

**Let's Build The Veterans' Memorial
 "One Brick at a Time!"**

A site has been selected to relocate the expanded Brighton Veterans' Memorial. The old memorial dedicated in 1954 has a bronze plaque mounted to a granite boulder and is located across the Millpond opposite the gazebo. This plaque is dedicated to all Brighton area veterans that have served.

Discussion has persisted for several years on the need to relocate and expand the memorial to a site that is more respectful to the local men and women who have served. The new location is only 100 feet to the east, but redesigned and distant enough to minimize the droppings of the birds and ducks. The memorial is adjacent to the classic Old Town Hall. The setting provides an intimate location which pro-

vides recognition to veterans and the five branches of the Armed Services.

Your financial help is needed to complete this community project. Engraved paver bricks are being sold for \$115 each and will be used for the Veterans' Walk of Honor, which will be adjacent to the memorial. The commemorative bricks will be engraved with a local veteran's name, rank, branch of service, duty station or ship, name of conflict and or date. The Brighton Veterans' Memorial Committee will work with families to ensure the engraving on the brick is most accurate. If your family does not include a veteran, the Committee with the assistance of the Brighton Area Historical Society will help you to select a local Civil War veteran or other veteran that has not been specifically recognized.

The Brighton community has always supported their defenders of freedom. Please visit the BVM website, www.BrightonVeteransMemorial.org to order your commemorative brick. If you have questions contact Bill Rubin at 810-227-7870.

Dedication of the Brighton Veterans' Memorial is to be on Veterans' Day, November 11, 2013. Please help preserve local veterans' history by supporting the Memorial funding. Plan to attend this important day!

Jim Vichich
 BAHS President

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**Sympathy from the Society
 To the family of
 FLORENCE SULLIVAN**

A long time resident of Brighton and member of the Society

**Sympathy from the Society
 To the family of
 DR. HARRY DAVIS**

A Brighton native, a BHS graduate, an initiator of VINA and member of the Society

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Thanks and Recognition

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*Welcome to new members Pat Franklin and Ruth Hall Green, an alumna of Lyon School. Much appreciation for the continued support of renewing members for 2013.

The Society, a Federally recognized non-profit organization, must conduct its affairs in a fiscally sound manner. The By-laws note the fiscal year as January 1 through December 31 and its memberships are on an annual basis. Membership entitles receipt of the monthly newsletter and the knowledge that the Society can better fulfill its mission of collecting, preserving and disseminating the history of the area. The newsletter gives ample evidence of opportunities in which one might assist in this mission.

Upon receipt of dues, the year 2013 is printed on the mailing label. If an error is noted contact the Society.

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

Thanks:

- Bert & Marieanna Bair, Pat Nelson, Jim Vichich for preparing February Trail Tales for mailing.
- Kathleen Alrubaiy (CO) for her donation in memory of her mother Florence Sullivan.
- Marieanna Bair, Caren Biermann, Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Sue Garcia, Larry Lawrence, Norma Jean Pless, Jim Vichich and Sue Zimmermann, the regulars at Thursday morning Archives.
- CoBACH volunteers: Joe Collins Nancy Fredenburg, Marieanna Bair, Larry Lawrence, Bob Knight, Hank Winegar, Sheryl Vigmostad and Jim Vichich.
- Jacque Armstrong, Caren Biermann, Judith Coebly & Gary Reutter, Dr. Harry & Carol Davis, William & Margaret Dixon, Sandra Everett, Pat Franklin, Dr. John & Barbara Jacoby (MN), and Bob & Shirley Knight for including 2013 dues for Friends of Lyon School with their regular membership.
- Caren Biermann, Bill & Jackie Damm, William & Margaret Dixon, Connie Sherman, Albert & Karen Wirth and Sheryl Vigmostad for including extra support for the Society projects with their 2013 membership.
- Larry Lawrence, Joe Collins and Jim Vichich for snow removal from sidewalks and parking lot at Lyon School.
- CoBACH's "Americana Domesticata" exhibit setup and takedown people and those loaning items: Judy Coebly & Gary Reutter; Jerry & Ann Dilloway; Tom & Mindy Kinsey, Vicki & Jim Vichich; Tammy & Steve Sexton; Norma Jean Pless; Jane Tomlinson; Joe Collins; Dick & Lucille Weaire; Kate & Larry Lawrence; Loretta & John Murray; Denise Daddino; Bob & Shirley Knight; Marieanna & Bert Bair.
- Larry Lawrence for researching early issues of the Brighton Argus for business and family data and Sue Garcia using that information for updating business records for early addresses for the Historical Resource Survey.
- Phil Szanto for taking over the website and updating the contents.
- Jerry Damon for editing and layout of Trail Tales.

Dates to Remember

March 3, 6, 7, 10, 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 24, 27, 28, 31: 5pm-8pm

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

March 7, 14, 21, 28: 9am-12nn

Archiving/Open House at Lyon School.

