



SHARE THE GIFT OF BRIGHTON HISTORY

As we approach the Christmas Holidays, many people are unsure of the type of gift to give a friend or family member. How about a book of local stories and photo memories? Many of our memories focus on those events from our early years, especially when we clowned around with our buddies and girl friends.

Your gift of an interesting and informative local history book will return a smile to your friend's face and prompt a chuckle as they look at the photos and read the captions. Remembering those past times are sometimes the best therapy for those older years! As a gift giver, you are helping to advance and disseminate the proud history of Brighton.

The Brighton Area Historical Society has written three wonderful history books that share the past in different styles. Prices include sales tax.

"From Settlement to City" by Carol McMacken has great in depth articles that provide a detailed look back in Brighton's time. This coffee table style history book provides nearly 300 photos. The stories contained within the 500 pages were gleaned from a decade of research of the Brighton Argus newspapers and the histories of local families. This is the second printing of this very popular book first published in 2004. Available to you for \$65.

"The Brighton Area" by Genal Pratt is a soft cover photo history book. You will find 190 old photos with captions. Captions include photo details such as current setting with address and existing business names. Published in 2012, this easy reader is comprised of 128 pages and is available for \$20.

"Page Four" by Marieanna Bair, has researched articles of Brighton's families and places. You will learn unique perspectives of the changing times of the Brighton community. This soft cover book was published in 2016 and gives a thorough look at the varied aspects that comprise the early Village of Brighton. Available for \$20 and includes 183 pages.

Books can be purchased by cash or check at Lawrence Autobody, 306 W. Grand Ave., across from the DQ or by calling Jim Vichich.

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CoBACH Center is Closed

Please see Page 2 for details on the closing.

FREE EVENT

Christmas with Santa and Mrs. Claus

December 9, 1pm—4pm

Lyon Schoolhouse
11455 Buno Road

Get your family photo & Make and Take Craft.

CHECK OUT FACEBOOK

Daily postings regarding Brighton History.

Brighton Area Historical Society

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Thanks and Recognition

MEMBERSHIPS:

IND/FAMILY: Joe & Tena Anderson, Elaine Blight, Dale Borst, Joe Collins, Mary Jo Comiskey, Gene & Judith Dahlin, William & Margaret Dixon, Debra Ball Johnson, Jim Lauridsen, John & Ruth LePatourel, Charles McConnell, Larry & Edie Millen*, Judy Parsons, Tom & Ute Niemeyer, Rosemarie Oldford, Dave & Marilyn Pettigrove, Ralph & Elizabeth Romano, Jim & Judy Tavarozzi, Peggy Van Sickle, William Zink*

PATRON: Margo Metzger, Rich & Mary Ray, Margaret Siford, Dianne Taeckens, Jane Tomlinson

LIFE: Stephen & Marilyn Harrington*

BUS/PROF: Buckley-Jolley Group, TEE Bone'z Tavern

***Welcome to new members:** Stephen & Marilyn Harrington, Larry & Edie Millen, William Zink

THANKS:

- Jim Lauridsen, Margo Metzger, Dianne Taeckens and Jane Tomlinson for their donations to Old Village Cemetery along with their dues.
- William & Margaret Dixon for their donations to CoBACH Events along with their dues.
- Mary Jo Comiskey, Ralph & Elizabeth Romano and Jane Tomlinson for their donations to Friends of Lyon School along with their dues.
- Debbie & John Armstrong, Jacque Armstrong and William and Margaret Dixon for their donations to the Society.
- Debra Ball Johnson and Judy Parson for their donations to the Society along with their dues.
- To new and existing supporters of the Historical Society who have renewed or joined with their memberships for 2019. Your donation to

preserve and share the history of Brighton is appreciated today and will be highly respected by the citizens of the future.

- Marieanna Bair, Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Mindy Kinsey, Tom Niemeyer, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich for preparing the November issue of the newsletter for mailing and distribution.
- Norma Pless for volunteering her barn for storage of the Society's items that had to be removed from CoBACH Center.
- Joe Collins, Jerry Damon and Jim Vichich for volunteering to empty the historical society's property from CoBACH Center.
- Father Deon Johnson for generously allowing the society to setup the WWI exhibit inside St. Paul's community room for the Veterans' Day display and Bill Zink for showing his WWI articles and loaning them to the Society for this display.
- Volunteers that setup the WWI display inside St. Paul's for Veterans' Day and greeted visitors: Marieanna Bair, Joe Collins, Jerry & Carole Damon, Nancy & Jenny Fredenburg, Norma Pless, Lynn Strong, Peggy Van Sickle and Jim Vichich.
- Judith Coebly for writing and designing the Veterans' Day brochure.
- Maureen Stewart of Tim Horton's for the generous donation of donuts for the Veterans' Day program at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.
- Sons of Union Veterans Camp 120 for their Veterans' Day presentation in the Old Village Cemetery honoring Brighton's Civil War soldier, Private Ernest Crippen.
- Jerry Damon for the design and build of the storage unit to hold the Brighton Victorian Silhouettes.
- Anna and Dan Oginsky, City of Brighton and the Brighton Masonic Lodge for their generous 2018 Platinum Level sponsorships.

