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# "Americana Domesticata" **Exhibit at CoBACH Center**

ball games? How has that easy laundry display area. chair changed over time? was that the case?

ation for living in today's world to knitting clothing.

the entire CoBACH first floor. you get there if you would like You will find individual rooms to learn or see another craft. from the typical homes recrerecliner where you watch foot- clothes can be found in the and closed on Mondays.

Many Americans take daily Discover the accessories that Jim Vichich showers today, but years ago a were once popular for men once a week Saturday night and woman. Check out that bath was the standard. Why corset that gave ladies their tiny waist but rendered them unable to breathe with any Your family and friends now comfort. Ask the docent to have an opportunity to learn show you the innovative thunanswers to the above ques- der mug that kept you comtions and many more. Take fortable in bad weather. All your kids, grandkids and Saturdays will feature demonfriends to the CoBACH Center strations and lessons on doin downtown Brighton and mestic textile crafts ranging have them develop an appreci- from using the spinning wheel comfort. The "Americana demonstrations can be found Domesticata" exhibit covers from 12nn to 3pm. Ask when

Have you examined your high ated and furnished with items. This exhibit will run from Janutech washer and dryer in the from the late 1800s. There is a ary 8 through Friday, March 1, laundry room and wondered formal living room, dining 2013. Hours are Tuesdayhow wash was done 130 years room, bedroom and yes mod- Friday including Sunday from ago? What about that comfy ern technology of washing 5pm-8pm: Saturday 11am-5pm

> Admission is Free! Questions 810-250-7276.



#### POINTS OF INTEREST:

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THE STORY OF CIVIL WAR VETER-ANS BURIED IN OLD VILLAGE CEMETERY CONTINUES.

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# WANTED

Local Historical Photographs.

The Brighton Historical Society would like to scan your photos for historical purposes. Photos of buildings, events, people and places.

Your Photos will be returned.

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THE SOCIETY EXTENDS SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF DAN SCHMIDT, WHO HAS BEEN A MEMBER SINCE 1985, ON HIS PASSING.

# **Dates to Remember**

February 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27: 5pm-8pm

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

February 7, 14, 21, 28: 9am-12nn Archiving/Open House at Lyon School. Visitors are welcome and your Brighton experiences of the past need to be

February 27: 6pm

BAHS February Board Meeting at Co-BACH center.

# Through Friday, March 1:

BAHS CoBACH Main Floor Exhibit,

"Americana Domesticata" Experience the appearance of the classic interior of the late 1800s American home. You will see individual rooms that are furnished with period furniture and decorations. Young adults and children are always amazed at the simple living conditions of this period. Craft demonstrations will be given on Saturdays from 12nn-3pm.

Our efforts are not possible without the sup-

port of our Business/Professional members.

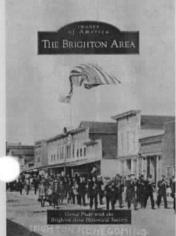
**Exhibit is FREE!** 

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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 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

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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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# Civil War Veterans Resting At Old Village Cemetery (Part 21)

Civil War research has made us aware that George W. Rogers veterans of many wars are memorialized with flags placed by served as Capt. of Co.I.,5<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry. He died in 1876 veterans' organizations and by other caring persons. and is buried in the Old Village Cemetery with brothers Henry and Francis D., also veterans, and his parents Horace and Harriet. Horace bought land in Brighton Township, Section 23, W 1/2 SE 1/4 in 1861: Buno Road 1/2 mile west of Kensington Road. No other information has come to light in our research. It appears he did not return to the area after serving, however is interred here.

This similar scenario appears to hold true also of William H.H. Russell of Green Oak Township in that he is buried with other family members in the Cemetery. One finds his brother, DeWitt C., who died in December 1861, serving as a private in Co. I, 5th Michigan Infantry. He died at age 24 from a disease contracted while serving in Washington shortly after enlisting four months earlier.

When Russell's parents came to Livingston County in 1838, they bought 168 acres in Green Oak Township, Section 3, NE 1/4. The family farmed land which straddled the Grand River Trail, east of Pleasant Valley Road. In 1874, William H.H. Russell is recorded as living in St. Louis MO, when he sells the land in Green Oak and is noted as the son of William S. Russell.

The Historical Society has photos of Memorial Day, 1920. In them we see N. West Street is a grassy knoll south of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at that time. Memories of the sacrifices made during the Civil War are still fresh. Veterans are attending services in the Village Cemetery. Local children, some likely grandchildren of the veterans, bring fresh flowers to place on graves on 'Decoration Day'. Today, at cemeteries all over the U.S.A.,

".....that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth"

(Compiled by Marieanna Bair from: Early Landowners of Livingston County by Milton Charboneau; Old Village Cemetery transcription by John and Janice Field; Historical Society Archives: President Abraham Lincoln. This concludes the series of research on Civil War veterans interred at Old Village Cemetery.)

Corrections/additions requested. 810-229-6402

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