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

March 27: 6pm

BAHS March Board Meeting at CoBACH center.

Other Historical Societies:

March 7: 7pm

"Irish Before 1860" by John & Becky Bell. Livingston. Co. Genealogy Society, www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~milcgs/

March 17: 1pm

Pot luck luncheon, "The Old Irish Cemetery" Green Oak Twp. Historical Society Program at 2:00 pm, at the 1856 Hall, 10789 Silver Lake Road.

May 4: 9am-1pm

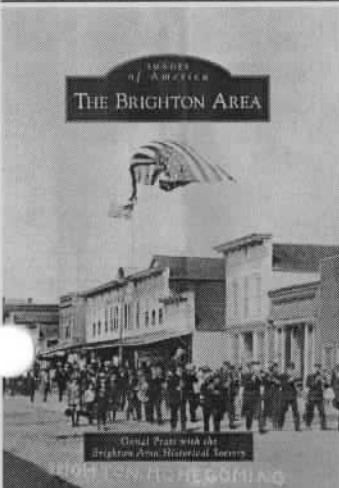
Save date and time for OVC cleanup.

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Mail check or money order payable to:		Name: _____	Phone: () _____
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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.

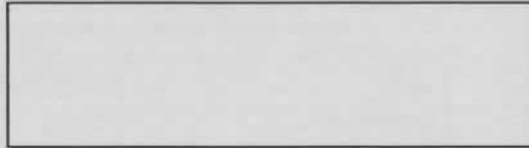
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The BAHS accepts monetary support and donations of historical artifacts. Please consider supporting us with your generosity.

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"Peanut" Cline's Clothing Store

At about the time of his father's (Lawson Cline) death in 1899, Frank Cline, b. 1865, was in business at 440 W. Main. The two-story frame structure housed his men's clothing store. It was built c.1873 as part of the Smith-McPherson Addition with the coming of the railroad. A large wood awning over the plank walk protected shoppers. In the mid-20th century this was removed having been declared a public hazard. During the 1920's local apples were stored in the basement which made for a pleasant scent each fall in the store above.

Arthur M. Boylan joined the business for 14 years in 1913. Cline-Boylan Co. ran an ad in the April 8, 1914, issue of the Brighton Argus "Our stock of wool shirts consists of three of the best makes on the market, including the Moore garment with patent sleeves." In May 1920, the Argus noted "F.M. Cline was over to Battle Creek for two or three days on a tailoring trip." Althou' Frank was a tailor, fitting local men for well-tailored suits, he dressed in his own unique style wearing "....dark grey, baggy trousers and a blue work shirt over which he wore a button front sweater. Wide elastic armbands kept his sleeves pushed up. He wore ankle tennis shoes and when he walked to the post office or bank he seemed to bounce" writes Pat Brady Convery before her passing October 16, 2011.

Pat's father, Joe Brady, had a grocery and meat market across the street at 431 W. Main. She regularly worked in the store while attending Brighton High School. She recalled Frank often coming to Brady's store to purchase groceries. His usual request for "....two thirds of a dozen brown, not white, eggs... sent me scurrying behind the walk-in meat cooler to figure out what two thirds of the current price of eggs would be." Her father one day asked, "Frank why do you always buy two thirds of a dozen eggs?" " That's what my pan holds" he replied.

Perhaps because of Frank's partiality to peanuts which he always carried unshelled in his pockets, and the floor of his store was always cluttered with shells, he earned the nickname "Peanuts Cline". Cline also lived in the store, sleeping on the counter. Pat Brady Convery continues "It was impossible to see inside Frank's store through his front window. The interior was always dim and the windows cluttered with merchandise. Inside a long wooden counter ran the length of the store. Most of it was piled high with heavy work pants, sweaters, hats and long underwear. At the far end of the counter it was clear. Under the edge, hidden from view, was a cash drawer which opened when touched at a special spot. ...He recommended wide suspenders during the winter as they were warmer."

'Peanut' lived rather like a hermit but trusted everyone. Brady many times warned him to be more careful. Often Brady left a customer to quickly make change for the \$20.00 bill Peanut brought for change, because Brady knew the clothing store had been left unattended. April 26, 1949, two brothers, believing 'Peanut' had cash in the store, beat him so badly he died two days later. The cash drawer was found by police and Brady was able to touch the hidden spring revealing barely \$100.00. Main Street merchants, customers and many other local residents displayed the respect they felt for Frank M. Cline at his burial in Calvary Cemetery. Following Cline's murder the old store was repeatedly remodeled and renovated serving as the Argus office, medical offices, bakery, café, etc. , before being demolished in March, 2006.

(Compiled by Marieanna Bair from: Patricia Brady Convery writings; collected obituaries; Brighton Argus clippings.)

Additions/corrections requested, 810-229-6402