



## The Sounds of Army Bugle Commands at CoBACH

Have you ever wondered how orders were given by the officers' during a typical day to the hundreds of soldiers in camp? How about during a battle with the piercing sounds of booming cannon fire and musket rifle blasts? The man whose job was to sound the commanders' orders was the bugler. The bugler played a short tune as a military signal. These signals conveyed the orders during a normal day as well as during a battle where noise and confusion were present.

Please mark your calendar for **Sunday, August 21 at 5PM in the City of Brighton Arts, Culture and History Center located at 202 W. Main next to the Millpond**. Master Bugler Dave Pettigrove will teach and demonstrate the art of sounding bugle commands. This free program is inside the air-conditioned 1879 Old Town Hall now known as the CoBACH Center.

You will know the program has begun as you will recall from old western TV shows the familiar sounds of the tune known as "Assembly." The program will include 85 unique bugle calls and conclude with "Taps." You will also hear Assembly of Buglers, The Reveille, Breakfast Call, Sick Call, Drill Call, Dinner Call, Retreat, Tattoo, The General, Signal of Execution, Halt, The Charge, To the Color, Church Call and many more. The program is very enjoyable and reminiscent.

Mr. Pettigrove plays bugle for the Fifth Michigan Regimental Band, and is the ceremonial bugler for the Sons of Union Veterans Post #120 in Howell.

Dave is retired from the GM Proving Grounds where he used his skills acquired at Vandenberg Air Force Base as a high-speed missile photographer. Dave is also a dedicated member of the BAHS Headstone Restoration Team that restores broken headstones at the Old Village Cemetery in downtown Brighton.

Enjoy summer in downtown Brighton!

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## **EXHIBITS at CoBACH**

Sunday—Friday 5—8pm

Saturday 11am—5pm

Closed Monday

## **CoBACH Display August 1—31**

"Old Brighton Memories:  
Photos and Memorabilia of  
the Past.

Check out photos of downtown Brighton, circa 1910 before there were cars on Grand River Avenue

## **SYMPATHIES OF THE SOCIETY TO THE FAMILIES OF**

**Jack LaBelle**, long time Livingston County Commissioner and member of the Historical Society.

— and —

**Thelma Davis Warner Duncan**, a lifetime resident of the area and member of the Historical Society.

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## Thanks and Recognition

### Memberships:

**LIFE:** Greg & Pamela Park (OH).

**PATRON:** Jack & Heide Clausnitzer.

**INDIV/FAMILY:** Nancy Cardle, Eddie Cord\*, John Rawcliffe\*.

\*Welcome to new members Eddie Cord and John Rawcliffe. New and renewing members keep the Society viable.

- Marieanna Bair, Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Mindy Kinsey, Lin Millar, Lynn Strong, Peggy Van Sickle and Jim Vichich for preparing the July issue of Trail Tales for mailing.
- Pat Franklin and Eddie Cord for their donation to Friends of Lyon School.
- Carole Damon, Mindy Kinsey, Lin Millar and Lynn Strong for the take down and setup of CoBACH displays.
- To our Fourth of July “Rosies” Mindy Kinsey, Lin Millar, Lynn Strong, Peggy Van Sickle and our float drivers Tom Kinsey and Jerry Damon. Also thanks to the Warbirds for the loan of the B-25 Mitchell bomber rudder.
- Kathy Franz for the donation of her mother’s wedding dress.
- Phyllis Kerslake for the donation of two Reetz music books.
- Loretta Murray and Luanne Wilson for the donation of the GM “Grinding” newsletters belonging to their father, Tom Nelson.
- Mary Randles for the donation of children’s clothing from the Civil War through the 1950s.
- To all who helped make our 35th Birthday special. They include Marieanna Bair, Joanne Bellmard, Joe Collins, Jerry & Carole Damon, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Bob & Shirley Knight, Clark & Lin Millar, Tom Reinke, Lynn Strong, Peggy Van Sickle, Jim Vichich and Sheryl Vigmostad.
- Julius DeChavez of the DeChavez Design Co. for his design work on the new 35th Birthday Logo for the Society. Thank you for your touch—Julius!.
- June Headstone Restoration Team volunteers include Bob Knight, Ed Vitez, Jerry Damon, Dave Rebigier, Dave Pettigrove, Bill Dixon, Bill Goodwin, Larry Lawrence, Dave Fuller, Dave Pettengill, Joe Collins, John Park and Jim Vichich.
- CoBACH volunteers for July: Lin Millar, Nancy Fredenburg, Lynn Strong, Joe Collins, Mindy Kinsey, Larry Lawrence and Jim Vichich.
- Thursday morning archivists who meet from 9am until noon at Lyon School for work then recreate offsite for lunch from noon to 1:30pm: Marieanna Bair, Lynn Strong, Jerry Damon, Lin Millar, Peggy Van Sickle, Joe Collins, Mindy Kinsey, Larry Lawrence and Jim Vichich. Both sessions are very enjoyable!

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## Dates to Remember

**August 1—31:** CoBACH Center Exhibit, FREE! Old Brighton Memories: Photos and Memorabilia of the Past. Very cool old downtown photos from about 1910 that are 30” x 48”. Great chance to check out downtown photos before there were cars!

