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Attention: Brighton Area Principals And Teachers



BRIGHTON-MICHIGAN

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The Lyon Schoolhouse, built in 1885, has been fully restored and ready to give students an understanding of school life at the turn of the century.

room after your nonstop summer of planning new lessons and updating your education credentials. You may not be aware that a local one-room schoolhouse built in 1885 is awaiting your visit. This is a great opportunity to provide a unique and exciting educational setting to enrich your students' knowledge of how families lived and worked together in our communities.

The BAHS owns and operates the historic Lyon One-Room Schoolhouse Brighton Township. This building has been fully restored and the interior setting is typical of 1900. The Lyon School is also barrier-free. Students will sit in antique desks complete with beautiful maple tops inluding an inkwell hole in the pper right corner, and seats that fold back out of the way.

Several local public and private

elcome back to the class- schools have made annual excursions to the Lyon School for many years. Each teacher and their students typically spend one day at the rural school. Sessions are currently available for this fall and next spring. The costs for this program are minimal.

> Several retired teachers have collaborated to create a curriculum, which meets education benchmarks required by the State of Michigan.

We invite your 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade teams to take advantage of the Lyon School Visitation Program, which begins this October. Please let us know when we can schedule your visit to the Lyon School ciation of historical preserva- that day. (cont'd on page 2)

tion and make connections in today's communities.

If you would like more information, please contact either of our retired educators who volunteer as the BAHS education liaisons:

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The Lyon Schoolhouse is located on Buno Road, between Pleasant Valley and VanAmberg Roads.

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

By Jim Vichich, BAHS President

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The history of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Brighton dates back to the early 1830's when the Rev. William A. Clark, D.D., Rector of the All Saints' Church of New York City, headed west into "the frontier" to the developing territory of Michigan. Being rather pleased with what he found, Dr. Clark purchased land in Brighton Township and moved his family here in 1837.

during the fall or spring semes- Jacintha Anspach Clark, his Your students will be wife and mother of their nine actively engaged in education- children, also proved to be al programs that bring an un- equal to the task at hand. She derstanding of our local herit- capably performed the duties age. They will learn an appre- usually assigned to men of

Points of Interest:

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HISTORY OF ST. PAUL'S EPIS-COPAL CHURCH OF BRIGHTON. SEE PAGE 1

THE STORY OF CIVIL WAR VETERANS BURIED IN OLD VILLAGE CEMETERY CONTIN-UES IN THIS ISSUE'S HISTORI-CAL PERSPECTIVE.

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"Before a standing army can rule, the people must be disarmed; as they are in almost every kingdom of Europe. The supreme power in America cannot enforce unjust laws by the sword; because the whole body of the people are armed, and constitute a force superior to any band of regular troops that can be, on any pretence, raised in the United States."

Noah Webster (1758 - 1843)

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PRESERVE, ADVANCE AND DISSEMINATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE HISTORY OF THE BRIGHTON AREA

Thanks and Recognition

Member Renewals / New Members

Thanks to our existing and new members for their annual memberships:

Family / Individual

- Leon Bonner
- Raymond & Bessie Maltby* (IN)
- Joyce Terry
- Marge Wilcox (2012)

*A sincere welcome to new members, Ray and Bessie Maltby. Ray is a descendent of Almon Maltby, who was among the first settlers of Brighton City.

Business / Professional Members

The support of our professional members is deeply appreciated. We encourage you to support these local businesses.

- · Acorn Deck Accessories Inc.
- · Advance Craft Home Builders
- Archer-Huntley Financial Services**
- · Bagger Dave's Restaurant
- · Davis Multimedia, Inc.
- · Dr. Bonine Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
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- · Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce
- · Hands on Mind and Body Wellness Center
- · Joe Agius / Burroughs Tavern
- Lawrence Autobody**
- Masonic Lodge #247**
- · Michigan Commerce Bank
- · Patrick Financial Group**
- Promess**
- Refrigeration Research **
- · Yum Yum Tree
- ** Special thanks to these Life Members

Thanks to...

