



## OLD VILLAGE CEMETERY RESTORATION PROJECT DEDICATION ON MAY 4

On Saturday, May 4th, the 5th Annual Day of Restoration will take place at the 1837 Old Village Cemetery, next to the Brighton Millpond from 9am to 1pm. The Brighton Area Historical Society is sponsoring this working event and lunch will be provided at the conclusion at 1 pm.

The day will begin with restoration of the burial grounds at 9am. The debris left from fall and winter, namely branches and leaves will be collected into large paper yard bags. Rakes, small garden tools and hand gloves will be needed. The goal for the day is to refurbish the grounds so that Old Village Cemetery will once again take on a respectful ap-

pearance just in time to honor the deceased veterans of war for Memorial Day, May 27. There are over 35 Civil War veterans resting here.

At 11am there will be a 15-20 minute special dedication for the new Headstone Restoration Project that will officially start this year. There are approximately 150 headstones that are broken and lying on the ground. This 12-15 year program will restore all the broken headstones to the upright position as well as to replumb all leaning headstones and large monuments. At the dedication, 10 restored headstones will be unveiled. These headstones previously were broken in multiple pieces and lying flat on the ground until they were recently rehabilitated.

Restoration work on the headstones will also take place during the 9am—1pm cleanup of the cemetery grounds. If you have an interest in learning to restore these historical headstones and monuments and would like to participate in this awesome civic project, please join us. No experience necessary only desire. We will train you as we work together!

Please call if you can help at Old Village Cemetery on May 4 so proper amounts of food are available.

Jim Vichich  
BAHS President  
810-250-7276

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### Images of America: The Brighton Area

Available at  
Lawrence Autobody  
Parent Teachers Tech Center  
CoBACH Center  
or  
Calling 810-250-7276

### Special Civil War Exhibit CoBACH Center

**MAY 27: 10am-2pm**

Several collectors will display common and rare artifacts from the War of Rebellion. Great chance for young gun and military enthusiasts to see museum quality artifacts  
Exhibit is FREE!

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## Thanks and Recognition

### Memberships:

#### PATRON:

Margo Metzger

#### FAMILY/INDIV:

John & JoAnn Allen, Joe & Tina Anderson\*, John & Debbie Armstrong, Charles & Janice Beach, Robert & Nancy Carlson, Richard & Kathleen McKinnie, Cleo Moran (AA), Brain Pawlak (Hw), Dr. John & Annie Reddit, Marjorie Wilcox, Willis Wolfe (CA).

\*Welcome to new members Joe & Tina Anderson.

The Historical Society is a successful organization with financial support from its members and many volunteers.

The membership roster is not sold or shared

### Brighton Women's Roll of Honor

Congratulations to Barbara Ann Binkley, Patricia Sue Cherry, Jeannine M. Dufault, Carol S. Griffith, Dorothy Musch and the 2011 Brighton Varsity Girls Lacrosse Team on their induction into the Brighton Women's Roll of Honor March 18, 2013.

*This recognition is done annually during 'Women's History Month' by a group of Brighton area women, led by Joyce Powers and presented through the Brighton Rotary Club.*

### Society Life Members:

Tom Archer  
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\*\* Life Members

*Our efforts are not possible without the support of our Business/Professional members.*

### Thanks:

- John & Debbie Armstrong, Marge Metzger, Cleo Moran, Marjorie Wilcox, for their donations to Society Projects with their dues' remittance.
- Margo Metzger, Cleo Moran (AA), Marjorie Wilcox and Willis Wolfe for their dues to Friends of Lyon School.
- Those who kindly note publication errors.
- Bert & Marieanna Bair, Jackie Damm and Jane Tomlinson for help in mailing March Trail Tails.
- CoBACH volunteers: Joe Collins, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Norma Jean Pless, Jane Tomlinson, Larry Lawrence, Hank Winegar, Sheryl Vigmostad, and Jim Vichich.
- All the BAHS board members for their dedicated service to preserving and sharing information from Brighton's past. Their countless hours of research into our community and its early days is providing a new documented view into the early residents including their homes and businesses.
- The workers who set-up CoBACH's latest exhibit "Are We There Yet" and community members that loaned exhibit materials include Judith Coebly, Gary Reutter, Marieanna Bair, Sheryl Vigmostad, Mindy Kinsey and Joe Collins.
- Bill Rubin for scanning veteran memory books from WWI and WWII.
- The Thursday morning archiving members whose humor and dedication make this three hour activity fly by include: Joe Collins, Caren Bierman, Jerry Damon, Larry Lawrence, Sue Garcia, Sue Zimmermann, Norma Jean Pless, Marieanna Bair and Jim Vichich.

## Dates to Remember

**April 3, 4, 7, 10, 11, 14, 17, 18, 21, 24, 25, 28, : 5pm-8pm**

BAHS hosts at CoBACH Center on Sun, Wed, and Thurs during April.

**April 4, 11, 18, 25: 9am-12nn**

Archiving/Open House at Lyon School.

Visitors are welcome. Please share your early life Brighton experiences.

