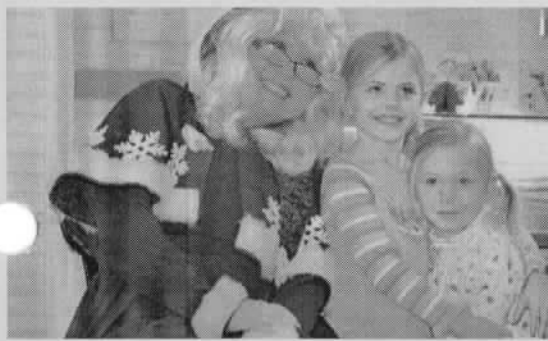


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POINTS OF INTEREST:

CHRISTMAS AT LYON SCHOOL

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

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A special thanks to:

Steve and Marcie Allor of the Parent Teacher Tech Center and Kate and Larry Lawrence of Lawrence Autobody for their help and support in maintaining an inventory of the popular Society books for the busy Christmas sales. The generosity of these businesses in helping to sell these fund raising books supports the society's community programs for preserving local history. These businesses sell BAHS books all year so please remember to support them with your business. Buying locally promotes an awesome community.

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CHRISTMAS AT LYON SCHOOL WITH SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS:

CHRISTMAS at the 1885 Lyon one-room schoolhouse was extra special on December 9. Santa and Mrs. Claus visited the school and were part of a wonderful Christmas program. Over forty children visited the pretty Mrs. Claus and presented their wishes for holiday gifts to the merry old man dressed in his traditional red holiday suit. Santa and Mrs. Claus were wide awake and in excellent spirits in spite of working long hours preparing for the world-wide delivery of gifts to children that they make every Christmas. Santa's helpers were busy in

the back room working with children as they made holiday decorations to take home and adorn their family Christmas trees. The helpers were very patient dealing with the children that were aged one through eight. Refreshments and Christmas cookies followed the decorating activities in the museum room. The smell of hot chocolate coupled with the laughter of children created a wonderful afternoon at the schoolhouse. All children had photos taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus and parents that requested had pictures emailed to their homes. A collage of all the

2012 photos will be ready to greet parents and children when they return next year. Parents were very grateful and appreciative of the free event sponsored by the BAHS. Many noted in their planners that the 2013 Christmas with Santa will take place on December 8, 2013 at the Lyon Schoolhouse. A special thanks to all the BAHS members that worked to make this Christmas program an outstanding success! Thank you to the Press-Argus, Brighton Patch and WHMI for helping publicize this wonderful event for children of the area! Jim Vichich
BAHS President

Thanks and Recognition

Memberships:

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*Welcome new members Caretel Inns of Brighton, Champ's Pub and Sylvia Lawing.

Prompt renewals are much appreciated by the Membership Committee.

Thanks to: WHMI, Press & Argus Newspapers and the Brighton Patch electronic media, who make continuous reporting and support of Society programming through wonderful community public announcements. These organizations have always supported the BAHS. Please support their business.

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

Thanks:

- Bert & Marieanna Bair, Judith Coebly, Pat Nelson, Tammy Sexton, and Jim Vichich for preparing the December Trail Tales for mailing.
- John Curry of Lansing provided information of the Curry connection to Nelson Thomas' wife, Emma Birge, Emma's mother, Mary E. was a daughter of John Curry who settled in Pleasant Valley in 1844.
- Jerry & Carole Damon, Val & Kathy Jacoby, Jim Lauridsen, Sylvia Lawing and Margaret Siford for their donation to Society projects with their dues.
- Lois Clark, Jerry & Carole Damon, Val & Kathy Jacoby, Helen Leitz and Don & Edie Leith for their donation to Friends of Lyon School with their dues.
- CoBACH volunteers for December: Larry Lawrence, Joe Collins, Hank Winegar, Nancy Fredenburg, Sheryl James, and Jim Vichich.
- The dedicated Thursday archivists, whose fun and humor make the morning flash by, includes Joe Collins (the muffin man), Jerry Damon, Sue Garcia, Marieanna Bair, Caren Bierman, Larry Lawrence, Tammy Sexton, Sue Zimmerman and Jim Vichich
- Bruce Ritter for providing the many varied and unique Christmas styled candles from days gone by and Tony Montante for the Lone Ranger rocking horse.
- The volunteers who made the Lyon School Christmas with Santa an outstanding success include Mindy and Tom Kinsey, Mary Posuniak, Marieanna Bair, Larry Lawrence, Jerry and Carole Damon, Tammy Sexton, Nancy Fredenburg, Joe Collins, Vicki and Jim Vichich. An extra thank you for the fine decorating by Mindy, Joe, Caren Bierman and Judith Coebly at the schoolhouse as well as Mindy's talents for providing and setting up the holiday decorations at the CoBACH Center, with assistance from Bob and Shirley Knight.

Dates to Remember

January 1, 2:

CoBACH closed for New Years.

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: 9am-12nn

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

January 15—March 2:

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 various Saturdays and Sundays during the exhibit. Check the Press & Argus for a current listings of the craft programming schedule. Admission is FREE.

January 23: 6pm

BAHS January Board Meeting at CoBACH

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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.

Mail check or money order payable to: Brighton Area Historical Society
P. O. Box 481
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Name: _____ **Phone:** () _____

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(PLEASE CHECK ONE)

Membership Plan:

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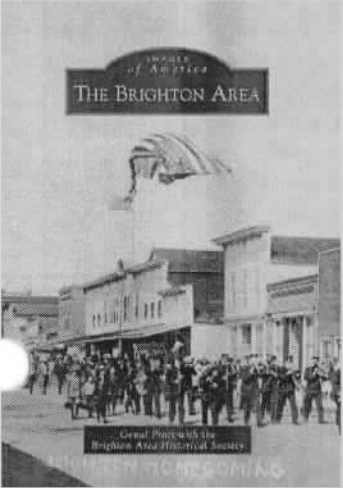
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New book released

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.

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 21)

Civil War research has made us aware that George W. Rogers served as Capt. of Co.I., 5th Michigan Infantry. He died in 1876 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 he 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 1861, serving as a private in Co. I, 5th Michigan Infantry. He died at age 24 from a disease contracted while

CORRECTION: France D. Rogers, a veteran interred at the Village Cemetery, was 24, not 14 when he enlisted for service in the Civil War.

DID YOU KNOW THE BAHS HAS TWO BOOKS FOR SALE?

IMAGES OF AMERICA: THE BRIGHTON AREA

\$20.00

SETTLEMENT TO CITY

\$65.00

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