



Thank You To All Members!

The involvement of the entire Brighton Area Historical Society in the Sesquicentennial Program was phenomenal! Thank you to board members and volunteers for all your work involving the organizing, planning and implementation of the day's activities. Every facet of the August 13 BAHS sponsored program was truly awesome! It would have been impossible to have such a quality program if members and volunteers did not donate large amounts of time and energy to commemorate Brighton's historic event! The entire community was very grateful to the Society for producing such a memorable day!

A huge Thank You to all who attended.

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EXHIBITS at CoBACH

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

CoBACH Display Sept — Oct

“How Sweet It Was”
DeLuca’s”

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

FREE Exhibit

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Daily postings regarding
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**Brighton Area Historical
Society**

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Thanks and Recognition

MEMBERSHIPS:

IND/FAMILY: Ron & Judith Forfinski* (2018), Bob Hill* (2018), Tim Hurst (2018) and Steve & Tammy Sexton (2018)

*Welcome to new members Ron & Judith Forfinski and Bob Hill.

THANKS TO:

- Marieanna Bair, Jackie Damm, Lynn Strong, Peggy Van Sickle and Jim Vichich for preparing the August issue of Trail Tales for mailing.
- Tom Reinke for video taping the Fourth of July parade.
- Headstone Restoration Team for July: Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Dave Fuller, Mindy Kinsey, Bob Knight, Dave Pettengill, Bob Pettigrove, Dave Rebigier, Gary Reutter, Pat Smith, Ed Vitez and Jim Vichich.
- Vicki Vichich for painting temporary GAR medallions for the Old Village Cemetery.
- CoBACH volunteers for August: Joe Collins, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Lin Millar, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.
- Thursday morning archivists at Lyon School from 9—Noon include: Marieanna Bair, Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Mindy Kinsey, Larry Lawrence, Lin Millar, Norma Pless, Lynn Strong, Peggy Van Sickle and Jim Vichich.
- WHMI and Tom Tolen for the great coverage of Brighton's 150th Anniversary.
- Chad Selby, Cemetery Sexton and Brighton DPW employee for outstanding skill in cutting concrete off (26) broken headstones in the Old Village Cemetery that will be restored.

- Brighton Art Fair volunteers at the BAHS booth: Marieanna Bair, Joanne Bellmard, Judith Coebly, Jerry & Carole Damon, Jim DeJohn, Nancy Fredenburg, Betsy Herbst, Jeanette Johnson, Judy Kline, Tom & Mindy Kinsey, Carol McMacken, Lin & Clark Millar, Jim & Janis Miller, Bob & Priscilla Pettengill, Dave & Marilyn Pettigrove, Norma Pless, Al Wirth and Jim Vichich. A special thank you to the 3 Kinsey relatives visiting from San Francisco who helped with setup and take down of the BAHS booth.

A HUGE Thank You to the many volunteers who made the Brighton 150th Anniversary a special day:

- Marieanna Bair, Joanne Bellmard, Jenny Fredenburg, Betsy & Bob Herbst, Mindy Kinsey, Bob & Shirley Knight, Carol McMacken, Clark Millar, Norma Pless and Lynn Strong for working inside and outside of CoBACH during the day and evening.
- Joe Collins, Jerry & Gunnar Damon, Bob Pettengill, Steve & Mrs. Rade-maker for the setup and use of the 1/4 scale barn from the Michigan Preservation Barn Network (MPBN). The barn demonstrated the precise assembly required when joining wooden members with dowels rather than nails.
- Joe Collins, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy & Tom Kinsey, Lin & Clark Millar, Ray Moses, Bob & Priscilla Pettengill, Tom Reinke, Jeff Smith, and the trappers and blacksmith within the Old Town setup. These volunteers demonstrated woodworking tools, and how to run a household in the early 1900s, answering many questions from visitors. The antique tractors provided a cool appearance and sound to the Old Town.

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Dates to Remember

CoBACH Center Exhibit — FREE!! Sept—Oct: "How Sweet It Was": DeLuca's Sweet Shop Memories.

Sept 2,3,4: CoBACH Closed for Labor Day Holiday.

Sept 6,7,10,13,14,17,20,21,24,27,28; 5pm—8pm: BAHS hosts at CoBACH Center on Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Sept 7,14,21,28; 9am—12nn: Archiving/Open House at Lyon Schoolhouse. Come join us and share your Brighton memories.