The BAHS recognizes the following people for volunteering their time.

- Bert & Marieanna Bair, Jackie Damm, Tammy Sexton and Jim Vichich for help with the September Trail Tales mailing.
- Sandra Everett for her donation in memory of Shirley Jenks.
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- Nancy Fredenburg, Suzanne Connerway and Bruce Ritter for preparing our "125 Years of Brighton Schools" memorabilia display at CoBACH Center.
- Bob Knight, Carol and Pat McMacken, Larry Lawrence, Bonnie Gaugler, Ralph Steinberger, Joe Collins, Nancy Fredenburg, Marieanna Bair, Dick Weaire, Jim Vichich, Hank Winegar and Mindy Kinsey for volunteering at CoBACH Center.

Date to Remember

Oct 2, 5, 6, 9, 12, 13, 16, 19, 20, 23, 26, 27, 30: 5pm-8pm

BAHS volunteers at CoBACH Center

Oct 6, 13, 20, 27: 9am-12nn

Archiving/Open House at Lyon School

Oct 13: 6pm

Area History Groups Cluster Meeting at Hamburg Township Historical Society Museum.

Oct 16: 1pm-4pm

Open House at Lyon School. Special Free Halloween Children's Program: Pumpkin Painting and Crafts, Cookies and Apple Cider.

Oct 22: 11am

Old Village Cemetery Tours: Open to the Public and Free of Charge. Meet at OVC entrance gate behind millpond gazebo.

Oct 22: 9pm

Halloween Nighttime Guided Tour of the Old Village Cemetery. \$5 per person. Meet at Entry Gate above Millpond Gazebo at 9pm. Call for reservations.

Oct 26: 6pm

BAHS Board meeting at CoBACH Center

This Month at CoBACH Tue-Sun: 5pm-8pm / Sat: 9am-12nn Oct 1 - Oct 14:

"125 Years of Brighton Schools" display of photos and memorabilia sponsored by Brighton Alumni Association.

Oct 18 - Nov 30:

"Radio and Amateur Radio" exhibit

Nov 20: 1pm-4pm

Annual BAHS meeting with election of 2012 board of directors and officers. at Lyon School.

Area Organization Events (More on Page 4) Green Oak Township Historical Society Please call (248) 486-9121 for details.

Oct. 16: 2pm-4pm

Annual Meeting: Elections and pot luck.

Waterloo Area Historical Society

Visit waterloofarmmuseum.org for details.

Oct 9: 12nn-5pm

Pioneer Day: Tour the Farm Museum and Dewey School, enjoy live music, crafts, trades, and traditional cooking.

Northville Historical Society

Visit millracenorthville.org for details.

Oct 16: 4pm-7pm

Oakwood Cemetery comes alive as past citizens share their lives and times.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Dr. Clark was an industrious man. Not only was he the first to introduce sheep to Brighton Township, he also established a sawmill, purchased a flour mill, opened a store for his employees, and secured a post office on his property.

One of the most iconic sights of St. Paul's Church is the circular rose window given as a gift by Bishop Harris. Mr. Arnold, an architect from Lansing, was employed to draw plans for the building, which he patterned after a little chapel in England. The building was erected by James Collett, a local contractor. At the request of Sophia Fonda English, the church was named St. Paul's. The church cornerstone was laid in May of 1880.

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The first service at St. Paul's Episcopal was held on June 12, 1881, by the Rev. John A. Clark of New York, a son of Dr. Clark, who died in 1841. The church was consecrated by Bishop Harris in August 1881. The Rev. A. W. Ryan was the first priest in charge.

The Clark family is interred in the Old Village Cemetery, behind the church, on land donated by them.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is still a beautiful historic building that contributes to the charm of our downtown today.

By Genal Pratt, Guest Writer Excerpted from material on the St. Paul's Episcopal Church website.

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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 nember, please visit our web site at www.bringtonareahistorical.com or mail in the following form below.

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	\$25 Family	\$50 Other \$	\$50 Other \$
The Bright	on Area Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) Non-Pro	ofit Organization . All donations are ta	x deductable.

