



## Veterans' Day Program — Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

The Brighton Area Historical Society and Sons of the Union Veterans, Camp 120 will hold their annual Old Village Cemetery Program for Civil War soldiers on **Saturday, November 11 from 11:45am — 12:15pm.**

A solemn procedure will dedicate a new government headstone for Civil War soldier, Private William Dennison. This new marker will join the other two government headstones for siblings Lt. Charles Dennison and Pvt. Hiram Dennison.

A solemn procedure will also rededicate the restored family headstone for Civil War soldier Corp. John Platt.

Please join us as the Color Guard for the Sons of the Union Camp 120 leads all participants through the entrance gates into the Old Village Cemetery. This will commence at approximately 11:45am at the conclusion of the program at the Brighton Veterans' Memorial.

The regular veterans' Day Program will start at 11am with the American Legion Parade down Main Street to the Brighton Veterans' Memorial.

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### EXHIBITS at CoBACH

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

### CoBACH Display October

“How Sweet It Was”  
DeLuca's”

Take a step back in time and revisit the DeLuca Sweet Shop on Main Street.

**FREE Exhibit**

### CHECK OUT FACEBOOK

Daily postings regarding  
Brighton History.

**Brighton Area Historical  
Society**

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## Thanks and Recognition

### MEMBERSHIPS:

**IND/FAMILY:** Richard & Barb Briggs\* (2018), Dave & Marilyn Pettigrove (2018), Barbara Smith (2018)

\*Welcome to new members Richard & Barb Briggs.

Our Annual Membership Drive begins next month. Please consider renewing your membership, or becoming a new member.

### THANKS TO:

- Marieanna Bair, Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Mindy Kinsey, Norma Pless, Lynn Strong, and Jim Vichich for preparing the September issue of Trail Tales for mailing.
- Joe Collins, Jerry & Carole Damon, Tom & Mindy Kinsey and Lynn Strong for the setup at CoBACH of the DeLuca Sweet Shop.
- Carolina, Josephine (DeLvero) and Frank DeLuca for their stories about the Sweet Shop and the loan of the DeLuca Sweet Shop items for display at CoBACH.
- Dan & Anna Oginsky (2017) and the Brighton Masonic Lodge (2016) for their generosity in becoming \$1000 Platinum Level Sponsors for Brighton Area Historical Society.
- Looking for information about Brighton? Visit the archivists on Thursday mornings at the Lyon Schoolhouse from 9—11:59am. The volunteers include: Marieanna Bair, Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Mindy Kinsey, Larry Lawrence, Lin Millar, Norma Pless, Lynn Strong, Peggy Van Sickle, and Jim Vichich. We close promptly at noon and head for a fun talkative lunch at a local restaurant. You are welcome to join us!
- CoBACH volunteers for September include: Joe Collins, Nancy Fredenburg, Bob Hill, Mindy Kinsey, Larry Lawrence, Lin Millar, Norma Pless, Bonnie Riutta, Lynn Strong, Peggy Van Sickle and Jim Vichich.
- Volunteers of the BAHS Headstone Preservation Team for their August work in the Old Village Cemetery of lifting, aligning and leveling headstones: Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Dave Fuller, Bob Hill, Mike Johnson, Mindy Kinsey, Bob Knight, Bob Pettengill, Dave Pettigrove, John Rawcliffe, Dave & Aiden Rebiger, Pat Smith and Jim Vichich.
- Thanks and appreciation to the snowbirds that update the Society with new addresses and the months they will be gone.

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## Dates to Remember

**CoBACH Center Exhibit — FREE!! October:** “How Sweet It Was”: DeLuca’s Sweet Shop Memories.

**October 1,4,5,8,11,12,15,18,19,22,25,26,29; 5pm—8pm:** BAHS hosts at CoBACH Center on Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday.

**October 5,12,19,26; 9am—12nn:** Archiving/Open House at Lyon Schoolhouse. Come join us and share your Brighton memories.

**October 23; 9am—2:30pm:** Old Village Cemetery Headstone Restoration Day. Last scheduled workday of 2017!

**October 25; 6pm:** BAHS Board meeting at CoBACH Center.

### November 11, Veterans’ Day

11:00 Main St. Parade by American Legion with National Anthem

11:15—11:45: Brighton Veterans’ Memorial Program

11:45—12:15: New government headstone installation for Pvt. William Dennison; Rededication for restored headstone for Corp. John Platt.