Dates to Remember

CoBACH Center is CLOSED for mold remediation by the city. The CoBACH Center has been closed since late September. The BAHS, Art Guild and Livingston Players have been asked to empty this building of their contents.

Date for reopening is unknown.

December 6,13,20; 9am—12nn: Archiving/Open House at Lyon School House. Stop and visit with the archivists. Great opportunity to purchase the Society's various history books of Brighton. (See Page 1)

December 9; 1pm—4pm: FREE at Lyon Schoolhouse; 11455 Buno Road. Christmas with Santa and Mrs. Clause. Get your family photos

Life — Business — Professional Members

Life Members:

John & Deb Armstrong — Muriel (Jacque) Armstrong — Tom Archer — Paul & Kathryn Bair (Allen) — Marieanna Bair — Shirley Barton
Charles & Janice Beach — Donald & Shari Black (N.J.) — Marilyn Campbell (IN) — Jack & Heide Clausnitzer — John & Jenny Conely
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Acorn Deck Accessories (2018) — Advance Craft Builders (2019) — Archer Huntley Financial Services ** — Brighton Art Guild (2017)
Brighton District Library ** — Brighton Veterans Memorial Comm.** — Buckley-Jolley Real Estate Team (2019) — Clark Eye Center (2018)
Concord Mortgage (2018) — Davis Multimedia, Inc. (2018) — Golfview Painting (2019) — Kimble Appraisal Group, Inc.** — Lindhout Associates**
Lawrence Autobody ** — Masonic Lodge No. 247 ** — MI Backyard (2018) — Neighbors Magazine (2018) — Patrick Financial Group, LLC **
Precision Vinyl Group (2018) — Power House Electric, Inc. (2018) — Preview Properties (2018) — Promess, Inc.** — Refrigeration Research **
Tee-Bone'z Tavern (2019) — Weld Mold Company (2019)

2018 Sponsorships

Platinum Level: Brighton Masonic Lodge No. 247 — City of Brighton — Dan & Anna Oginsky

Bronze Level: Frank & Jo Del Vero

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

Mail check or money order payable to: Brighton Area Historical Society P. O. Box 481 Brighton, MI 48116-0481	Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ E-Mail: _____	Phone: () _____
Membership Plan: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> \$2 Student <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Patron <input type="checkbox"/> Renew <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Individual <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Business/Professional <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Family <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Life	Donation to—Check One: <input type="checkbox"/> Friend of Lyon School <input type="checkbox"/> BAHS CoBACH Events <input type="checkbox"/> Old Village Cemetery Fund	Amount of Donation: <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____

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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 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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BAHS Leadership 2018

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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 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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PLEASANT VALLEY SOCIAL CLUB (PVSC)



Paper Hat Challenge — “Photo 1940”

Front Row: Isabell Gardner, Bertha Young, Anna Seitz, Mae Abony
Back Row: Minnie Muir, Catherine Johnson, Mae Gibson, Margaret Muir, Florence Whalen, Unknown, Emily Adams, Franc

In the 1920’s, the Pleasant Valley, Brighton Township area was very much a farming community which made for isolation of the families, especially the women. The desire for companionship drove the women to come together regularly. For the past 90 years, the Pleasant Valley Social Club has filled a real need for our community.

In 1928, Louise Cook was approached by the County Extension to organize a Homemaker’s Extension Club. Louise Cook and Beatrice Leitz invited some of their neighbors to Louise’s

house, where she lived on the Puritan Farms. Women from a four-mile radius of Lyon School were invited. The first meeting of the Pleasant Valley Social Club was on October 16, 1928. The first President was Beatrice Leitz, Bertha Young was Vice-President, Clare Hall was Secretary and Laura Warner was corresponding Secretary. Louise Cook was the organist.

At that time, most women did not drive a car, but the attendance was good anyway. Even the menfolk looked forward to the meetings for the evening parties during the winter months. They like taking their ladies out for an evening — not to mention all the delicious food.

By 1930, there were twenty-four members. The by-laws stated that membership was not to exceed 30 members. This by-law is still in effect in 2018.

The ladies chose the Motto: “Lend a Hand”. They truly lived by the motto by doing for each other or for others in the neighborhood in times of need or for some worthwhile project. When the treasury got too low, the ladies would build it up with proceeds from a bake sale, or bazaar or by presenting a play.

(To be continued...)

(Written by Mindy Kinsey, present member of the Pleasant Valley Social Club.)