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August 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26 and 29: 5-8pm BAHS hosts at CoBACH Center on Sunday and Wednesday during August.
August 4 and 5: Saturday 10am-6pm, Sunday 10am-4pm, Art Festival on Main Street. Visit the society's booth to share stories and purchase the new "Brighton Area" historical picture book.
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August 10: 1-4 pm Open House at Lyon School. BAHS Board Meeting at CoBACH Center.
August 22: 6pm This month at CoBACH Center through August 31st, open to the public. Experience the 150th Anniversary of America's Civil War with displays that feature classic battle images and artifacts on loan from local collectors. The history of Brighton will be the

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Mustered out December 24, 1864, Erastus Jr. returned home to wife Minerva Worden (daughter of Truman Worden) and 16 year old daughter Florence. (She later married Leslie J. Stiles.) Erastus' brother Luther Croyton married Lucy C. Norton (whose brother was Henry C.). Their daughter, Kate V., married B.T.O. Clark whose obituary states he "served in Co. E. 11th Michigan Infantry, mustered out at Detroit, 1865." All of the above named are buried in the Old Village Cemetery. Erastus had a sister, Mary, who taught in Brighton for a time then moved back to New York where she died, 1849.

After his return from service Erastus A. Jr. bought a farm in Green Oak township, Section 21 and 22 near Silver Lake. Minerva died in 1884, Erastus in 1891.

(Compiled by Marieanna Bar from writings of Bill Pless; 1880 History of Livingston County; census records; transcription of Old Village Cemetery by John and Janice Field; Early Land Owners of Livingston County and obituaries compiled by Milton Charboneau. Corrections/Additions, requested. 810-229-6402.)

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The society needs your help to create those personal displays that reflect earlier days of our Brighton community. Many of you have your experiences in visiting museums across the country; it matters little, whether a museum visit occurs in a large city or small town. Frequently those scenes release sounds of the past that resonate in your head as your mind instantly travels back to earlier days. Do you have personal items to loan that reflect the earlier days of Brighton? How about the "Brighton" sign from the old Pere Marquette Depot Station? Have you seen in your parents' garage the wooden "Western House" signs that once resided at the top of the building next to the railroad tracks? Did one of your grandparents pass down their old menu from the Eastern House or the Canopy Restaurant? The society needs your help to retrieve those memories from the past.

The City of Brighton Arts, Culture and History Center needs your help to work the welcome desk. You do not need to leave the first floor. You can read a book or surf the web with your laptop in-between visiting with guests. Do you have ability to volunteer for a three hour period one or more days a month? The historical society needs assistance for early evening operations from 5-8 pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

Call me with suggestions as to how you may help. Volunteers are needed for various roles. The sharing of knowledge, time, or items to loan will be a benefit to our community and will help preserve the past for the future!

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Questions:

In Carol McMacken's book titled "From Settlement to City", Brighton, Michigan, 1832-1945; (available from the Brighton Historical Society), the Brighton Hotel at the corner of Main and Grand River was the location of the election that officially gave Brighton the status of an incorporated village. What was the date of that election?

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