**November 19:** BAHS Annual Meeting at Lyon Schoolhouse; election of officers and Board of Directors.

1—2pm: Pot Luck

2:15—4pm: Membership meeting with elections.

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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) — Jack & Heide Clausnitzer — 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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## 2017 Sponsorships

**Platinum Level:** Masonic Lodge No. 247 — Dan & Anna Oginsky

## 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.

<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>Address:</b> _____ <b>City:</b> _____ <b>State:</b> _____ <b>Zip Code:</b> _____ <b>E-Mail:</b> _____	<b>Phone:</b> ( ) —
<b>Membership Plan:</b> <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		
<b>Donation to—Check One:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Friend of Lyon School <input type="checkbox"/> BAHS CoBACH Events <input type="checkbox"/> Old Village Cemetery Fund		
<b>Amount of Donation:</b> <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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The BAHS sponsorship program has the following levels with the associated annual funding gifts. Sponsors will receive recognition through the Trail Tails newsletter and through sponsorship placards located at the City of Brighton Arts, Culture and History (CoBACH) Center (aka Old Town Hall) and the Lyon One-room Schoolhouse.

#### Annual Sponsor levels are:

**Platinum — \$1,000+;    Gold — \$500+;    Silver — \$250+;    Bronze — \$100+**

If you would like to become a sponsor or have a question, please contact:

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### BAHS Leadership 2017

President <b>Jim Vichich</b>	Directors <b>Joe Collins</b>
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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.

### BAHS: How to Contact Us or Find Us

If you would like to contact us, please use the following options:

**E-Mail:**  
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(810) 250-7276

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Brighton Area Historical Society  
P. O. Box 481  
Brighton, MI 48116-0481

#### 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.

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**Brighton Area Settlers Valued Education — Part 2**

Both Isaac Crary, Michigan’s first Congressman, and John D. Pierce, Michigan’s first Superintendent of Public Instruction (the first such position in the nation) had studied Victor Cousin’s Report on the Prussian System of Education and were convinced of the validity and soundness of the three degrees promulgated. It consisted of the primary, secondary (high school), and instruction received in a university. To assure the establishment of a university, the Michigan Constitution provided for funds for the support of such an institution of high learning. Pierce, proposed to the Legislature the formation of the University of Michigan. This resulted in the March 18, 1837 founding of the University of Michigan.

As the first state in the nation, along with Kentucky, to appoint a State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Michigan’s new Constitution, 1835, mandated this independent department of education be under the State Superintendent. The Constitution also included provisions for forfeiture of state financial aid in the event a school district neglected to provide education for the required three months. This forced communities to provide school facilities.

Constitutions of states formed later than Michigan included a similar stipulation. Michigan can also take credit as the first state to include a clause in the Constitution to provide for state libraries.

The townships formed were to be responsible for the expense of education from the sale of each township’s Section 16, the ‘school’ section, at \$1.25 an acre. This income, and the occasional fraudulent dealings on the part of officials, proved insufficient. The expense of their children’s education fell to the parents to pay the teacher. Therefore, many settlers could not afford to educate their children. In 1837, the State of Michigan

became responsible for education instead of the townships. Individual school districts could also authorize school taxes. However, wealthy landowners could, and often did, vote down school taxes.

When Primary rural school districts (1-8 grades) were organized the boundaries were often irregular. The distance to be walked from home determined which district a student attended. Residents of a district banded together and built log school houses. Often a farmer would donate an acre on which it would be built, for as long as the site was used as a school. Farmers brought logs cut to size and shape. A stone foundation supported the walls which were erected within a day or two. Openings were prepared, which could be covered with scraped deer hide to let in some light until glass could arrive from Detroit or Ann Arbor. A door made from lumber sawed at a nearby mill (Maltby, Woodruff, etc.) could be attached with leather straps until hinges were made by a local blacksmith.

To be continued...

(Compiled by Marieanna Bair from: Bill Pless writings; “Michigan — A History of the Wolverine State” by Willis F. Dunbar and George S. May. Additions/corrections requested 810-229-6402.)