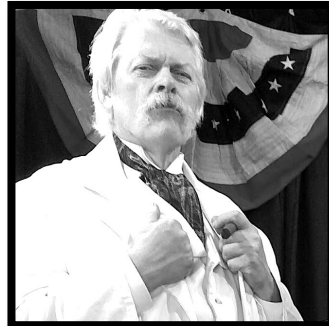


America's Mark Twain



Brighton's Pat Tucker

An Evening With Mark Twain!

Mark Twain, also known as Samuel Clemens, rose to popularity due to his keen wit, sharp humor, and insightful commentary on American society. His novels, including "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" and "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," captured the essence of the American experience with vivid characters, engaging narratives, and social satire. Twain's story telling prowess, authenticity, and ability to address complex themes such as race, morality, and freedom resonated with readers of all ages and backgrounds. His unique voice, distinctive style, and timeless humor have solidified his place as one of the most beloved and influential authors in American literary history.

Pat Tucker returns to portray his look-alike twin, Mark Twain with his "Live" performance at the **CoBACH Center next to the Millpond in downtown Brighton on Saturday, February 7 at 6pm and Sunday, February 8 at 2pm.** Don't miss this opportunity to experience an enjoyable downtown Brighton theatre experience. The CoBACH Center is an intimate setting for this special stage production. Mark Twain's style of humor and satire will create an enjoyable event.

Tickets are \$10.00 and are available at brightonareahistorical.com or at the door on the day of the event. (In the event of inclement weather, performances will be February 14th and 15th at the same times.)

Nancy Fredenburg
President, BAHS
517-304-5044

Save the date and share with your friends:

Our **annual Vintage Jewelry Sale is set for May 2nd through May 8th at CoBACH Center** located at 202 Main Street in downtown Brighton. This is our biggest fundraiser and we appreciate the community support we have had in the past. We continue to collect donated jewelry throughout the year for this sale, so please call us if you have any jewelry set aside and we will arrange a pickup for you. All types of jewelry is accepted: old watches, clip earrings, holiday pins, etc. We have a team who will repair the jewelry and package it for sale. Contact Nancy at 517-304-5044 for any questions or to arrange a pickup. Thank You.

FREE CoBACH Exhibit
February — April
"Map Your Way Thru
Brighton"
(Variety of Vintage
Brighton Maps)

CoBACH Winter Hours
February thru March

Thurs. — Friday 5—8pm
Saturday 11am—5pm
Sunday 2—5pm

**Archiving at Lyon
School on Buno Road
Every Thursday
9 to 12nn**

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ing Brighton History.

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Society**

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**
To all those celebrating
in FEBRUARY!

Thanks and Recognition

MEMBERSHIPS: (Reflect dues paid for year 2026 unless otherwise noted.)

IND/FAMILY: Howard/Syndy Bisoski, Don Boyer, Gene/Judy Dahlin, Mercedes Ferreyra*, Xavier Ferreyra, Pam Hicks, Steven Matschikowski, Edwin/Sherry Nyhus, Judy Parsons, Bill/Gigi Vaillienecourt, Margaret (Peg) White, Robert Wilkinson, Patrick Smith, Bruce Stoddart*, Peggy Van Sickle

PATRON: Norma Pless

MILITARY: Denise Murray*, Gary Norfleet, Dave/Karen Rebiger (2027)

LIFE: Michael Craine*

SPONSORSHIPS: Bronze: Tony/Beth Ferreyra, Norma Pless

WELCOME New Members*: Michael Craine, Mercedes Ferreyra, Denise Murray, Bruce Stoddart

REMINDER: Our membership has ended, however, you can still renew your dues or become a member.. Please see the form on Page 3 or click on the QR code. Through your dues and donations we are able to continue the work of preserving Brighton's history.

THANKS:

- To our members who have renewed their dues for 2026 and beyond.
- Jerry/Carole Damon, Lake Trust Credit Union for their 2026 Platinum Sponsorship.

- Tony/Beth Ferreyra and Norma Pless for their 2026 Bronze Sponsorship.
- Robert/Betsy Herbst for their donation to the Society.
- Judy Parsons for her donation to CoBACH along with her dues.
- Howard/Syndy Bisoski for their donation to Pleasant Valley Cemetery Restoration along with their dues.
- Michael Craine for his donation to the Society and the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund in honor of Andrew Craine along with his Life Membership.
- Dave/Karen Rebiger for their donation to Friend of OVC along with their dues.
- Peggy Van Sickle for her donation to Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund along with her dues.
- Margaret (Peg) White for her donation to the Society along with her dues.
- Debby Armstrong for her donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship fund.
- Norma Pless for her donation to Pleasant Valley Cemetery Restoration, Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund, Friend of Lyon School and CoBACH in memory of Bonnie Corrigan along with her dues.

