

Brighton Area Principals and Teachers



The Lyon School is fully restored and ready for 2nd—4th grade field trips.

Welcome back to the classroom after your nonstop summer of planning new lessons and updating your education credentials. You may not be aware that a 19th century one-room schoolhouse awaits your visit. This is a great opportunity to provide a unique educational setting to enrich your students' knowledge of how families lived and worked in our communities.

The BAHS owns and operates the historic Lyon One-Room Schoolhouse in Brighton Township. This 1885 building has been totally restored and furnished in a 1900 setting. It is also barrier free. Students sit in beautiful maple top desks with an inkwell hole and seats that fold out of the way.

Several local public and pri-

ivate schools have made annual excursions to the Lyon School for many years. Usually each teacher and their students spend one day at the rural school. Sessions are available for spring or fall and costs are minimal.

A curriculum has been created by several retired teachers for your use. The curriculum addresses benchmarks that are required by the State of Michigan.

We invite your 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade teams to partake in the Lyon School Visitation Program, which begins this September. Please confer with your teams and let us know when we can schedule your visit to the Lyon School either in the fall or spring semesters. Your students will be actively engaged in programs that foster an understanding of our historical

heritage. They will learn an appreciation of preservation and make connections in our communities.

Please feel free to contact either of our following education liaisons:

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The Lyon Schoolhouse is located on Buno Rd between Pleasant Valley and Van Amberg Roads.

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

Jim Vichich



Web Site Help Needed

We are currently seeking a volunteer intern to help managing our web site updates, planning content changes, and developing our social media campaign.

The intern will need a computer with high-speed Internet access. They are also required to be reasonably proficient with a computer, the Internet, and MS Office. Prior experience with HTML or graphic design is helpful, but not required. Training will be provided.

This position would be a good fit for a student interested in gaining work experience for their resume or college application.

Special points of interest:

THE ORIGIN OF BRIGHTON, FOUNDED AS ORE CREEK, IS DISCUSSED IN THIS MONTH'S HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE ARTICLE.

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A FOLLOW-UP TO THE BRIGHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE IS ALSO INCLUDED.

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*"History is a cyclic poem
 written by Time upon the
 memories of man."*

Percy Bysshe Shelley
 (1792 - 1822)

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Recent and Future Happenings

Dates to Remember - September 2010

Sep 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29:

5pm-8pm

BAHS hosts at CoBACH Center

Sep 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: 9am-4pm

Archiving/Open House at Lyon School

Sep 4, 11, 18, 25

Farmers' Market

Sep 19: 1pm-4pm

Open house at Lyon School

Sep 22: 6pm

BAHS Board Meeting at CoBACH

Sep 23: 6pm

Presentation on Old Village Cemetery to GOC of First Presby. Church in Brighton

Area Organizations

Sep 10: 7pm

Salem Area Historical Society Barn dance.
www.sashistory.org

Sep 11: 10am-4pm

South Lyon Historical Society Depot Days.
(248) 437-9929.

Sep 12: 2pm

Saline Area Historical Society Quilts.
www.salinehist.org

Sep 18: 5pm

Brighton Alumni Assoc. Annual Banquet.
(810) 229-6402.

Sep 18: 10am-4pm

Salem. Country Fair / Flea Market.
www.sashistory.org

Projects

The BAHS Projects fund is paying for the scanning of 1940s/1950s copies of the Brighton Argus. Mindy Kinsey is organizing this project. The fund also covers the cost of materials for history presentations made to local organizations.

New signs will inform the public of the joint effort by the City and the BAHS to refurbish the cemetery. The work done on the east side will give this old cemetery the proper setting and respect.

Lyon School Maintenance

The Lyon School is being repainted, thanks to Dennis Kallio, Troy Mulka and the Eagle Scouts. The much needed paint job will look great this fall.

We are also looking into installing insulation in the archive room attic.

Improvements and maintenance like these are all possible due to the donations to the Friends of Lyon School fund.

