



The Lost Summer of 2020?

Schools are now closed for the remainder of the school year which typically is completed by mid June. Streets are empty. Society distancing has been extended through mid-May and likely beyond. Restaurants are closed except for carry-outs. Meetings have morphed into teleconferencing so exposure to others is eliminated. Amateur and professional sports are deciding how to deliver to the prime markets of summer and fall.

COVID-19 Michigan fatalities are approaching 4000. Livingston County related deaths are near 20 have passed, while U.S. COVID-19 deaths have approached 60,000 all within the 12 week window.

The seeds for summer activities are being sown and the appearance is not looking very promising. Memorial Day programming is being cancelled. The festivities for celebrating our Fourth of July events are in question. Downtown Brighton is a focal point for outdoor activities and people are in close proximity. Will there be events on Main Street? How about Sunday night car shows and Kiwanis concerts?

There is little doubt that the warmth of summer and sunny days will be here soon. People are in need of a change of venue. Walking with your mate is great. Manicuring your lawn and flower beds is satisfying, but we are social creatures. We thrive at having fun, and we value companionship with friends and family. I love the fellowship created by the Sunday Millpond concerts!

Will we see social distancing signs in the downtown and around the Millpond? Will summer events be cancelled? Could the Amphitheater at the millpond have special marked no seating areas to keep appropriate distances? I hope we have a normal summer filled with wonderful activities and concerts, but it is starting to appear that this will be the lost summer of 2020.

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CoBACH Hours

Tuesday—Friday 5—8pm

Saturday 11am—5pm

NEW Hours Sunday 2—5pm

Closed Monday

The CoBACH Center is currently CLOSED due to COVID-19

Archiving at Lyon School on Buno Road is also CLOSED

Check our Facebook Page for the Opening Date of both.

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Frequent postings regarding Brighton History.

Brighton Area Historical Society

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Thanks and Recognition

MEMBERSHIPS:

IND/FAMILY: Sally Baldwin, Gerald & Ann Dilloway, Brenda McCarty, Geneva Kebler Wiskemann

Thanks to all of our members. Renewing and new memberships keep the Society vital. Please see the form on Page 3 if you would like to renew your dues or become a member of the Society.

THANKS:

- Brighton Masonic Lodge, #247, City of Brighton and Dan & Anna Oginsky for their 2020 Platinum sponsorship.
- Richard Hyne for his donation to Old Village Cemetery.
- Jerry Damon for designing and constructing a table for the display model of the Brighton Grist Mill. In addition to the table, there is a acrylic cover that goes over the display model for protection, but allows for viewing of the model. This model will be permanently located sometime this summer at the CoBACH Center for everyone to view.
- Carole & Jerry Damon and Jim Vichich for preparing the April Trail Tales newsletter for mailing.

The Brighton Area Historical Society extends its sympathy to the family of

Phyllis Kerslake

Phyllis was a long-time member of the Society.

The Brighton Area Historical Society extends its sympathy to the family of

Mary Jo Del Vero

Mary Jo was the daughter of Frank & Josephine (Jo DeLuca) who are long-time members of the Society.

The Brighton Area Historical Society extends its sympathy to the family of

Nancy Carlson

Nancy was a long-time member of the Society.

Dates to Remember

CoBACH Center: Has been **CLOSED for March/April**. At this point, no determination has been made about May and future operations.

Lyon Schoolhouse: Lyon School has been closed for archival work in March/April. Unable to determine for May and beyond.

BAHS Board Meeting: Scheduled for May 27.

BAHS Jewelry Sale May 1—9; CoBACH Center: Has been cancelled due to health concerns. Jewelry is being processed for future sale rescheduled to May 2021.

Old Village Cemetery Spring Cleanup. May 2nd clean-up has been cancelled and will not be rescheduled. Please reserve Saturday, May 1, 2021 for next year's spring cleanup.

Memorial Day Programs; Monday, May 25: There will be no BAHS program in Old Village Cemetery and the Civil War exhibit inside CoBACH is also cancelled.

OVC Headstone Restoration days are scheduled for the 4th Monday during the summer months as follows: June 22, July 27, August 24, September 28 and October 26.