Sept 25; 9am—2:30pm: Old Village Cemetery Headstone Restoration

Day. Additional 2017 date: October 23.

Sept 27; 6pm: BAHS Board meeting at CoBACH Center.

Oct 26; 6pm: Cluster Meeting at Hamburg HS Museum.

Nov 11; 10—10:45am: Veterans' Day Main Street Parade & Program at Brighton Veterans' Memorial.

Nov 11; 10:45—11:15: Special Veterans' Day New Headstone Dedication, Old Village Cemetery.

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- Continuation of 150th Anniversary Thank You's**
- Tim Bennett for displaying Warner Family artifacts.
 - Dick & Lucille Weaire and the Presbyterian Church for the loan of the animals used in the Old Town.
 - Carole Damon and Cindy Mack for conducting the games within the Old Village Cemetery. Many children participated and enjoyed the sack race, three-legged race and watermelon-eating contest.
 - Lee Gough for playing the strolling barrister around town.
 - Lynn Strong, and Sherri & Mike Wisser for running the old-time games in the Old Town on Main Street.
 - Special thanks to the Casual Quilters of Brighton for putting on a fine quilt show at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, which provided a beautiful space for displaying these quilts.
 - Father Deon of St. Paul's for the use of the church and all he does in support of BAHS activities in and around the church.
 - To all who participated as tour docents inside the Old Village Cemetery and assisted in the gathering of information for each person depicted: Judith Coebly, Dick Hutchins, Rich Hyne, Logan Kucharek, Bill Rubin, Tammy Sexton, Jared Schemanski, Pat Tucker and Jim Vichich.
 - Special thank you to the 150th Anniversary Committee: Renee Petten-gill, Patty Thomas, to name a couple and many more who made this a memorable occasion. Hard workers all.
 - Mindy Kinsey and Lynn Strong for the vintage clothing made for BAHS volunteers. This clothing completed the transformation and many compliments were received during the day. Great work ladies!
 - Special thank you to Tom Kinsey who is always there with truck and trailer to carry many items needed for BAHS displays!

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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.

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.

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 1

In the beginning, settlers arriving in the area (the Maltbys, the Lees, the Eulers) knew full well their children’s education, as they had experienced it in the east would come to a screeching halt.

In fact, without bothering with the formality of forming a school district, Maynard Maltby built a school on the NE corner of Grand River and Hope Streets in Brighton, in 1835. One assumes it was mainly for village children.

In our country’s colonial period one’s education was usually determined by the wealth/or lack of, of one’s parents and one’s sex, one might attend a private school or be home schooled. Opportunities were very unequal since it was often only the boys who it was believed needed a formal education.

By the 1830s public schools were the norm in the east, as opposed to private and subscription schools. However, the public schools were not always the best. There might be poor teachers, lack of materials, overcrowding, buildings in need of repair, and not everyone wanted to be taxed for education of child who was not theirs. However, education was always important to the American people as a whole. An educated citizenry is the major component of a democracy. A free public system of education is imperative.

Shortly after the Revolutionary War, with western borders open to expansion, the Land Ordinance of 1785 was passed. This provided for the surveying of land before it was sold. Previously land had been meted out to those favored by rulers in Europe; boundaries were rivers and mountain ridges. A rectangular system of boundaries was developed. Counties and townships were surveyed in which each township equaled 36 square miles, with one square mile containing 640 acres.

The Northwest Ordinance of 1787, reads in part: “Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged.” This Northwest Ordinance also set up statehood requirements of these new lands and promoted education by setting aside the profit from the sale of Section 16 of each township for education. However, with no such practically free land, \$1-2 per acre, income from the school section sales was insufficient.

Prior to Michigan’s Constitutional Convention in 1835, planning for a farsighted system of education was underway. Isaac E. Crary, an attorney, and Rev. John D. Pierce researched and discussed what educational provisions should be included in the new Michigan Constitution. Crary was appointed chairman of the committee to prepare the Article on public education for the Michigan Constitution: he was elected to serve as Michigan’s first Representative to the National Congress. Governor Mason appointed Pierce as Michigan’s Superintendent of Public Instruction; the first in the nation in such a position. The concept that the state was responsible for the comprehensive education of its citizenry has been supported though the years by Michigianians.

To be continued...

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