

BRIGHTON'S NEW DOWNTOWN MUSEUM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS



CoBACH Center 202 West Main Street

The City of Brighton Arts, Culture and History Center will soon start its fourth year of operation this fall. Located in the 1879 classic two-story red brick building adjacent to Brighton's beautiful Millpond (also known as the Old Town Hall), one will find historical displays. The Brighton Area Historical Society is one of three non-profits that operates and maintains the museum. You will also find art that has been created by the talented artisans of the Brighton Art Guild and experience drama performances by Brighton's own The Livingston Players.

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 mementos 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 per 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!

Jim Vichich (810) 250-7276

Did you know-
The Historical Society of Michigan redesigned their web-site this year, check it out at :

www.hsmichigan.org

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Brighton Area Historical Society

POINTS OF INTEREST:

READ ABOUT A REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

SEE PAGE 1

THE STORY OF CIVIL WAR VETERANS BURIED IN OLD VILLAGE CEMETERY CONTINUES.

SEE PAGE 4

QUESTION:

In Carol McMackens'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?

(see page 2 for the answer)

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Thanks and Recognition

Thanks to...

The BAHS recognizes the following people for their contributions.

- Bert & Marieanna Bair, Judith Coebly, Jeanette Johnson, Gary Reutter, Jim Vichich for help in mailing the June Issue of Trail Tales.
- PDQ Printing for their prompt printing month after month.
- Parent-Teacher Tech Center for stocking the Society's books.
- Those who notify the Society of a change of address.
- Sue Garcia, Tom Niemeyer and Jerry Damon for hand distributing Complimentary Copies of Trail Tales to local businesses. It is believed these merchants are interested in learning who were the ones to precede them; those who saw to the birth and growth of the community in which they do business today. Their support is encouraged. The Society always welcomes those who endorse its mission.
- Beth Chapman Smith for sharing her extensive archives on Burroughs Farms.

Business / Professional Members

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

- Susan Doyle, Realtor

Member Renewals / New Members

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

Couples / Individuals

- Mike and Helen Ewing *
- Tom and Sue Pound

*Welcome to the new members:

Mike and Helen

Needed

A delivery volunteer is needed for the 200/500 block of W. Main Street. Contact the Society with your offer to help.

Archiving

Each Thursday a.m. Society members gather at the Lyon School, 11455 Buno Road, to properly file information of the history of the area in a manner in which this history can be accessed. Your memories, photos, records are all valuable.

The society can scan materials, and return the originals to you. The 'Open' sign is on the door.

Historic Resource Survey

Regularly new information on the history of a site in the area is included in this archive. Two 5 feet shelves hold binders with photos and clippings for each address.

To assist in determining the period in which a site is noted, directories and gazetteers, 1930s / 50s, are needed.

CONGRATULATIONS TO
Society Life Member

LAWRENCE AUTO BODY
COLLISION SHOP

On receiving
First Place in the People's Choice
Award in the recent poll in
Livingston County

Answer to question on page 1. 1937
1927

Dates to Remember

August 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 16 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.

August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: 9am-12noon

Archiving/Open House at Lyon School. Visitors are welcome and your Brighton experiences of the past need to be shared.

August 4, 11, 18, 25: 8 am-1pm

BAHS is at the Brighton Farmers Market every Saturday. The new "Brighton Area"

historical picture book published by Arcadia Press will be available to purchase for \$20. Enjoy nearly 200 early photos and 127 pages with informative captions. Guaranteed to be a quick seller!

August 19: 1-4 pm

Open House at Lyon School.

August 22: 6pm

BAHS Board Meeting at CoBACH Center.

**This month at CoBACH Center through
August 12, Tues-Sun, 5-8pm, also Sat
9am-12 noon**

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 schools will be the

of August and the month of September. Join us to enjoy the old school photos and share the styles in clothing from the past.

Area Organizations

August 3: Historical Society of Michigan work shop—Fabricating Professional Exhibits for Under \$500.

www.hsmichigan.org

August 11, 12: Antique, Tractor, Truck & Farm Equipment Show.

www.waterloofarmmuseum.org

August 17: Copyright Issues for Historic Collections. Historical Society of Michigan.

www.hsmichigan.org

September 15, 16: Milford Historical Society Home Tour.

www.milfordhistory.org

Support BAHS: Become a Member or Donate

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 the form below.