Life — Business — Professional Members

Life Members:

Tom Archer — John & Deb Armstrong — Paul & Kathryn Bair (Allen) — Marieanna Bair — Shirley Barton — Charles & Janice Beach Donald & Shari Black (N.J.) — Marilyn Campbell (IN) — John & Jenny Conely — Bonnie Corrigan — Timothy & Giannine Corrigan Jerry & Carole Damon — Bill & Margaret Dixon — Joan Engel — Nancy Fredenburg — Stephen & Marilyn Harrington — William & Lenore Harris Betsy & Bob Herbst — Dr. John & Barbara Jacoby (MN) — Val & Kathy Jacoby (FL) — Kate Lawrence — Seth & Shannon Lemke (TX) Ray & Bessie Maltby — Carol McMacken — Jere & Kay Michaels — James & Janis Miller — Greg & Pamela Park (OH) John G. Park & Madeline Kingston-Park — Richard Park (IL) — David & Marilyn Pettigrove — Bob & Donna Phillips — Joyce Powers Douglas & Carole Rearick — Tom & Bonnie Riutta — Robert & Pauline Schaffer — Bruce & Betty Schuman — Anne Stratigos — Lynn Brady Strong Jim & Vicki Vichich — Linda (Skeman) Wintermute

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2020 Sponsorships

Platinum Level: Brighton Masonic Lodge #247, City of Brighton, Dan & Anna Oginsky

Bronze Level: Carolina DeLuca, Frank & Josephine Del Vero, Bob Hill, Neighbors Magazine/M. Lenninger

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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.

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The Area Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization . All donations are tax deductible.

BAHS Sponsorship Program

The BAHS sponsorship program has the following levels with the associated annual funding gifts. Sponsors will receive recognition through the Trail Tails newsletter and through sponsorship placards located at the City of Brighton Arts, Culture and History (CoBACH) Center (aka Old Town Hall) and the Lyon One-room Schoolhouse.

Annual Sponsor levels are:

Platinum — \$1,000+; Gold — \$500+; Silver — \$250+; Bronze — \$100+

If you would like to become a sponsor or have a question, please contact:

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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.

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

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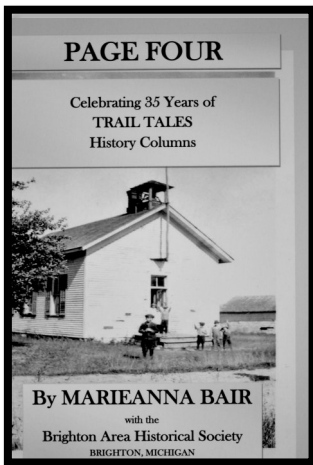
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Main Street and Grand River are Paved!



The following story was published in Trail Tales in July 1994 . It was researched by BAHS Vice-President, Marieanna Bair. This story is part of a collection of stories researched and written for Trail Tales by Marieanna Bair, bound in a soft cover book entitled, "Page 4." This book can be purchased at Lawrence Autobody in Brighton or by contacting Jim Vichich at 810-250-7276. The cost is \$10. There is a \$5 mailing charge.

River to 2nd Street.

During the celebration of Brighton’s Centennial, 1967, The Argus-Dispatch carried a story about the “vibrolithic” pavement on Main Street. According to the author Reed E. Fletcher, the ‘city slicker’ convinced the city fathers of the benefits of a vibrolithic pavement over concrete. The pavement was laid in a most impressive manner. After pouring the concrete in the usual way, the vibrolithic machine was put to work. It was reportedly a flat platform about 6’ wide and twice as long. Constructed of 2x12 timbers. Mounted on this platform was an iron framework which supported a Model T Ford engine with an eccentric flywheel. This rig was placed on top of the fresh concrete and the engine started. It has a very small muffler which would go off with a roar causing the entire rig to “...shake the living bejeebers out of the concrete.” Fletcher, a man with a highly developed sense of humor, felt the entertainment value provided the village by this piece of equipment was well worth the cost of paving Main Street.

The next time we drive down Main Street or Grand River, try to imagine it’s 1920. Yes, there are concrete sidewalks but the road surface is of earth with a little clay, sand and gravel on it. Can one imagine the mud of rainy weather or the dust of dry?

Seventy years ago, January 7, 1924, to be exact, the Brighton Village Council caused a special election for the purpose of issuing \$70,000 in bonds for the paving of portions of Grand River and portions of Main Street from Grand River to 7th Street including storm sewers. Total estimated cost was \$84,704.60.

The Brighton State Bank was awarded the handling of \$70,000 in bonds redeemable at the Bank on maturity. Ballew Construction Company was awarded the contract to install the storm sewers . Rennie & Dibble would pave Main Street. February 26, 1924, the Council contracted with Detroit Edison for ‘Boulevard’ lighting to be installed. Livingston Mutual Telephone Company was requested to remove poles from Grand



Rolison’s Hardware is to the left.