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Old Village Cemetery Clean-Up and Rededication



Have you started to plan your new projects for 2010? As the end of winter draws near, many of us begin thinking of the beauty of the new spring that is quickly approaching. We also envision improvements to our local landscape.

Please mark May 1st on your calendar as the day to join the BAHS and other community members as we work together to improve the appearance of Old Village Cemetery.

This historic public burial ground, located on the east bank of the millpond, has been the final resting spot for many of Brighton's earliest citizens since 1837. Gravesites of US veterans are found throughout these grounds with Civil War burials exceeding thirty.

The goal of the 2nd Annual Cleanup is to make the cemetery a clean, neat place that reflects the respect and honor due our veterans for their service.

Our early citizens and family members also deserve a final resting place with the same standards.

Two extensive cleanups in 2009 made great progress as weed trees, brush and sod were removed to reveal headstones that were hidden by years of overgrowth. Civic pride was apparent in all volunteers. Everyone shared smiles and stated they felt wonderful and proud to be part of this revitalization.

Old Village Cemetery will be rededicated this Memorial Day (May 31, 2010). Please join the work force on May 1st for the cleanup and also attend the rededication on May 31 following the parade. Our small vibrant community needs your presence as we honor the men and women who have served in the military of the United States of America and preserved freedom for all!

Jim Vichich

Special points of interest:

LEARN ABOUT THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE BRIGHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE MANY WAYS THEY HELPED THEIR COMMUNITY.

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REVIEW OF MAGAZINE ARTICLE ON THE TIM WARNER HOMESTEAD.

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"The study of history is the best medicine for a sick mind; for in history you have a record of the infinite variety of human experience plainly set out for all to see."

Titus Livius (59 BCE - 17 CE)
Roman Historian

Dates to Remember

February 4, 11, 18, 25

9 am - 12 nn

We need your assistance with our archives. A willingness to help is all that's necessary.

Lyon School (11455 Buno Rd.)

February 24

6:00 pm

BAHS board meeting. You are welcome to attend and help guide this organization.

CoBACH Center (202 W. Main)

February 3, 10, 17, 24

2 pm - 8 pm

BAHS hosts at CoBACH Center (202 W. Main)

February 7, 14, 21, 28

2 pm - 5 pm

BAHS hosts at CoBACH Center (202 W. Main)

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Recent and Future Happenings

Area Organizations - February 2010

Feb 4: 7pm

Livingston County Genealogical Society, LDS Church, 1041 W. Grand River, Howell. Topical info by Society members.

Feb 6:

Plymouth Historical Society & Museum Annual Dinner. Dr. Weldon Petz, "The Musical Note in Lincoln's Life." www.plymouthhistory.org

Feb 11: 7:30pm

Plymouth Historical Society & Museum. "Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island". www.plymouthhistory.org

Feb 13: 6:00pm

Saline Area Historical Society, Auction. www.sahshistory.org

Feb 21: 2:00pm

Saline Area Historical Society. Interurbans in Washtenaw County and Saline. (734) 944-0442

Mar 13: 7pm

Cobblestone Farm Annual Barn Dance. www.cobblestonefarm.org

Mar 21: 2pm

Saline Area Historical Society. Evolution of Fire Fighting. www.sahshistory.org

What Do You Collect?

In both the Lyon School and CoBACH Center are opportunities for Trail Tale readers to display their collections, antique or more recent. A secure display case is at either site.

Collectors of post cards, writing instru-

ments, photographic related items, books on various subjects, comic books, mirrors, transportation, glass (many classifications), occupations, jewelry, etc., etc., can bring enjoyment and knowledge to many besides the collectors.

A Valentine exhibit would be appropriate for the month of February. Contact us to offer your collection for exhibit.

Interesting Magazine Article

The Tim Warner homestead in Brighton Township is noted in the article titled "The Past Becomes Personal" from the Nov/Dec issue of Michigan History magazine (available at book stores/library). The author is Warner descendant, Tim Bennett. Read how Bennett unearthed a time capsule on the Warner settlement.

Thanks and Recognition

THANKS TO....

The BAHS recognizes the following people for volunteering their time and energy to support the BAHS.