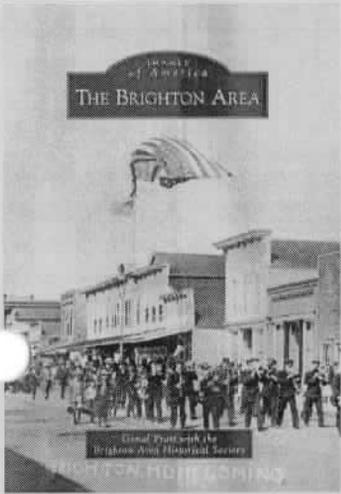
Mail check or money order payable to: **Brighton Area Historical Society**
P. O. Box 481
Brighton, MI 48116-0481

Name: _____ Phone: () _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
E-Mail: _____

How would you prefer to receive Trail Tales: Email US mail
(PLEASE CHECK ONE)

Membership Plan:	Friend of Lyon School:	BAHS Projects Fund:
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<input type="checkbox"/> \$2 Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Patron	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250
<input type="checkbox"/> Renew	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500
<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25
<input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Business/Professional		<input type="checkbox"/> \$250
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Family		<input type="checkbox"/> \$50
<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Life		<input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____

The Brighton Area Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization. All donations are tax deductible.



New book released

Images of America: The Brighton Area
by Genal Pratt with the Brighton Area Historical Society
128 pages, and includes 199 pictures
\$20.00

Description: This new book contains a treasured collection of photographs and provides a fascinating historical record of the people, farms, and businesses that drove the growth of Brighton through the 19th and 20th centuries. The architecture, landscape, and cherished character of Brighton tell the stories that embody the foundation of our community today.

We Need Your Help

We are asking our members to step up and get involved. Can you fill one of these jobs?

Web Site Administrator
Proficient with Joomla CMS; experience with HTML/CSS, graphic design, web servers a plus.

Trail Tales Editor
Proficient with Microsoft Publisher; strong writing skills; familiarity with graphic design preferred, but not required.

Treasurer
Strong understanding of accounting practices; experience managing a general business ledger, P&L statement; non-profit accounting a plus.

BAHS Leadership

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

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Phone:
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Brighton, MI 48116-0481

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.

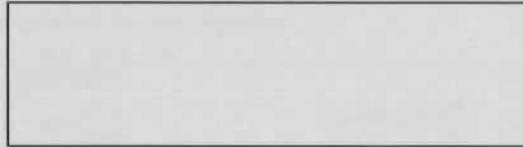
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Civil War Veterans Resting At Old Village Cemetery (Part 16)

Henry C. Norton, b. 1835, N.Y. died May 29, 1862, while serving in Co. D. of Michigan 5th Infantry Regiment, commanded by 1st Lt. Erastus A. Pratt.

Of the men placed in Co. D. 102 were from Livingston County. The 15th Regiment was organized in the fall of 1861, with its rendezvous at Monroe, Michigan. Norton enlisted February 6, 1862.

March 27, 1862, Co. D. left for Pittsburg Landing, MS. arriving April 5, 1862. April 6, the battle began. Co. D. lost 33 killed, 64 wounded, seven missing. Corinth, MS was its next destination but by then Henry C. Norton was no longer with Co. D. He had died in the hospital on May 29, 1862.

Henry's parents were Charles S. and Electa Norton of MA. Charles S. died in 1858 at age 52. Electa lived until her 72nd year in 1889. With his parents and a presumed uncle and aunt, Henry C. lies buried at Old Village Cemetery.

From Bill Pless' writings we learn "Erastus A. Pratt Jr. was 26 when he came to Brighton with his father in 1844, where Erastus A. Pratt Sr. had a blacksmith shop in the middle of the block on the south side of E. North Street. There he worked at his trade for 22 years, and made most of the plow irons used in the surrounding country."

When the Michigan 15th Infantry Regiment was organized October 22, 1861, Erastus A. Pratt, Jr., was made 1st Lt. of Co. D. He was promoted to Captain October 1, 1862.

The 15th served through the siege of Corinth, MS, June 1863. It was ordered to Vicksburg, MS, participating in the siege of that city. October found it with the Army of the Cumberland. After veterans' furlough it took part in Sherman's Georgia campaign; and the 'march to the sea.'

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 Corydon 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 Bair 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.)

Did you know-

The new "Brighton Area" pictorial history book that consists of 198 photos and 128 pages is available at the Brighton Farmers' market every Saturday from 8 am—1 pm. The Society's booth is located in front of Lynn's Café. The book cost is \$20.00. The book can also be purchased at the CoBACH Center, Lawrence Autobody, Parent Teacher Tech Center and by calling Jim Vichich at 810-250-7276.