

Quality Spring Recycled Jewelry Sale at CoBACH — April 28, 2018

Ladies are you tired or frustrated with old jewelry filling your jewelry box? Now is the time to spring clean those jewelry boxes. The Society is looking for fine, costume and broken jewelry for the spring sale. 100% of the funds raised through your jewelry donations will be used to fund the preservation and restoration projects of the Society.

Jewelry needed by April 8th. Collect and contact Jim Vichich for pick-up. 810.250.7276

Thank You to Brighton City Council

The Brighton Area Historical Society was pleasantly surprised and very grateful for the 2018 sponsorship of \$2,000 from the Brighton City Council to support the ongoing restoration of the Old Village Cemetery located adjacent to the Millpond.

The BAHS Headstone Restoration Team is entering its sixth year of restoring the broken and leaning monuments that date back to 1838. To date there has been (136) headstones restored that were previously broken and laying in the dirt and sod. The Society is thankful for the financial support of the City Council and the City Manager.

The trained professional volunteers of the Headstone Restoration Team have donated nearly (2200) hours to the restoration and preservation of headstones in Brighton's oldest burial ground. This has resulted in a savings of at least \$90,000 to the City. The team is halfway through the estimated ten-year project. The donation will be used to purchase needed tooling and supplies for 2018.

The team meets the fourth Monday of the month in the summer months to perform the repairs.

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

Marianne (Sherman) Comiskey
 A long-time member of the Society

EXHIBITS at CoBACH **New Hours for Sunday** **2—5pm Jan thru Mar**

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

CoBACH Display **January — March**

Free Exhibit

“Old Brighton Businesses
Advertising
Brochures and
Memorabilia”

CHECK OUT FACEBOOK

Daily postings regarding
 Brighton History.

Brighton Area Historical
Society

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Thanks and Recognition

MEMBERSHIPS:

IND/FAMILY: Charles & Muriel Allen, Tim Bennett, Pat Burgess, Edmund Case, Mary Ann Catrell, John Curry, Jim DeJohn, Janice Field, Bob Hill, Robert Johnson, Susan Lanning, Helen Leitz, Rosemarie & Floyd Oldford, Ray & Linda Potter, Carole Scott, Rich & Tietze Smith, Ann Tice, Sheryl Vigmostad, Geneva Kebler Wiskemann, Susan Zimmermann

PATRON: Kathleen Alrubaly, Ray & Bessie Maltby, Margo Metzger, Lois Tobias

LIFE: Muriel (Jacque) Armstrong

BUS/PROF: Concord Mortgage*, Davis Multimedia, Preview Properties

PLATINUM SPONSORSHIPS: City of Brighton, Brighton Masonic Lodge #247, Daniel & Anna Oginsky.

*Welcome to new member: Concord Mortgage

- Marieanna Bair, Jerry & Carole Damon, Mindy Kinsey and Jim Vichich for preparing the January issue of Trail Tales for mailing.
- Debbi Armstrong and David & Judith Bair for their donation to Friends of Lyon School.
- Linda Wintermute for her donation to CoBACH Events.
- Seth & Shannon Lemke for their donation in honor of Marieanna Bair and in memory of Bert Bair.
- Paul & Kathy Bair, Bonnie Corrigan, Ray & Bessie Maltby, Carol McMacken, Joyce Powers and Susan Zimmermann for their donations to the Society.
- Edmund Case, John Curry and Rick & Tietze Smith for their donations to Old Village Cemetery along with their dues.
- Bob Johnson for his donation to Lyon School, CoBACH Events and

OVC along with his dues.

- Ann Tice for her donation to CoBACH Events along with her dues.
- Mary Ann Catrell, John Curry, Jim DeJohn, Helen Leitz, Margo Metzger, Ray & Linda Potter and Carole Scott for their donations to Friends of Lyon School along with their dues.
- John Rawcliffe and the Marianne Comiskey family for the loan of advertising items for the current CoBACH display.
- Jerry & Carole Damon, Mindy Kinsey, and Lynn Strong for taking down the previous CoBACH display and setting up the current display.
- Dan and Anna Oginsky, the Brighton Masonic Lodge and the City of Brighton for their generous Platinum level sponsorships for 2018. These sponsorships allow the Society to preserve and share local history. The main projects for 2017 were: Restoration of Old Village Cemetery, Brighton's Victorian Silhouettes, Operation of the 1885 Lyon Schoolhouse and Programming at the 1879 CoBACH Center.
- The CoBACH volunteers who assisted visitors during January: Nancy Fredenburg, Bob Hill, Mindy Kinsey, Norma Pless, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.
- Joe Collins for installing the winterization foam window panels to reduce heat loss from the windows in the school classroom.
- Jerry Damon for finding a good value in a new large monitor used in studying old photos.
- Patty Thomas and the City of Brighton for the quick response and great job in addressing problems within CoBACH.

Dates to Remember

CoBACH Center Exhibit — FREE!! Through March:

"Old Brighton Businesses: Advertising Brochures and Memorabilia."

February 7,14,21,28; Wed 5pm—8pm:

February 4,11,18,25; Sun 2pm—5pm

Note new hours on Sunday only.

BAHS hosts at CoBACH Center on Sunday and Wednesday.

Feb 1,8,15,22,29; 9am—12nn: Archiving/Open House at Lyon Schoolhouse. Visit the past at the 1885 one-room Schoolhouse that has been refurbished into an early 1900s setting. Check out those Maple desks with the cast iron bottoms. Share old photos or memories.

Feb 28; 6pm at CoBACH Center: Historical Society Board Meeting.

April 28; 1pm—5pm at CoBACH Center: Spring Quality Recycled Jewelry Sale.

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 Bernie & Bonnie Corrigan — Timothy & Giannine Corrigan — Jerry & Carole Damon — Emil Engel — Nancy Fredenburg William & Lenore Harris — Betsy & Bob Herbst — Dr. John & Barbara Jacoby (MN) — Larry & Kate Lawrence — Seth & Shannon Lemke (TX) Carol McMacken — Jere & Kay Michaels — James & Janis Miller — Greg & Pamela Park (OH) — John G. Park & Madeline Kingston-Park Richard Park (IL) — Bob & Donna Phillips — Joyce Powers — Douglas & Carole Rearick — Tom & Bonnie Riutta — Robert & Pauline Schaffer Bruce & Betty Schuman — Anne Stratigos — Jim & Vicki Vichich — Linda (Skeman) Wintermute

Business/Professional Members: (** Indicates Life Members)

Acorn Deck Accessories (2018) — Advance Craft Builders (2018) — Archer Huntley Financial Services ** — Brighton Art Guild (2017) Brighton District Library ** — