



Cheryl Stockwell Academy Volunteers 2016



Volunteers 2016

Restoration Day at Old Village Cemetery, Saturday, May 6

Brighton's oldest cemetery is due for its annual grounds restoration on **Saturday, May 6 from 9am—Noon**. This will be the Ninth Annual Spring Day of Restoration as we prepare all the gravesites including those of United States Veterans for the upcoming Memorial Day remembrance.

This is a wonderful opportunity to donate a Saturday morning to assist in such a worthwhile effort. Helping to enrich your hometown with community involvement is an important civic public service. Please feel free to bring your school-age children.

There have been tremendous joint efforts by many to improve the appearance of this burial ground. The initial proposal by the Brighton Area Historical Society in 2009 was graciously embraced by the former City Manager, Dana Foster.

Prior to the pitch, some may remember that the cemetery was locked closed all day to any visitors. Brush and weed trees totally encompassed the cemetery's perimeter making it impossible to see into the grounds. Many headstones around the perimeter were covered by brush and impossible to see.

Today you will see beautiful grounds that are under the canopy of mature trees. As you gaze down on the millpond from Brighton's 1838 cemetery, you will enjoy viewing the glistening diamonds of light that reflect off the gentle waves of the water. The early founders of Brighton indeed selected a beautiful setting for the burial grounds of family and friends. The cemetery is open to all during the daylight hours.

Please join us to continue the transformation on May 6. Bring work gloves and a lawn rake. The recent winds removed the leaves from the ground, but left small broken branches everywhere. You will be guaranteed a wonderful feeling when you are done!

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EXHIBITS at CoBACH

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

CoBACH Display
April — June
"World War I"



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**Brighton Area Historical
Society**

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Thanks and Recognition

MEMBERSHIPS:

BUS/PROF: Clark Eye Center.

PATRON: Margo Metzger, Norma Jean Pless.

FAM/INDIV: Caren Biermann, David & Jacque Fuller and Yvonne Taylor.

Dues-paying, donation-making and participating members keep this historical society viable.

THANKS TO:

- Marieanna Bair, Jeanette Johnson, Bob & Shirley Knight, and Jim Vichich for preparing the March newsletter for mailing.
- Caren Biermann for her donation with her dues.
- Margo Metzger for her donation to the Old Village Cemetery project with her dues.
- Dan and Anna Oginsky and the Brighton Masonic Lodge for their generosity in becoming 2017 \$1,000 Platinum Level Sponsors for Brighton Area Historical Society.
- City of Brighton Town Council, Mayor and City Manager for their generous 2017 donation of \$2,000 to assist with expenses for repair work and restoration of the broken headstones in the Old Village Cemetery. BAHS Headstone Restoration Team is starting year 5 and has volunteered 1790 hours over 4 years and restored 127 broken headstones. If these trained professionals charged for their talented work at \$40/hour their invoiced bill would exceed \$70,000.
- Dick and Mary Hutchins for the loan of WWI items for the current CoBACH display.
- The DDA that works to improve the downtown and to make our city a destination for guests. Their focus on the arts and history are appreciated.
- CoBACH volunteers for March include Joe Collins, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Bob and Shirley Knight, Larry Lawrence, Lin Millar, Norma Jean Pless, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.
- The fun-loving archivists who volunteer to preserve and share history every Thursday morning from 9am—12noon at the Lyon Schoolhouse: Marieanna Bair, Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Val Haggerty, Mindy Kinsey, Larry Lawrence, Lin Millar, Lynn Strong, Peggy Van Sickle and Jim Vichich. Join us and share a story from the past. At noon we close up and head for a fun talkative lunch at a local restaurant.

Dates to Remember

CoBACH Center Exhibits — FREE!!

April — June: World War I

April 2,5,6,9,12,13,19,20,23,26,27; 5pm—8pm: BAHS hosts at CoBACH Center on Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday. **CLOSED Easter Sunday, April 16.**

April 6,13,20,27; 9am—12nn: Archiving/Open House at Lyon Schoolhouse.

