

Brighton Bicentennial Parade — 1976

Celebrate Brighton's 150th Anniversary in 2017!

Get your calendar out right now — record **Sunday, August 13** as the primary day to celebrate our city's sesquicentennial! Share this information with your church members, morning coffee buddies, scout leaders, teachers, PTO friends, family vacation planners, classmates, out-of-town family and friends of Brighton! We need you to join in the spirit of 2017 Brighton.

In March 1867 the community of Brighton located within Brighton Township became the Village of Brighton. It is proper to celebrate the spirit of Brighton and its early families who struggled to create this wonderful village along the Grand River Indian Trail within the banks of Ore Creek which meanders through town.

August 13 will be a day of family fun! A community picnic at 1pm taking place within the beautiful grounds of the Old Village Cemetery next to the millpond is being investigated. The Brighton Area Historical Society will have several different tours of the Old Village Cemetery taking place during the afternoon. There will be a brand new self-guided tour of the gravesites of the (45) Civil War soldiers buried in this tranquil setting. The tour booklets will provide detailed information on the life of that soldier.

Another tour will have 8-12 reenactors at different gravesites. Each person will be dressed in their unique period clothing. You will learn about their lives and experiences as they matured in Brighton and were influenced by the growth and industrialization of the late 1800s.

The Society will have a Special 150th Exhibit inside the City of Brighton Arts, Culture and History Center. Many early Brighton photos will be exhibited. You will enjoy many of these photos showing Main Street with horses and wagons and no cars. Main Street will be closed for the Kiwanis classic car show around 5pm. The Millpond Park and surrounding areas will be filled with music and music lovers as the Sunday evening Kiwanis concert opens at 7pm.

Stay tuned for more information as the Summer Solstice approaches.

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EXHIBITS at CoBACH

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

CoBACH Display February "Civil War"



CoBACH Display March—May "World War I"

CHECK OUT FACEBOOK

Daily postings regarding
Brighton History.

Brighton Area Historical Society

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Thanks and Recognition

Memberships:

PATRON: Kathy Alrubaiy, Phyllis Kerslake, Tom & Mindy Kinsey, Bob & Shirley Knight, Ray Moses.

BUS/PROF: Champ's Pub, Davis Multimedia, Inc., Power House Electric, Inc.*.

FAM/INDIV: Tim Bennett, Judith Coebly & Gary Reutter, John Curry, Carolina DeLuca (2019), Tony & Beth Ferreyra (2018), Richard Hyne, Helen Leitz, Beverly LaBelle, Susan Lanning, Mike Lenninger & Kathy Partridge, R. Ted Miller, Bob & Cathy Padget, Parsons Family, Tedd & Linda Potter, Tom Reinke, Paul & Cindy Sawallich, Jim & Sandee Simmons*, Ralph & Susan Skwarski, William & Georgina Valliencourt, Shirley Warren (2018), Robert Wilkinson.

*Welcome to new members: Power House Electric, Inc., and Jim and Sandee Simmons.

THANKS TO:

- Brighton Masonic Lodge 247 for their generosity in becoming a 2017 Platinum Level Sponsor for the Headstone Preservation Program at the Old Village Cemetery.
- The life-long members whose donations enable historic preservation programs to continue. The restoration of Old Village Cemetery and its many broken headstones could not occur without this generosity. The support of the City of Brighton and its staff, both financial and physical, has helped to establish a great working relationship.
- Marieanna Bair, Jeanette Johnson, Bob & Shirley Knight, Jane Tomlinson and Jim Vichich for preparing the January issue of Trail Tales for mailing.
- John Curry for his donation to Society Archives with his dues payment.
- Carolina DeLuca and Tony & Beth Ferreyra for donating to the Old Village Cemetery Fund with their dues payment.
- Helen Leitz, the Parsons Family and Tedd & Linda Potter for their donations to Friends of Lyon School with their dues payment.
- Mike Lenninger & Kathy Partridge, Robert Wilkinson and Linda Wintermute for their donations to CoBACH Events with their dues payment.
- Jack Horvich (NE) for his donation in memory of Bert Bair.
- Aaron & Meghan (Hubbs) Bair for their donation in honor of Marieanna Bair.
- Judith Coebly & Gary Reutter for their donation to the Society along with their dues.
- Lisa Bohlen for donating Canopy items to the Society.
- Mindy Kinsey, Lin Millar and Judith Coebly for setting up the Civil War display at CoBACH.
- Richard Hyne for bringing several family photos to Lyon School so they could be scanned.
- The folks of Brighton who strive to preserve and share history every Thursday morning at the Lyon Schoolhouse: Marieanna Bair, Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Mindy Kinsey, Larry Lawrence, Lin Millar, Lynn Strong, Peggy Van Sickle, and Jim Vichich.
- The many volunteers working alongside board members that believe history of our community is important and needs to be preserved and shared. Your time at the Old Village Cemetery, Lyon Schoolhouse, CoBACH Center and/or at home putting together programming is a tremendous gift to the Brighton community!
- The businesses and individuals along with families that have sent in their 2017 dues.