Dates to Remember

PLEASE SEE PAGE 1 FOR WINTER CoBACH HOURS

CoBACH Center: FREE Exhibit: Feb—April: "Map Your Way Through Brighton." (Variety of vintage Brighton maps.)

Every Thursday during January; 9am—12nn: Beginning January 8, Lyon Schoolhouse Open for archiving & tours.

February 7 at 6pm & February 8; at 2pm, CoBACH Center: Mark Twain, a one man show with Pat Tucker as Mark Twain.

February 25, Wednesday; 6pm at CoBACH Center: BAHS Board Meeting.

March 15, Sunday; Noon at Lyon School: BAHS Annual Meeting & Election of officers.

Life — Business — Professional Members

Life Members:

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2026 Sponsorships:

Platinum: Jerry/Carole Damon, Lake Trust Credit Union — **Gold:** Judith Coebly/Gary Reutter

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Support BAHS: Become a Sponsor, 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, become a member or a sponsor, please mail your check to the address provided on the form below.

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BAHS Sponsorship Program:

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

___ Platinum — \$1,000+ ___ Gold — \$500+

___ Silver — \$250+ ___ Bronze — \$100+

Additional Donation to — Check as Desired:

___ Pleasant Valley Cemetery Restoration

___ Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund

___ Friend of Lyon School

___ BAHS CoBACH Events

___ Friend of Old Village Cemetery

Amount of Additional Donation:

___ \$10 ___ \$100

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of: _____

We are looking for volunteers: If you would like more information, please contact **Nancy Fredenburg at 517-304-5044.**

For Membership, donation, or sponsorship via PayPal, scan the QR code which will take you to the BAHS website.



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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 AND a 509(a)2 public charity 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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“Map Your Way Through Brighton” (Current display at the CoBACH Center)

As you visit the Brighton Area Historical Society’s display at the CoBACH Center, “Map your way through Brighton” it might be interesting to think about the history of mapping of Michigan.

Although the Great Lakes of Ontario, Erie, Huron, Michigan and Superior all played a vital role in the lives and histories of the Native American people living along its shores, it's only been in the last five hundred years that printed maps of the Great Lakes have existed. The first printed maps and charts were the result of explorers, missionaries, fur traders, and military personnel. Surveyors, land and mineral speculators, government power brokers, engravers, printers and merchants also contributed to the production and selling of maps, sometimes even incorporating Native American folklore and knowledge into their wares.

The most recognizable landmass of the Great Lakes is the Lower Peninsula of Michigan, which is shaped like a mitten. The developing accuracy of cartography in the region over the last five centuries can be gauged by using a contemporary satellite image of the Michigan mitten as a guidepost.

In 1671, a Franciscan missionary, Father Louis Hennepin, accompanied Rene Robert Cavalier de LaSalle on his expedition to discover the mouth of the Mississippi. Father Hennepin recorded their exploits in a 1683 book that included the first map to show all five Great Lakes with roughly the correct boundaries. European monarchs had staked out possessions in the Great Lakes, yet not one of them could locate what they had claimed because there were too few trigonometric surveys of the New World. By 1703, Guillaume de l'Isle spearheaded the approach of geography and cartography as a science, using astronomical observations and actual surveys as the basis of his map making.

In 1744, when the Jesuit priest and historian Pierre Francoise de Charlevoix published The History and General Description of New France after he had visited the Great Lakes area, he included a map drawn by Nicolas Bellin that was so influential that it was copied many times in the coming years, including by the influential British mapmaker John Mitchell when he produced his map of North America.

This map of John Mitchell's remained so popular that it was revised and copied over the next thirty years, and became the official map used by both British and American diplomats during the negotiation of the Treaty of Paris in 1783. The treaty gave all Indian territory east of the Mississippi to the United States and extended the Indian and white settler boundary to the Ohio River. This framework ushered in the next phase of mapping the Great Lakes, in preparation for the arrival of white settlers from the newly minted United States of America.

Soon after the establishment of the new nation of the United States, Congress passed a very important ordinance: the Land Ordinance of 1785, which created the U.S. Public Land Survey System. The goal of this was to prevent a repetition of the disorder, confusion and litigation that has so often accompanied land ownership in the original thirteen colonies. The ordinance instituted the Rectangular System over the entire public domain, identifying parcels of land in the Midwest by township, range and section, rather than the colonial metes and bounds system.

The first U.S. federal surveys of Michigan Territory took place in 1815, accomplished with the aid of a magnetic compass and a surveyor's chain. This rudimentary equipment sometimes caused less than accurate field surveys, and as the surveying of Michigan Territory slowly progressed through 1822, the outline of the state began to change shape.

(The following resources were used by Jerry Damon for the above story, “Clarke Historical Map Database”; MSU Map Library and State of Michigan , “A Brief History of the Michigan Geological Survey.”)