

## GREAT OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS AT OLD VILLAGE CEMETERY

The Brighton Area Historical Society had several active programs within Old Village Cemetery during October that promoted local history. Old Village Cemetery is Brighton's oldest cemetery with the first burial in 1838. This public cemetery is located adjacent to the Millpond and behind St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

The second Annual Fall tour fund raiser was held on October 13 at the cemetery. Over twenty dedicated historians braved the rain and cold temperatures to learn about the local families that are interred here during the 5pm, 8pm and 10pm tours. The tours were led by BAHS Director Tammy Sexton who portrayed the colorful John Tanner. John was known for his long beard that was estimated between 7-9 feet in length. His beard would be tucked into his clothing as he drove train passengers from the Brighton depot to local hotels in his classic horse drawn English style coach from 1871-1920. His notoriety was



**BAHS director Joe Collins at work restoring headstones**

shared with Henry Ford, who eventually bought his coach for display at Greenfield Village in Dearborn.

On October 15, the OVC Headstone Preservation Program commenced with nine volunteers working to restore the headstones and monuments within the burial grounds. Headstones were leveled and broken ones repaired. This (15) year program will restore the appearance of headstones and provide dignity to the families who are buried here. Old Village Cemetery is an outdoor museum of history. The society hired a professional headstone conservator from Connecticut who taught the volunteers in

May how to conserve and preserve monuments for the future. The techniques learned are standard practice used in small cemeteries up to national cemeteries like Arlington.

If you would like to volunteer for the 2013 fall cemetery tour OR join the team of headstone conservators OR donate to the preservation effort please call me. There is tremendous community pride with all the volunteers that are restoring Old Village Cemetery. If you have a day to two during the month, please consider joining us. We will train you to become a pro!

Jim Vichich  
President BAHS

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In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863 in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.

**Happy Thanksgiving**

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## Brighton Area Historical Society ANNUAL MEETING 2013 ELECTIONS

On Sunday, November 18, the Brighton Area Historical Society will hold their Annual Membership Meeting at the 1885 Lyon One-room Schoolhouse. A potluck gathering at 1pm, followed at 2:15 pm with the meeting. Items on the agenda are elections of 2013 board members and officers with nominations from the floor, vote on new bylaws, report of the 2012 activities and plans for 2013 will be shared.

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## Thanks and Recognition

### Memberships:

Family/Individual: Tim Hurst, Harold P. Leitz, Charles & Evelyn McConnell (Drbrn), Roland & Jane Owens and Dan Schmidt.

### Thanks to:

—Bert & Marieanna Bair, Larry Lawrence, Pat Nelson, Tammy Sexton and Jim Vichich for help in mailing the October issue of Trail Tales.

—Harold P. Leitz for donations to Friends of Lyon School with his dues.

—JoAnn Belmard for items from the Irene Ellis estate.

—Betsy Herbst for 1968 Brighton Centennial memorabilia.

—Pleasant Valley Social Club for a donation in memory of Jean Boice Lietzau and Bill Tomlinson.

—Tom Leith and daughter Teri for donating old photos and documents.

—Mike Lueker for memorabilia.

—Jerry Damon for being the interim editor of Trail Tales

—Ralph Steinberger, Harry Davis, Hank Winegar, Larry Lawrence, Dick Weaire, Bob Knight, Mindy Kinsey, Joe Collins, Nancy Fredenburg, Pat Nelson, Tammy Sexton, Marieanna Bair and Jim Vichich for volunteering at the CoBACH Center in September and October.

—Gary Reutter, Bill Dixon, Dave Pettigrove, Joe Collins, Tammy Sexton, Bob Knight, Don Thomas, Larry Lawrence, and Jim Vichich for volunteering at Old Village Cemetery for the Headstone Preservation Project.

—Dave Burger, Home Depot Brighton Store Manager, for donation of mason string for use at Old Village Cemetery Headstone Preservation project.

—Tammy and Steve Sexton, Genal, Lee and Nolan Pratt, Jill Gosselin, Tom Reinke, Mindy Kinsey, Jim Vichich, Heidi Sapikowski, Crystal Moon Paranormal Society and all the great volunteers that made the Old Village Cemetery tours a great success!

—Tammy Sexton, Mindy Kinsey, Marieanna Bair, and Jim Vichich for assisting at Lyon School for Open house and the children's Pumpkin Decorating Program.

### 2012 Business / Professional Members:

Acorn Deck Accessories, Inc.  
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**Great Stocking Stuffer:** New "Brighton Area" softcover photo-history book.  
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## Dates to Remember

**November 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28,:**  
**5pm-8pm**

BAHS hosts at CoBACH Center on Sun and Wed during November.

**November 1, 8, 15, 29: 9am-12nn**

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

**Closed on Thanksgiving, November 22.**

**November 18: 1pm-4pm**

Annual membership meeting will be held at Lyon School including election of 2013 board of directors and officers. Updates to the By-Laws will be voted upon. Potluck will take place from 1-2 pm and the membership meeting including elections will run from 2:15 pm-4pm.