Dates to Remember

CoBACH Center Exhibits — FREE!!

February: Civil War; March—May: World War I

February 1,5,8,12,15,19,22,26; 5pm—8pm: BAHS hosts at CoBACH Center on Sunday and Wednesday.

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

February 22; 6pm: BAHS Board Meeting at CoBACH Center.

March 11; 9am—4pm: Brighton Antique Show at old Hartland HS gymnasium sponsored by Brighton Masonic Lodge. Admission \$4/ea, information 810-882-1760.

May 29; 9am—1pm: Memorial Day Special Civil War Exhibit at CoBACH Center.

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

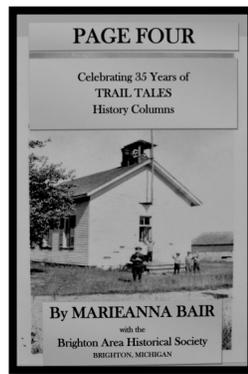
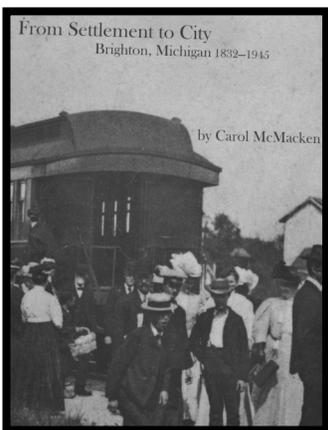
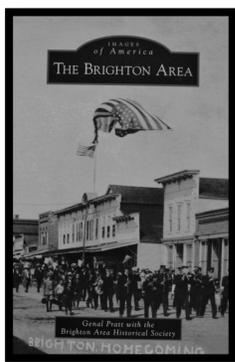
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The BAHS relies on participation of its members and the generosity of its patrons. If you would like to make a donation or become a member, please mail to the address provided on the form below.

Mail check or money order payable to: Brighton Area Historical Society P. O. Box 481 Brighton, MI 48116-0481		Name: _____	Phone: () _____
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BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE BAHS

The books above can be purchased at Lawrence Autobody, the CoBACH Center or by calling 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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Early Roads in Genoa Township — Fishbeck and Seim Roads

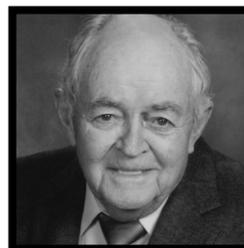
When were signs for rural roads first erected? Perhaps it can be assumed it was when Rural Free Delivery (RFD) was established? Mail carriers were then delivering mail by horse and buggy. During the 1930s, for proper delivery of statements, house numbers were probably applied by Detroit Edison. In the neighborhoods of six-eight miles it seems likely the names of residents were known and one might refer to "They lived next to the Seims" and that became Seim Road, or Fishbeck Road? These roads can still be found on the most recent Livingston County map.

In 1859, between Sections 15 and 16 in Genoa Township, Fishbeck Road followed a northeast course from Crooked Lake Road to Grand River Road about a half mile west of Dorr Road. Until the 1960s' construction of I-96 closed Fishbeck about 3/4 mile south of Grand River, it had meandered its way in a circuitous route around wetlands and creeks.

The Freeman and Jemima Fishbeck family first purchased 160 acres in Section 21, October 23, 1835. By 1865, 200 acres were in their name. A brother, Jacob Jr., arrived shortly after and purchased 120 acres in Section 15. Other family members also bought land in the area. The Fishbecks were industrious farmers who originated in Holland and had large families. Water from Crooked Lake was used for drinking, bathing, washing clothes, for livestock and (logically with a Holland heritage) for ice skating. Members of this family recognized their responsibility to the governing of their township. Charles served as Supervisor, 1868-1871 and again in 1875. William served as Treasurer in 1871-72. At least six members of the Fishbeck family are buried in the Chilson Cemetery about one mile away.

January 1, 1863, John Sr. and Eliza Seim, living in New York, purchased 160 acres in Section 20, Genoa Township. It is c. 1870 when they arrive in Genoa and an adjoining 80 acres is acquired. The property is intersected diagonally by Chilson Road. One can safely assume they were among the many who purchased Michigan land as a speculative venture. As well as other early settlers, the Seims had to deal with wildlife on occasion. The October 19, 1883 issue of the Fowlerville Review reported: "A large black bear was seen near Joseph Seim's in Genoa, Thursday night last. A party with dogs started in pursuit of the animal, but failed to capture him." It can also be noted that by 1879, John Seim is serving as township Treasurer. In 1895, Seim Road, a half mile long, extends east from Chilson Road to near Crooked Lake. By then the health benefits of rural recreation were being nationally touted. Nearby Crooked Lake was beginning to develop into an ideal recreation site.

(Compiled by Marieanna Bair from: 1880 History of Livingston County; "Early Landowners" by Milton Charboneau; local history writings by Bill Pless; Historical Society Archives. Additions/corrections requested 810-229-6402.)



SYMPATHIES OF THE SOCIETY TO THE FAMILY OF Bernie Corrigan. Long time resident of Brighton and Life Member of the Society.