Addendum To BFD Series

In 1998, the Brighton Area Fire Department included fire chiefs Larry Lane and Roger Young; Charles Bidwell and Doug Daniel were deputy chiefs; Charles Berlucci and Don Hall, assistant chiefs; Steve Benear, Mark Jones and David Small, captains; Mike Banas, lieutenant and Mickey Dingman, lieutenant/inspector; John Bennington, Larry Dewachter, Daniel Maironis, Jim Rupp and Steve Rupp, sergeants. Others on the force were Aric Alexander, Scott Auer, Ken Barker, Rob Bennett, Kurt Bluhn, Carmen Bray, Sheryl Colling, Michael Collins, Gino Conedera, John Curtis, Keith Dalton, Jason Gonzalez, Matt Herbert, Jason Hordos, Raelene Horn, Paul Houhanisin, Charles Jayson, John Kelley, Mike Kennedy, Tim King, Stacy Kitchen, Corbett Knieper, Rob Line, Mark Lowell, Shawn Lutz, Terri Lutz, Ed Mantay, Michael Marr, Greg Mowbray, John Nagel, Michael Neuens, Daniel Ruehl, Richard Shinske, Gerry Skonieczny, Matt Smith and Dietrich Wollenhaupt.

The author believes the contributions of these people should be recognized. An accurate record has been attempted. Please contact us with any corrections.

Thanks and Recognition

Thanks to...

The BAHS recognizes the following people for volunteering their time.

- Mandi Rodery, 2010 Pinckney graduate, for her help in the Archives. Best wishes to her at CMU this fall.
- Kristie Raskauskas for developing a brochure for the Old Village Cemetery.
- Marieanna Bair, Mindy Kinsey and Jim Vichich for staffing the BAHS booth at the Farmers' Market.
- Larry Lawrence, Joe Collins, Dick Weaire, Nancy Fredenburg, Kelly and Kristie Raskauskas, and Jim Vichich for volunteering at CoBACH during August.
- JoAnn Allen, Carol Griffith and Esther Jarvis for donating to the BAHS Projects Fund with their memberships.
- Ida Bair, Judith Coebly and Sue Garcia for help with August Trail Tails mailing.

- Bonnie Corrigan, Tom Niemeyer, Jerry Dilloway, Joanne Bellmard, Pauline Schaffer, Mindy Kinsey, Hank Winegar, Lucille Weaire, Peg Sifford, Tony and Mercedes Ferreyra, Bob and Shirley Knight, Lee and Sue Garcia, Marieanna Bair, Larry Lawrence, Heidi Clausnitzer, Tom Reinke, Jim Vichich for helping Art Festival Weekend at the BAHS tent.

Memberships

We would like to thank the following members for their annual memberships:

Patron

- William & Margaret Dixon*

Family

- JoAnn Allen*
- Tim Bennett (Clio)
- Tim Clausnitzer*
- Carol Griffith*
- Susan D. Foster & Roberto A.

Quintana (CA)

- Esther Jarvis
- Kevin & Pam McConeghy*
- Elizabeth Soraruf*

2010 Business / Professional Members

The support of our professional members is deeply appreciated. We encourage you to support these local businesses.

- Advance Craft Home Builders, Inc.
- Archer-Huntley Financial Services**
- Bagger Dave's Restaurant
- Joe Agius/Burroughs Tavern
- Lawrence Autobody**
- Masonic Lodge #247**
- Patrick Financial Group, LLS**
- Promess**
- The Engravers Journal
- Yum Yum Tree

* Welcome new members

** Special thanks to these Life Members

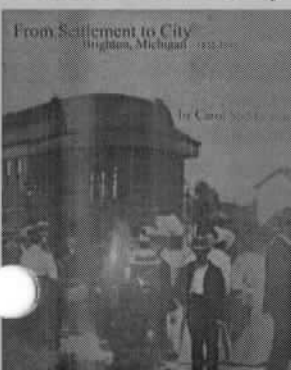
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The BAHS relies on participation of its members and the generosity of its patrons. If you would like to make a donation or become a member, please visit our web site at www.brightonareahistorical.com or mail in the following form below.