**April 24: 6pm**

BAHS April Board Meeting at CoBACH Center

**May 27: 10am**

Memorial Day Parade

**May 4: 9am-1pm**

**5th Annual Spring Cleanup of Old Village Cemetery and OVC Headstone Preservation Dedication**

Join your community members to help clean-up the grounds from the fall and winter debris of branches and leaves. This is a wonderful civic opportunity to bring respect to the many veterans buried here for Memorial Day 2013. Lunch provided at 1pm. Your help is needed-call Jim to participate. (810-250-7276)

**May 4: 11am-11:15 am**

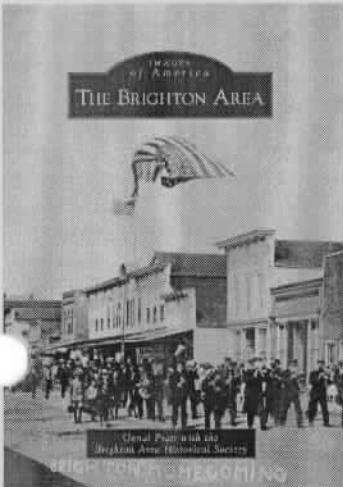
**Headstone Preservation Project Dedication**

Examine the former broken headstones that have been rebuilt and reinstalled in the vertical position. Headstones were previously broken into pieces and lying flat in the sod. This dedication is for the 15 year Headstone Repair Program being sponsored by the Brighton Area Historical Society. Following the dedication, preservation and repair work will continue. Great chance to learn and participate in the process.

## 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 on the form below.

<b>Mail check or money order payable to:</b> Brighton Area Historical Society P. O. Box 481 Brighton, MI 48116-0481	<b>Name:</b> _____	<b>Phone:</b> (____) ____-____
	<b>Address:</b> _____	
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	<b>How would you prefer to receive Trail Tales:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> US mail <small>(PLEASE CHECK ONE)</small>	
<b>Membership Plan:</b>	<b>Friend of Lyon School:</b>	<b>BAHS Projects Fund:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> \$2 Student <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Patron	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Renew <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Individual <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Business/Professional	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250
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<small>The Brighton Area Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization. All donations are tax deductible.</small>		



### 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** Plus \$5.00 if shipping is required

**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 these jobs?"

**Treasurer**  
Bookkeeping experience needed, knowledge of Quick-books a plus: Current Treasurer willing to advise.

**Volunteers at CoBACH**  
Welcome desk, help set up displays, loan of personal items for displays of the early days of Brighton.

Contact Jim Vichich at 810-250-7276

### BAHS Leadership

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| <b>President</b><br><b>Jim Vichich</b>          | <b>Directors</b><br><b>Jerry Damon</b>           |
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### BAHS: How to Contact Us or Find Us

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

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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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## FROM THE WILDERNESS—BRIGHTON

Following the Revolutionary War, the 1783 Treaty of Paris determined the border between England and the United States and ceded Michigan to the U.S. It would take the winning of the Battle of Fallen Timbers, August, 1794, to convince the British they could not continue holding onto their fur trading posts and encouraging Indian raids on Americans settling in the western lands. The Jay Treaty of 1796 reconfirmed the borders of the two countries.

During this period the US government passed the Ordinance of 1785 which determined the division of western lands into townships of six square miles at \$1.00 an acre. Surveyors prepared maps of these land divisions which included natural features such as lakes, rivers, elevations, soil conditions, timber, and locations of trails to the interior, etc.

The Ordinance of 1787 determined the governing of these western lands: easing settlers' concerns regarding the retention of their U.S. citizenship by moving west.

Construction of the Erie Canal from Albany N.Y. to Buffalo in 1825 promoted settlement of these lands. The settlement was encouraged by the Federal government as a means of securing the land and guarding against further possible incursions by the British.

With these surveyors' maps, a torrent of speculators purchased western land including the Michigan Territory. Many easterners bought 100s of acres on speculation. (Many of which later went back to the state and were sold for taxes due.)

Such a risk taker was Anthony Gale of Hartland, Connecticut. The E 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Brighton Township, Section 31, was

purchased September 23, 1834, by Gale. William Noble, also of Connecticut, purchased land in Section 30 and 31 of Brighton Township as well including that of Anthony Gale in 1835. The Noble Plat of 1837 begins at North Street following the Grand River Trail north to Flint Road. Streets are named, lots are numbered, East Street is the east boundary and West Street the west boundary. Not all streets platted were actualized. This now comprises the intersection of Grand River and Main Street, which is the border between Sections 30 and 31.

Gale had envisioned the town to be located at the top of the hill where Grand River turns north, i.e. the location of North Street. He also sold portions to William Dutcher and James B. Lee which they platted to sell lots.

By <sup>1833</sup>1883 the Maltby brothers had their saw mill in operation on Ore Creek south of Franklin Street. Within two years Orson Quackenbush built his grist mill up stream. Hotels were built in the area. All these developments led to the land sales in the east just as hoped by those holding western lands.

Many owners of Michigan acreage prepared nicely designed plat maps of villages indicating streets (not yet built), mill ponds (on streams not yet dammed) and businesses (stores, hotels, blacksmith shops which were not yet constructed). William Noble, Dan Lee, William Dutcher, Anthony Gale and others provided the vision, finances and daring physical presence to bring some of these plans to fruition.

(Compiled by Marieanna Bair from: Early Settlers and Land Owners by Milt Charboneau; Short History of Michigan by John Kern; Census records; From Settlement to City by Carol McMacken. Additions/corrections requested: 810-229-6402)