

## Brighton Weekly Argus. AND GAZETTE.

Section A

### Old Fashioned Games

#### Potato Sack Race

1:30pm

Hop your way to a big win!

#### 3 Legged Race

2:00pm

Grab a partner and race to the finish!

#### Watermelon Eating Contest!

2:30pm

Who can eat their watermelon the fastest? Let's find out!

Join us in the Old Village Cemetery!

### BRIGHTON'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY! SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2017

#### Afternoon Events • 12-4pm

##### Community Picnic

\$1.00 Hot Dogs, \$0.50 Chips & \$0.50 Water  
\$1.50 for all three!

Birthday Cake Pops at 3pm

##### Old Town Village

Blacksmith, trapper, farming equipment, carpentry, miniature timber frame barn, and domestic items from centuries past

#### Tours in the Old Village Cemetery: 3—4pm

#### Historic Displays at the CoBACH Center

Carnival Midway Games

##### Performers

Michigan 5th Regiment Band in the Gazebo • 1-2pm

Dancers • Strolling Singers

##### Vintage Photo Booth

##### Car Show

Vintage cars & boats, a display of WW2 objects presented by the *Warbirds of Glory*, and more!

Quilt Show at St. Paul's • 1-4pm

#### Evening Events • 5-10pm

Kiwanis Car Show • 5-10pm

Kiwanis Mill Pond Concert • 7-9:30pm

Featuring 50 AMP Fuse

Laser Light Show • 9:30pm

*All Events on Main Street and Mill Pond Park Unless Noted*

### EXHIBITS at CoBACH

Sunday—Friday 5—8pm

Saturday 11am—5pm

Closed Monday

### CoBACH Display August

“Brighton’s 150th Birthday”

See large photos of Brighton before cars on Main St.

See Business memorabilia from the past

See special exhibit of Brighton’s Victorian Silhouettes.

### CHECK OUT FACEBOOK

Daily postings regarding Brighton History.

**Brighton Area Historical Society**

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Collaborative  
Community  
Art Project

12-4pm



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## Thanks and Recognition

### MEMBERSHIPS:

Thanks to all of our members. Renewing and new members keep the Society vital. See Page 3 if you would like to join the Society.

### THANKS TO:

- Marieanna Bair, Joe Collins, Jennie Hill, Mindy Kinsey, Norma Jean Pless, Lynn Strong, Peggy Van Sickle and Jim Vichich for preparing the July issue of Trail Tales for mailing.
- Mindy Kinsey, Lynn Strong and Peggy Van Sickle for taking down the June CoBACH display and setting up the current CoBACH display.
- The Fourth of July folks that dressed in 1800s dresses and vests and those that helped win the “Most Patriotic” float in the parade: Marieanna Bair, Joe Collins, Carole & Jerry Damon, Lee Gough, Mindy & Tom Kinsey, Shirley Knight, Lin Millar, Norma Jean Pless, Lynn Strong, Peggy Van Sickle and Jim Vichich.
- Hansel Keene at the Veterans’ Services in Livingston County for his help in getting new medallions for the veterans’ grave sites in the Old Village Cemetery.
- Rich Hyne for sharing family photos to scan and donating a DVD showing old images of Brighton.
- Jim Dunham, class of 1965 for donating Brighton memorabilia from his wife’s family.
- Dan and Anna Oginsky (2017) and the Brighton Masonic Lodge (2016) for their generosity in becoming \$1000 Platinum Level Sponsors for Brighton Area Historical Society.
- Our webmaster, Debbie Armstrong, for her valuable donation of talent and time to update our website and for installing the QR code pages for the downtown exhibit called “Brighton’s Victorian Silhouettes”.
- 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 Jean 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 July include: Joe Collins, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Larry Lawrence, Norma Jean Pless, Lynn Strong, Peggy Van Sickle and Jim Vichich. These volunteers work as docents at the CoBACH Center from 5—8pm on Sundays and Wednesdays. Additional volunteers needed for Thursdays 5—8pm in September and October.
- Volunteers of the BAHS Headstone Preservation Team for their June work in the Old Village Cemetery of lifting, aligning and leveling headstones: Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Dave Fuller, Mindy Kinsey, Bob Knight, Jim Ireton, Bob Pettengill, Dave Pettigrove, Pat Smith, Ed Vitez, Dick Weaire and Jim Vichich.

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## Dates to Remember

**CoBACH Center Exhibit — FREE!! August:** Brighton’s 150th Birthday. (See Front Page of Trail Tales for additional information.)