**November 28, 6pm**

BAHS Board Meeting at CoBACH, last meeting for 2012.

**December 9, 1pm-4pm**

Old Time Christmas Program at Lyon School

Meet Santa and Mrs. Claus

Take your Family Holiday Photos

Fresh made Cookies and Hot Chocolate  
Enjoy many Old fashioned Christmas Decorations

Supervised Make and Take Projects for your children

Great day for kids—Bring your Camera!  
Set Your Calendar!

**November at CoBACH:**

Experience the past history of Brighton's St. Patrick's Church with their exhibit titled "**180 years of St. Patrick's Church.**" See historic photos and documents in their display.

### AREA ORGANIZATIONS

**November 1:** Memoir Writing in Your Own Words. Livingston County Genealogical Society. 1st United Methodist Church, 1230 Bower, Howell 810-227-7745

**November 2:** Researching and Documenting Historic Textiles. Historical Society of Michigan workshop  
[www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org)

**December 7:** Grant Writing for Special Projects. Historical Society of Michigan workshop.  
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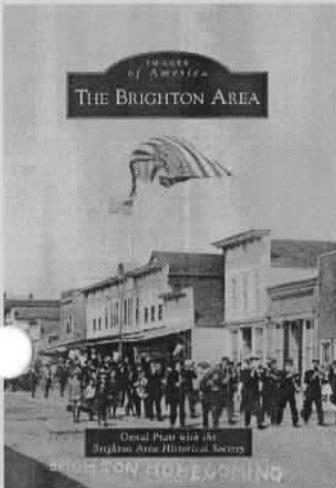
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**BAHS Projects Fund:**  \$10  \$100  
 \$25  \$250  
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### New book released

#### 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.

#### Treasurer

Bookkeeping experience needed, knowledge of Quickbooks a plus: Current Treasurer willing to advise.

The New book is a **Great Stocking stuffer:**  
 Available at Lawrence Autobody, Parent Teacher Tech Center, CoBACH Center or call 810-250-7276.

### BAHS Leadership

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**Jim Vichich**

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**Jerry Damon**

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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.

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.

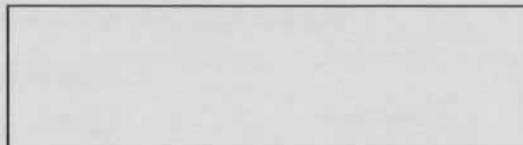
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## Civil War Veterans Resting At Old Village Cemetery (Part 19)

From his obituary, November 27, 1901, issue of the Brighton Argus, it is learned "**James M. Logan** who died at his home, 939 4th Avenue, Detroit, Monday November 18, 1901, was born at Machias, New York in 1837 in which state he spent his boyhood. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in the 9th Michigan Infantry." (Co. K.) He was one of the 92 Livingston County men in the 9th Michigan. He had moved to Michigan shortly before. His enlistment period was for one year, October 7, 1861 / October 8, 1862 at which time he was honorably discharged.

He returned to New York and enlisted as corporal in the 11th New York cavalry October 7, 1863 / September 20, 1865, serving a total of almost three years.

At the close of the war he married Martha Brink of New York, where daughter Lotta was born in 1870.

At some point James, Martha and Lotta moved back to Brighton where son, Roy, was born September, 1879. The 1880 census records show James, Martha, Lotta and Roy living in Brighton Village. James' occupation is as a saloon keeper. An April 1880 newspaper ad notes J. M. Logan, Proprietor of the Grand River Street Restaurant. Pure wines and liquors, tobacco and cigars were offered,. He is also a member of the Maccabees Lodge, the Masonic Lodge and Brighton GAR. Martha died at 45. Mrs. Mary S. Kidd married James in 1888; she had four children. The obituary continues..."during his residence here held many positions of trust with credit to himself and the satisfaction of the residents of the Village."

James died November 18, 1901. Martha died February 9, 1887 and Mary died in 1944; all are interred in the old Village Cemetery.

Lotta died in Buffalo, New York, May 12, 1911 of T. B. Son Roy lived in Detroit when his wife died January 1, 1916, leaving three daughters, eight, four and three years old.

Altho' **John G. Spencer**, born 1805, New York, and was in the County by 1850 census of Brighton Village as a merchant, he appears to be living in a boarding house. He is a near neighbor to Charles born in 1802, New York, and also a merchant, who it is surmised, was a brother. John and Charles are both noted in an 1859 business directory of the Village.

Just when John married Lucy born 1810, New York, is not clear either; however, they are together in 1860 with no children listed.

Lucy taught in Brighton schools in 1856 and 1857. One may reason they were married in 1858. No record is found that John served in a Livingston County unit during the Civil War. However it is noted he died in 1864 while serving.

Compiled by Marieanna Bair from: Census Records: 1880 History of Livingston County: Old Village Cemetery transcription by John & Janice Field: Obituaries compiled by Milton Charbonau.

(Corrections /additions, requested. 810-229-6402.)

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