**August 3,7,10,14,17,21,24,28,31; 5—8pm:** BAHs hosts at CoBACH Center on Sunday and Wednesday.

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

**August 21: CoBACH Center, 5pm—6pm, FREE!** Military bugle presentation by Dave Pettigrove from the Sons of the Union Veterans Camp 120 in Howell. Dave will explain and play many of the different bugle commands that allowed soldiers to hear their commanders’ orders during a typical day in camp or in times of battle when noise and confusion was present.

**August 22; 9am—2pm:** Old Village Cemetery Headstone Restoration Day. Team meets 4th Monday through October. Set your calendar for: August 22, Sept. 26 and Oct. 24.

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## 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) Larry & Kate Lawrence — Seth & Shannon Lemke (TX) — Carol McMacken — Jere & Kay Michaels — James & Janis Miller 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

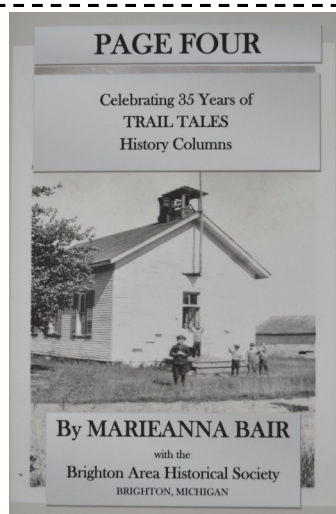
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The BAHS relies on participation of its members and the generosity of its patrons. If you would like to make a donation or become a member, please mail to the address provided on the form below.

<b>Mail check or money order payable to:</b> Brighton Area Historical Society P. O. Box 481 Brighton, MI 48116-0481			<b>Name:</b> _____		<b>Phone:</b> (    )    —
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### A NEW BOOK FROM THE BAHS

A selected compilation of the columns Marieanna Bair has written faithfully over the past 35 years. The reader will encounter here a glimpse of the merchants that plied their trade. You will also meet the farmers and local residents who walked the streets, worked the farms, worshiped in the local churches, and recreated along the plentiful Brighton area lakes for the past 150 years.

This book can be found at Lawrence Autobody and CoBACH Center or by calling 810-250-7276. Cost \$20

### 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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**[www.brightonareahistorical.com](http://www.brightonareahistorical.com)**

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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**



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## Spencer Road

William Noble registered his Noble's Plat (Brighton Township SE 1/4, Section 30 and NW 1/4, Section 31) at the county recorder's office in 1837. Lot numbers were depicted on each rectangular lot. One also finds streets named: Nelson, Temple, Beaver, Liberty, Cushing, Water, Meadow and Cross Streets, each of which crossed the Grand River Trail north of Fitch Street (Main Street). South of Fitch were North, Dutcher, and Noble Streets all crossing the Trail, notwithstanding Ore Creek meanders through some of them. East and West Streets, crossing Fitch Street (Section line between Sections 30 and 31.) were a block east and west of, and parallel to, the Grand River Trail. (Speculators tried to make their plats look as complete and developed as possible to encourage sales back east.)

Local historian Bill Pless notes that Charles Spencer lived on the Northeast corner of the Grand River Road and Church Street intersection and perhaps had a business office there. Charles Spencer was a partner of David Thompson in the Globe Iron Works, a furnace and foundry in a brick building (c. 1856) they built at the southeast corner of Grand River and North Streets. "Here they manufactured various agricultural implements: plows, drags, cultivators, wheelbarrows, etc. A ten horse-power steam engine supplied the power and they found a ready market for their products in the community and in adjacent counties." Pless surmises "...He was credited with contributing to the development of the village. When the name of what had been Noble Street in 1859 was changed, they named it Spencer Road to honor him." The 1915 map still uses 'Noble' for the first two blocks. Charles Spencer was the Village School District Director in 1840. (He and wife Mary had seven children.) He was also a charter member of the Livingston County Agricultural Society and a charter member of the Masonic Lodge #42 in 1851. By 1877 he has moved to Handy Township serving as Clerk and Trustee in Fowlerville, and a member of the local cornet band in 1877.

A possible ('probably' per Pless) brother, John also bought property c. 1838, on top of the hill (Noble Street). He is noted as a merchant living with Freeman Fish in a boarding house. Both Charles and John are recorded as buying various parcels of land in the county and within a year or two selling that property. John's wife Lucy, taught in the Village School in 1856 and 1857. Organized in 1854, the Brighton Methodist Episcopal Church had among its first trustees John Spencer. He was also a charter member of the Brighton Masonic Lodge #42. John died "... during the war of the rebellion" January 11, 1864, and is buried in the Old Village Cemetery. Lucy returned to New York.

When Noble registered his plat in 1837, Noble Street was one block long. By 1854 it was extended east following a trail north about one mile then east one mile to Van Amburg Road, ending at that point. Not until the 1915 plat map does one find it extended three-quarters of a mile to Pleasant Valley Road and then continuing two and a half miles east to Labadie Road in Oakland County. That three-quarter mile was platted through land owned by Cyrenus Morgan, F.J. Lacount (New York land speculator), Samuel M. Conely and William S. Conely. Did these farmers object to giving up a considerable piece of land for the road to continue on to Pleasant Valley Road? One would assume so. Each would lose about 30 feet along three-quarters mile of their farms. That could be considered quite a chunk; and then continue to pay taxes on it also. Landowners are charged taxes to the middle of any road on their border.

(Compiled by Marieanna Bair from Bill Pless writings; 1880 History of Livingston County; census records; Milton Charboneau's "Early Landowners and Settlers of Livingston County". Additions/corrections requested 810-229-6402.)