April 26; 6pm: BAHS Board Meeting at CoBACH Center.

May 6; 9am—12 Noon: Old Village Cemetery 9th Annual Spring Cleanup. Your help is needed! Bring work gloves and a lawn rake.

May 22; 9am—2:30pm: Old Village Cemetery Headstone Restoration Day #1—2017.

May 29; 9am—1pm: Memorial Day Special Civil War Exhibit at CoBACH Center. **(FREE)** Two private collectors display museum quality guns, uniforms, swords and more.

August 13; 1pm—10pm: Brighton 150th Anniversary Celebration. Record on your calendar! Don't miss!

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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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<small>The Brighton Area Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization . All donations are tax deductible.</small>			



BRIGHTON 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. AUGUST 13: Noon—10pm

Record on your calendar! Don't miss! Community picnic on Main Street, Free cemetery tours, Old Town skilled trade exhibits, Civil War music by the 5th Regimental Band, Kids games, Kiwanis concert with 50 Amp Fuse Band and a special **LASER SHOW on Main Street across the millpond.**

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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 — Euler and Kellogg Roads

In 1835, John Euler, Sr., sons Peter and John Jr., and nephew Jacob took up land in Sections 11 and 12 in Genoa Township. A year later sons Henry and Lawrence arrived from the east. All had immigrated to the United States in 1828 from Germany.

Euler Road, about 1-1/4 miles long, stretches from the Grand River Trail north to McClements, through Section 12.

In 1837, Lawrence Euler bought an acre of land from Thomas and Abigail Pinckney for \$10, at the south end of Euler Road on the south side of Grand River Trail. Here he built a log store and tavern, one of the first business ventures in the township, the Dutch Inn. He also built a frame barn nearby to stable travelers' horses and the team which drew freight wagons and stagecoaches. The log tavern burned in the 1880s and a two story frame store, with living quarters at the rear and upstairs, took its place. Not only could one pick up one's mail (for a time), groceries, water for your thirsty horse, the automobile radiator or yourself from the dipper in the bucket, there was usually a table for a game of cards. One could learn of a home-made remedy for whatever troubled you; bruises, boils, sprains, fever and even minor surgery to remove a sliver or to sew up cuts.

Many lonesome young women, remembering the warm, comfortable, well-stocked cupboards, and the many friends left behind in the east, walked for miles just to see other people and enjoy the excitement of the arrival of the stagecoach. The Dutch Grocery (Inn) had a variety of owners before burning, February 19, 1947.

Kellogg Road proceeds north from Grand River to M-59 in Oceola Township, four plus miles.

David and Eliza Kellogg, of whom both parents had been born in eastern states, arrived in Livingston County in the 1840s with three year-old daughter, Mary. They purchased 80 acres in Section 1 and 80 in Section 2, April 26, 1847, in Genoa Township. The 1859 plat map indicates their home in Section 1. By 1875, the rural Kellogg School, District Fr.#2, is located on the southwest corner of Kellogg and Golf Club Roads. As was often the case, it is probable the Kelloggs donated that corner for use as a school.

February 24, 1853, the Livingston County Agricultural Society was formed. This organization was "...for the encouragement and enhancement of agriculture, manufactures and the mechanical arts." During the first fair, held in Brighton, October 6, 1853, prizes were given for field crops, cattle, horses, sheep, swine, poultry, butter, cheese, sugar and honey, etc. It can be assumed David Kellogg participated since he was a member in good standing. Five more children were born to David and Eliza.

In the mid 1950s the Free Press Fresh Air Camp was located on the east side of Kellogg Road, Section 11, followed by the Detroit Recreation Camp and later by the Chaldean Camp.

Both Kellogg and Euler Roads host a large variety of professional, financial, retail and commercial developments at their junction with Grand River.

With the advent of Rural Free Delivery (RFD), roads were named for local early residents for mail delivery.

(Compiled by Marieanna Bair from: writings of Bill Pless; "Early Landowners..." by Milton Charboneau; plat maps and census records. Additions/corrections requested 810-229-6402.)