.&L RR carried freight and passengers through the township. The Detroit, Lansing and Northern Railroad used the track in 1895. July 12, 1899, Island Lake became a flag station for all except the two fast trains. By 1910, the Grand Trunk Railroad stopped at Rushton, Island Lake,

Brighton and beyond. By 1915, it was the Pere Marquette. In 1954/59, it was the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad. By 2001 the map indicates it's CSX. These same tracks still carry freight, even as they rumble several miles through the Island Lake Recreation Area. However, Academy Drive no longer takes one over the tracks to Bishop Road.

Although this is the last part of this Story of Island Lake, the documentation of its history must go on. Readers who have information or a story, fact or fiction, to add to the Story of Island Lake are encouraged to contact the Brighton Area Historical Society.

(Compiled by Marieanna Bair from: writings of Bill Pless, interviews of Norma Jean Pless and Nancy Cardle; "Yesteryears of Green Oak" 1830-1930"; "From Settlement to City, Brighton, Michigan 1830-1945" by Carol McMacken; clippings; donated photographs and post cards; Island Lake Recreation Area Manager, Andres Haapala. Additions/corrections requested 810-229-6402.)