**August 3,10,17,24,31; 9am—12nn:** Archiving/Open House at Lyon Schoolhouse.

**August 2,6,9,13,16,20,23,27,30; 5pm—8pm:** BAHS hosts at CoBACH Center on Sunday and Wednesday.

**August 28; 9am—2:30pm:** Old Village Cemetery Headstone Restoration Day. Additional 2017 dates: Sept. 25, October 23.

**August 23; 6pm:** BAHS Board meeting at CoBACH Center.

**August 13; 12 noon—10pm:** Brighton 150th Anniversary Celebration. See Front Page of Trail Tales for information.

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

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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> ( ) _____
		<b>Address:</b> _____	
		<b>City:</b> _____	<b>State:</b> _____ <b>Zip Code:</b> _____
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The Brighton Area Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization . All donations are tax deductible.

### Sunday, August 13, 2017 — “Brighton’s 150th Birthday!”

**The Historical Society will be organizing and/or participating in the following.**

**Lots of fun for all and we hope to see you there!**

#### Afternoon Events — 12—4pm

- Tours in the Old Village Cemetery: 3—4pm
- Historical Displays at the CoBACH Center
- Michigan 5th Regiment Band in the Gazebo — 1—2PM

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### BAHS Leadership 2017

President

**Jim Vichich**

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

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

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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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**Brighton Becomes a Village**

January 11, 1805, Michigan territory was carved from the North-west Territory. A governor was appointed and Detroit became the capital. Statehood was bestowed on the Territory by the Federal government in 1837.

Settlers coming to Michigan in the early 1830s found traveling difficult. With only challenging trails over the Appalachian Mountains there were few pioneers from the east.

From 1820--25, 92,000 acres were sold. 1825 saw the construction of the Erie Canal in New York and by 1836, four million plus acres were sold at \$1.25. "Michigan Fever" developed with this easier route west. The Canal terminated at Buffalo. A majority of travelers took a steamboat over Lake Erie to Detroit.

In the spring of 1832, at 22 years, Maynard Maltby and 18 year old brother Almon (a carpenter and joiner) met with a brother-in-law who had property in Northfield Township. (Green Oak and Brighton Townships were part of Washtenaw County until 1838 when they became part of Livingston County.)

Maynard purchased the SW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 31 (40 acres) of Brighton Township in 1832, the first in the township. East of Brighton Lake Road on Ore Creek, south of Third Street, they built a temporary shelter, fenced and planted six acres of wheat. The brothers recognized that Ore Creek (named because of the quantity of iron) could power a much needed saw mill. That fall, the boys returned to New York for the winter and taught school. Maynard married 18 year old Sarah Jeffords that following spring.

On the narrow Indian Grand River Trail from Detroit, bride Sarah perhaps wondered when she would ever see or hear from family and friends left in New York. Maynard had spoken often of the Ore Creek. There would be plenty of raw material and other settlers would need lumber cut for their new homes. The brothers built the dam, and their cabin, in the vicinity of Third Street on the

Creek. Most of the lumber for area settlers was cut at the Maltby Mill.

At the point where Grand River and Main Street intersect, William Noble prepared the first plat of the village, Brighton Township, Section 30, in 1837. Maynard Maltby bought lot 51, Section 2 of Noble's Plat and built the first frame house in the settlement in 1837. (Southeast corner of Grand River and St. Paul Streets.)

Orson Quackenbush also recognized the value of the water power of Ore Creek. His grist mill, 1840, (Northwest corner of North Street and West Street) helped assure the addition of taverns, stables, hotels, churches, blacksmith shops, grocers and other businesses in the settlement.

A "sawmill" town, the settlement was called Ore Creek. When postal service became available it was renamed Brighton. (It was determined there were too many Creeks already.)

Others bought property outside the settlement with the intention of farming. To govern townships, supervisors were elected. Richard Lyon, Section 22, became Brighton Township Supervisor, April 1838. A majority of the board officers lived outside the settlement. Those in the settlement had different goals; roads, police, fire, etc., changes which were often rejected by the township board. To govern themselves in a more representational manner part of Sections 30 and 31 were incorporated as Brighton Village, March 25, 1867. Daniel C. Marsh was elected the Village's first President; Benjamin T.O. Clark was Clerk and Chester Thompson, Treasurer. Wheaton J. Hicks was the Township Supervisor at that time.

(Compiled by Marieanna Bair from: 1880 History of Livingston County; "From Settlement to City" by Carol McMacken; "Early Landowners" by Milton Charboneau; writings of Bill Pless. Additions/corrections requested 810-229-6402.)