

Volunteers needed: Art Festival and CoBACH Center



Historical Society Volunteers, Jerry Damon and Larry Lawrence working on Thursday morning at Lyon School

Many senior or newly retired individuals are finding that they have extra time available during the week. Do you have time where you could volunteer once per month for the Brighton Area Historical Society? Your participation in our volunteer network will allow enjoyable social encounters with other members of the community.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday August 3-5, the annual Brighton Art Festival will transform Main Street into an outdoor display of art. Many Michigan artists will exhibit their works under the canopy of tents. The historical society will have a tent and will display items for sale. Funds raised will be used to support our historical community projects. Times for volunteers are Friday 5pm-9pm, Saturday 10am-6pm and Sunday 10am-4pm. An extra day this year requires even more vol-

unteer help. These are fun times and great fellowship with the community. If you have time to volunteer, please call Mindy Kinsey at 248-660-3964.

We have a wonderful opportunity for the Brighton area community to volunteer at the new City of Brighton Arts, Culture and History Center. The CoBACH Center is located in the Old Town Hall, 202 W. Main Street., next to the beautiful millpond.



Military display at CoBACH Center in 2011

Inside you will find historical displays of period items, unique pictures and stories that relate the history of the Brighton area. There is an adjacent section where local artists display their work. For the months of July-December, the historical society has Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday time slots of 5-8 pm. The CoBACH Center is air-conditioned and has wireless



Volunteer Tammy Sexton during the Ice Harvesting Exhibit at CoBACH Center during 2011.

internet for the laptop computers of the volunteers. You can work from the front desk and there is no need to leave the main floor. You do not need to be a BAHS member to volunteer. Please contact me if you would like information. We look forward to hearing from you!

Jim Vichich, BAHS President

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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 McMacken's book titled 'From Settlement to City': Brighton, Michigan 1832-1945. (available from the Historical Society), she tells us that the first settlers of what would become the city of Brighton were two brothers whose last name was Maltby. **What year did they build their first cabin?**

(see page 2 for the answer)

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Thanks and Recognition

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- All members who take the time to notify us of a change of address.

Answer to question on page one. 1832

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
- Brighton Bar & Grill
- Davis Multimedia, Inc.
- Dr. Fred Bonine, DDS
- Dr Robert Clark, Clark Eye Center
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- Lawrence Autobody**
- Masonic Lodge #247**
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- SOS Livingston
- Synergy Environmental Inc.
- Yum Yum Tree

Member Renewals / New Members

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

Patron

- Don & Ricci Bandkau

Business/Professional

- GracePointe Church

Couples / Individuals

- John & JoAnn Allen
- Nancy Cardle (Trenton)
- William Danford (Royal Oak)
- Nancy Demeter (Jackson)
- Kate Jeffries (Rochester Hills)
- Dwight & Joyce Matteson
- Barbara Smith
- Peggy V Streight (South Lyon)
- Joyce Terrv
- Bill & Giggi Valliencourt

* Welcome to the new members: Grace Pointe Church, William Danforth, Nancy Demeter, Kate Jeffries, Dwight & Joyce Matteson and Peggy V. Streight. New members bring new perspective to the Society

Dates to Remember

July 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29: 5 -8pm
BAHS acts as hosts at CoBACH Center on Sun and Wed during July.

July 5, 12, 19, 26: 9am-12noon
Archiving/Open House at Lyon School.

July 7, 14, 19, 28: 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 old photos and 127 pages with informative captions. Guaranteed to be a quick seller!

July 15: 1-4 pm
Open House at Lyon School.

Jul 21: 1:30pm-3:00pm
The Brighton District Library will host a "release party" for the new historical photo book called 'The Brighton Area'. This is one in the 'Images of America' series of books by Arcadia Press and

written by local author Genal Pratt, with the Brighton Area Historical Society, will present 198 early Brighton area photos. Each picture includes a short description detailing the historic image.

Meet Genal Pratt and members of the BAHS. Light refreshments for all; books for \$20. Admission is FREE.

July 25: 6pm
BAHS Board Meeting at CoBACH

This Month at CoBACH through August 12, Tues-Sun, 5-8 pm also Sat 9am-12nn
Experience the *150th Anniversary of America's Civil War* with displays that feature classic battle images and artifacts on loan from local collectors.

Area Organizations

July 13:
Historical Society of Michigan workshop—Fading photos: How to identify, Scan, Restore, and Archive Historic photographs. www.hsmichigan.org.

