



Christmas 2017 — FREE EVENT

HO! HO! HO! MERRY CHRISTMAS

Santa & Mrs. Claus visit Lyon School on Sunday, Dec 10 from 1pm —4pm

Looking for a great Christmas photo with your family? This is the opportunity for your family to enjoy a wonderful Santa experience. The kids will enjoy making a tree ornament while being supervised by adults. Enjoy homemade cookies and apple cider.

The 1885 one-room Lyon Schoolhouse will be decorated in a classical Christmas look. Santa and Mrs. Claus will greet your children, invite them to visit and tell them their Christmas wishes and pose for your photos. The atmosphere and setting is warm and friendly. You will truly remember this Merry Christmas at the Lyon School!

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EXHIBITS at CoBACH

Sunday—Friday 5—8pm
Saturday 11am—5pm
Closed Monday

CoBACH Display Nov 1—Nov 8

“How Sweet It Was”
DeLuca’s”

Take a step back in time and revisit the DeLuca Sweet Shop on Main Street.

FREE Exhibit

**A Christmas Display
opens after Thanksgiving**

CHECK OUT FACEBOOK

Daily postings regarding
Brighton History.

**Brighton Area Historical
Society**

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Thanks and Recognition

MEMBERSHIPS:

IND/FAMILY: Joanne Bellmard (2018), Janet Karfonta*(2018).

PATRON: Debra Ball Johnson*(2018).

*Welcome to new members Debra Ball Johnson and Janet Karfonta.

Our Annual Membership Drive begins this month. Please consider renewing your membership, or becoming a new member.

THANKS TO:

- Marieanna Bair, Joe Collins, Jeanette Johnson, Norma Pless and Jim Vichich for preparing the October issue of Trail Tales for mailing.
- Jerry and Carole Damon for their donation to Friends of Lyon School and Old Village Cemetery.
- Carole Ayar for her donation in the name of Cleo Moran.
- Barb Briggs for supplying her Florida address so Trail Tales can reach her during the winter months.
- CoBACH volunteers for October include: Joe Collins, Nancy Fredenburg, Bob Hill, Mindy Kinsey, Lin Millar, Norma Pless, Lynn Strong, Peggy Van Sickle and Jim Vichich.
- Thanks and appreciation for the “snowbirds” that update the Society with their forwarding information for their winter relocation.
- Volunteers of the September Old Village Cemetery Headstone Preservation Team: Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Dave Fuller, Bob Hill, Jim Ireton, Mike Johnson, Mindy Kinsey, Bob Knight, Bob Pettengill, Dave Pettigrove, John Rawcliffe, Pat Smith, Ed Vitez, Dick Weaire and Jim Vichich.
- Weekly archivists for the Society who maintain and enhance historical records. They meet every Thursday from 9am until 12nn at the Lyon Schoolhouse. Feel free to stop by and meet with Marieanna Bair, Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Mindy Kinsey, Larry Lawrence, Lin Millar, Priscilla Pettengill, Norma Pless, Lynn Strong, Peggy Van Sickle and Jim Vichich.
- Membership Committee members who are bringing new ideas to enhance the 2018 membership drive: Jerry & Carole Damon, Nancy Fredenburg and Jim Vichich.

Dates to Remember

CoBACH Center Exhibit — FREE!! Through Nov 8: “How Sweet It Was”: DeLuca’s Sweet Shop Memories. A new Christmas exhibit opens after Thanksgiving.

Nov. 1,5,8,12,15,19,22,29; 5pm—8pm: BAHS hosts at CoBACH Center on Sunday and Wednesday. **Nov 23—26: CoBACH Center CLOSED for the Thanksgiving Holiday.**

Nov. 2,9,16,30; 9am—12nn: Archiving/Open House at Lyon Schoolhouse. Come join us and share your Brighton memories or old photos. **CLOSED ON THANKSGIVING DAY, NO ARCHIVING.**

November 11, Veterans’ Day

11:00—11:15: Main St. Parade

11:15—11:40: Program at Veterans’ Memorial

11:40—12:15: Program within Old Village Cemetery

Sons of Union Veterans Camp 120 and Hartland High School History Club dedicate a new government headstone for Civil War soldier William Dennison and a rededication of restored headstone for Civil War soldier John Platt.

Nov. 15; 6pm at CoBACH: Last monthly board meeting of 2017.

November 19; 1—4pm: BAHS Annual Meeting at Lyon Schoolhouse; w/elections for 2018.

1—2pm: Pot Luck

2:15—4pm: Membership meeting with election of 2018 officers and board of directors.

Dec 10: 1pm—4pm at Lyon School; Santa & Mrs. Clause visit Lyon Schoolhouse, 11455 Buno Road; **See Page One.**

Life — Business — Professional Members

Life Members:

John & Deb Armstrong — Tom Archer — Paul & Kathryn Bair (Allen) — Marieanna Bair — Shirley Barton — Charles & Janice Beach
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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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Annual Sponsor levels are:

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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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Brighton Area Settlers Valued Education — Part 3

In the Michigan Constitution Convention, 1835, it is not difficult to recognize the conviction of the earliest settlers of the value of a valid education. A number of educational provisions are included. Already in the surveyors’ compass one finds this planning. Counties are surveyed with townships immediately responsible for the education of its residents’ children. When this proved financially inadequate, the State of Michigan picked up the ball and school taxes were levied.

As surveyed, most townships had seven to eight rural school districts. Some, with a village, had a school in town which later evolved to a K-10, then K-12 school system.

Until a well was dug, parents sent water to the school by their children. The first (1835+) rural school’s sanitary facilities were outhouses. Hand washing was with water from the pump in the school yard. The State Superintendent of Education, by early 1900s provided plans for sanitary privies. Chemical interior toilets were often in use c. 1917. Later the state encouraged the use of a crockery container with a spigot instead of the communal dipper in the pail of water.

The early log schools were heated, with parent-provided fuel, by a fireplace. No wood? Too cold? Too much snow? No school. As soon as possible the log school was replaced by a frame building with a belfry. The bell was a source of pride. It served to note the beginning of the school day, was rung for emergencies, and celebrated holidays.

Usually a round stove, perhaps a furnace later, was at one end of the room with a long stove pipe to the chimney in the opposite corner. Residual heat was obtained from the smoke through the stove pipe. The school board would contract with a local farmer for the supply of wood. Before students arrived

in the morning, the teacher (it was part of the job) made sure the school room was warm. Occasionally the teacher hired a sturdy, dependable seventh or eighth grader for this. Perhaps that student might also carry out ashes and sweep the floor?

Teachers often were local daughters, 16 years old, or had passed the eighth grade. They often boarded with local families. Subjects taught could include grammar, arithmetic, geography, history, reading, writing, spelling and penmanship (of which there were two methods: the Palmer and the Spencerian). During the 1930-40s, the Detroit News donated a dictionary to winners of ‘spell-downs’; of which this writer has one.

Students brought lunch to school. There was often a small shelf on the stove on which a potato or an apple retrieved from the lunch box could be cooked.

To be continued...

(Compiled by Marieanna Bair from: Bill Pless writings; “Michigan — A History of the Wolverine State” by Willis F. Dunbar and George S. May. Additions/corrections requested 810-229-6402.)

The Brighton Area Historical Society extends its sympathy to the families of:
Sam Ochodnický
and
Clotildus “Cleo” Moran
Both were long-time members of the Society.