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BAHS Gift Shop



Product Spotlight

From Settlement to City
Brighton, Michigan 1832 - 1945
by Carol McMacken
450+ pages; Over 300 pictures
\$65.00

Description: This large volume hardcover book contains a beautifully detailed history of Brighton from its earliest days until the mid-1940s. It contains over 300 pictures and illustrations.

This item is a must for any book collection on Michigan and its rich history.

The Brighton Area Historical Society maintains an inventory of commemorative and Brighton history memorabilia for sale as fund raisers. 100% of all sales proceeds go to fund our ongoing organization budget needs , including local history projects and Lyon School maintenance.

Our product offering includes BAHS apparel (shirts, hats, etc.), home décor (pewter items, afghans and pillows, decorative ceramic tiles, etc.), postcards, craft items, and the like. To see in detail our full offering, please visit our online gift shop on our web site at brightonareahistorical.com.

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Open: Volunteer Needed

The BAHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Help us out 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.

BAHS: How to Contact Us or Find Us

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Lyon School

11455 Buno Road, west of Pleasant Valley Road. The Lyon School is a restored one-room schoolhouse and serves as our headquarters.

CoBACH Center

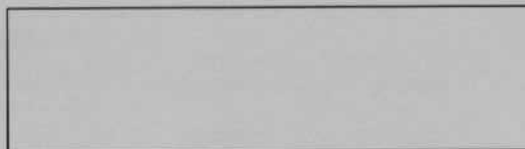
202 W. Main Street, in downtown Brighton next to the Millpond. CoBACH is formally known as the City of Brighton, Arts, Culture and History Center. It is located in the former town hall building.

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Ore Creek (Part 2)

During the late 1920s, a booming time in real estate, several dams were built to provide lakefront property to investors and homebuilders. On its way south through Brighton Township, Ore Creek forms the first of several local lakes. In August 1927, a dam was installed on the north side of Hilton Road of Ore Creek forming Woodland Lake.

A drain tile now directs Ore Creek beneath I-96, between the Spencer and Grand River Road exits. The stream then flows behind the Brighton Mall and past Fairview Cemetery.

W. Grand River travelers cross Ore Creek just south of Cross Street where it forms the Brighton Mill Pond. Slowed by the dam built by Orson Quackenbush to power his mill in 1840, Ore Creek becomes a pond on the north side of Main Street (earlier named Fitch Street) in Brighton.

A small pond is formed on the south side of Main Street, above Orson's dam. John Thompson (a later owner of the mill), being an industrious person, built and sold row boats during down times.

The Mill Pond soon became a site for quiet relaxation and various activities. Summer days meant fishing and swimming. Much ice was cut and stored for future use when the water froze in the winter. When the ice was thick, members of the community cleared an area of snow for skating and hockey games. George Ratz allowed young skaters to put on their skates in his hardware store at 331 W. Main. Later one could warm stiff fingers and toes around the glowing round stove in the middle of the store. The circle of men who often sat around discussing affairs made room for the skaters and sledgers. During the 1930s, a 15-20 feet tall structure was built on the east side of the pond. The slide down made for a thrilling sled ride across the ice.

Not until Hiram Smith (President of the Detroit, Lansing and Lake Michigan Railroad) and Edward and William Jr., McPherson (members of the DLLM board) platted their property west of the stream, was there any need for an easy way over the creek instead of by foot, horse or buggy. These three had purchased land west of Ore Creek in Brighton in March 1871.

On July 4, the railroad came to Brighton. Astute businessmen, Smith and the McPhersons soon petitioned the Village to build a trestle bridge to encourage shoppers to patronize the shops developing on the west side, rather than having to ford the stream. This was later replaced with a tunnel for the stream with fill providing a base for a street.

March 22, 1872, Daniel Marsh, Smith and the McPhersons sent another petition to the Council. This time they requested a bridge over the creek where it crossed Third Street. the Village allowed them to build it in abatement of their highway taxes. September 13, 1872 saw the first dry-footed pedestrian crossing the bridge on the way to Hamburg Road (Brighton Lake Road). To be continued...

Compiled by Marieanna Bair from the Society's Historic Resource Survey; archives; Bill Pless' writings and Carol McMacken's book 'From Settlement to City'. Additions/corrections requested. 810/229-6402.