July 19:
Highland Twp. Historical Society—Life of the Civil War Solider. Highlandtownshiphistoricalsociety.com or 248-887-1408

July 22:
Saline Area Historical Society—Windmill Tour 734-429-9621

August 3:
Historical Society of Michigan workshop—Fabricating Professional Exhibits for under \$500. www.hsmichigan.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 member, please visit our web site at www.BRIGHTONAREAHISTORICAL.COM or mail in the following form below.

Mail check or money order payable to: Brighton Area Historical Society
P. O. Box 481
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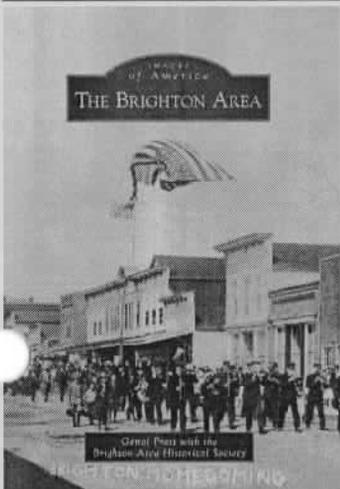
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E-Mail: _____

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

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<input type="checkbox"/> \$2 Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100
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<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Family		
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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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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.

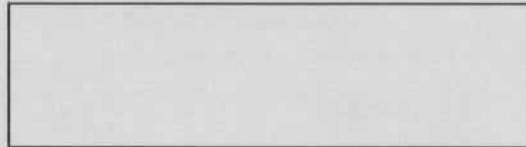
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The BAHS accepts monetary support and donations of historical artifacts. Please consider supporting us with your generosity.

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Civil War Veterans Resting At Old Village Cemetery (Part 15)

In the 1880 History of Livingston County (p114) it is recorded that Nathan Allison of Brighton, enlisted August 29, 1864, in Company I Third Michigan Regiment. When the Third reorganized October 15, 1864 he was transferred to Company F.

The reorganized Third left the rendezvous at Grand Rapids, Michigan, October 20, 1864, and proceeded to Nashville, Tennessee. Its battles and skirmishes are recorded as Decatur, Alabama, October 28, 29 and 30, 1864, and Murfreesboro, Tennessee, November 30 to December 20, 1864. Nathan was discharged on surgeon's certificate from Company F, November 1, 1865. He died in 1868 at 38 years old.

Just when the Allison's settled in Livingston County has not been determined. Census records find Allison's settled in Putnam and Marion Townships by the 1850s and 60s, from New York, but Nathaniel's presence in Brighton is only recorded as the site from which he enlisted on Company I.

Private Allison, his wife Charlotte, daughter Cordelia and son Thomas are all buried in the Old Village Cemetery. Research suggests Nathaniel arrived in Michigan following the birth of two sons: Frank b. 1855 and Fred b.1857, both in New York. There was a second daughter, Rosa, who moved from the area and married. Nathan's occupation and the cause of his early death have not been ascertained. June 1, 1890, widowed Charlotte applied for veteran widow's pension.

The Butler name appears in early county census records. Peter Butler is first noted in the 1860 record living at Robert Bigham's tavern, the "Call & C", on the west side of Grand River Road at Challis Road. Peter and his wife, Isabella, had previously owned and sold 40 acres in Genoa Township, at the corner of Hacker and McClements roads.

In October, 1861, at the age of 47, Peter felt strongly that the Union should be preserved and enlisted as a Private in the Ninth Michigan Infantry. "On July 13, 1862, in the battle at Murfreesboro, where the Ninth Michigan was outnumbered, he was taken prisoner." His strong patriotic convictions (although not subject to the draft and having experienced a Southern prison, showed his courage by enlisting again; this time in the Tenth Cavalry, Company B., September 5, 1863. He was mustered out November 11, 1865.

At home wife Isabella dealt with the death of first born Sarah Jane, at four years in 1849 and third daughter, Clara, 1862, at ten years. Peter died October 10, 1884, and Isabella, died 1906. Sarah Jane and Clara are interred in the Old Village Cemetery. Daughter Isabella married Samuel P. Moon of Hamburg, June 20, 1869, and had five children.

Compiled by Marieanna Bair from William Pless writings; Old Village Cemetery transcription by John & Janice Field; census records; compiled obituaries and early Land Owners of Livingston County by Milton Charboneau. Additions / Corrections req 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.