- Bert Bair, Jackie Damm and Jim Vichich for help in mailing the January issue of Trail Tales.
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The support of our professional members is deeply appreciated. We encourage our members to patronize these local, independent businesses who are sustainers of the BAHS.

- Archer-Huntley Financial Services*

- Jagielky Bookkeeping
 - Lawrence Autobody*
 - Masonic Lodge #247*
 - Patrick Financial Group, LLC*
 - Promess*
 - Yum Yum Tree
- *Special thanks to these Life Members

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*New Member—Welcome!

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Our product offering includes BAHS apparel (shirts, hats, etc.), home décor (pewter items, afghans and pillows, decorative ceramic tiles, etc.), postcards, craft items, and the like. To see in detail our full offering, please visit our online gift shop on our web site at www.brightonareahistorical.com.

Product Spotlight

From Settlement to City
Brighton, Michigan 1832 - 1945
by Carol McMacken
450+ pages
Over 300 pictures
\$65.00

Description: This large volume hardcover book contains a beautifully detailed history of Brighton from its earliest days until the mid-1940s. It also contains over 300 pictures and illustrations. This item is a must for any book collection on Michigan and its rich history.

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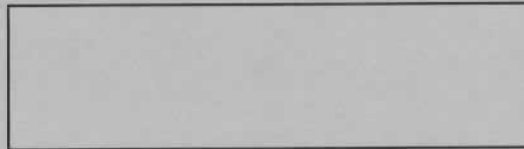
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Historical Perspective: Brighton's Altruistic Fire Department (Part 8)

Brighton City Fire Chief, Larry Lane, and Brighton Township Fire Chief, Roger Young, began tentative discussion of the possible merger of the City and Township fire and rescue operations in October of 1997. On January 1, 1998, the mutual aid agreement took effect.

The Thermofil fire, in March of 1998, confirmed the advisability of area fire departments working cooperatively. The Green Oak Fire Department had the assistance of ten other area departments, which responded to the 22-hour blaze. Even with this help, the Green Oak Fire Department was severely tested.

July 1, 1998, Larry Lane was made responsible for both departments in the expanded mutual aid agreement. The merger was beneficial in many ways, not only with regard to the actual fire-fighting needs, but also as a cost saving measure. The merging of the departments would save on expenses by elimination of duplicate equipment, organization of training sessions in the various areas of firefighting and rescue personnel expertise, hazardous material cleanup, extrications, etc. The training of firefighters is extensive and requires over 300 hours of classroom training.

July 1, 2000, the Brighton Area Fire Authority was formed with Larry Lane appointed as Fire Chief and Charles Bidwell as Assistant Chief. The Brighton Area Fire Authority Board consists of two elected officials from each governmental entity (Brighton City, Brighton Township and Genoa Township) plus one citizen at large; making a total of seven board members. The Authority is in charge of the hiring of personnel.

July 1, 2005, Marty DeLoach was hired by the Fire Authority as Fire Chief and separated from the department on March 12, 2009. The Authority hired Larry Lane to serve as interim Chief until a permanent replacement can be hired.

June 18, 2009, saw two new fire engines put into service at the two Genoa Township fire stations; one on Dorr Rd. and the other on Chilson Road. "Push-in" ceremonies were held to mark their induction into the Brighton Area Fire Authority fleet of vehicles. This ceremony is reminiscent of earlier customs where fire carts were "pushed in" into their fire station upon their return.

Chief Adam Carroll, of the Hartland Deerfield Fire Authority, and Craig Ferris, of the Brighton Area Fire Authority, devised an automatic mutual aid system where in the event of a fire emergency, two fire departments would respond to the scene. A central dispatch center has been devised whereby reports of a fire emergency are immediately relayed to the appropriate fire agency. The central dispatch system in Livingston County is considered one of the best of its kind in the state. It often serves as a model to emulate. This kind of system can only operate with the complete cooperation of the various departments involved and with people who care about the safety of the residents. The residents of the County have long benefited from this arrangement.

Compiled by Marieanna Bair from clippings. Additions/corrections requested. In the March issue, a list of Fire Department personnel is planned. Call 810-229-6402 with names you recall to help make the record more complete.