BAHS Merchandise

We have many great items for sale that help us generate much needed funds to carry on our mission.

These include home décor items (pewter items, afghans and pillows, decorative ceramic tiles, etc.), postcards, craft items, and the like.

see our full gift shop offering, please contact us, visit CoBACH Center or the Lyon School, or see our web site.

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 of wilderness settlement through to the growing community of the mid-1940s.

The book also contains over 300 pictures and illustrations and is a must for any book collection on Michigan and its rich history.



BAHS Leadership

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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.

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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.

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Civil War Veterans Resting At Old Village Cemetery (Part 6)

With the beginning of the Civil War in 1861, and the possible dissolution of the Union, many men from Livingston County volunteered to serve. That spring, Capt. John Gilluly recruited so many men from Livingston County, the Michigan 5th Infantry Regiment became known as the *Livingston Company*.

George W. Rose was among those from the Brighton area. He had come to Brighton Village and had a business as a tailor and draper. George, born 1828, and wife Orzilla Paddock, born 1829, were both area immigrants from New York. The 1860 Census records them with two boys, George L. (born 1848 and noted as being deaf) and Henry Benjamin (born 1855), both born in Michigan. This indicates George and Orzilla were in Michigan by 1848. Orzilla's family moved to Michigan around 1836. She died in 1861.

1st Sgt. George W. Rose of Co. I, Michigan 5th, was promoted to 2nd Lt. of Co. I on May 28, 1862, and later to 1st Lt., Co. B July 22, 1862. He was Captain of Co. B when he was mortally wounded at the Battle of the Wilderness. He died in Washington, D.C. in May 1864. This left his two boys as orphans at seven and sixteen years of age.

Orzilla's older sister Jane (born 1822) married Alanson P. Dickinson (born 1815), both from New York. Dickinson was a farmer in Brighton Township by 1837. He enlisted August 14, 1861, as 2nd Lt., commissioned into Co. I, Michigan 9th Infantry Regiment. The 9th left Detroit October 25, 1861, to join the Western Departments. Two days later, they "...reached Jeffersonville, Indiana, and the following day moved by steamboat to Salt River, KY" to winter quarters in Muldraugh's Hill.

There were 400 men sick with measles, etc., at one time. Nashville, Tennessee, was the next encampment. From April to July the regiment was in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. There, on July 13, 1862, Confederate Nathan Bedford Forrest, with 3500 cav-

alry, took Dickinson and many others prisoner. About six weeks later on August 27, 1862, he was exchanged for Edmund Pendleton of the Louisiana 25th Regiment.

He resigned from the service January 16, 1863. He and Jane had assumed responsibility for sister Orzilla and George Rose's two boys. The cemetery marker indicates Alanson died on August 27, 1878, aged 64. Jane also died in 1878 at 58 years.

Henry Benjamin Rose, one of George and Orzilla's sons, was serving as one of the first Brighton Village Marshalls in 1869. He was also on the Board of Trustees for the First Weslyan Methodist Church at the time the church was built in 1874. Around 1878, Henry bought the Lanning Hotel built by Richard Lanning in 1873 (a block north of the Western house near the railroad) from Arthur Lanning, Richard's son. Arthur was Henry's brother-in-law. Where Henry, his brother George, or other family members are buried, has not been determined.

Compiled by Marieanna Bair from: census records; "From Settlement to City" by Carol McMacken; 1880 History of Livingston County; Old Village Cemetery transcriptions by John and Janice Field and also by Bill Pless; research by George Allen. Corrections/additions requested. (810) 229-6402

Can You Help Us?

Do you know where Gove Automobile Dealership was located or have pictures? Let us know! Our contact info is on page 3.

Area Organization Events (Continued from Page 2)

Saline Area Historical Society

Visit sahshistory.org for details.

Oct 2: 11am-4pm

Harvestime at Rentschler Farm Museum

Oct 9: 2pm

Presentation: The Model T Connection with Vern Campbell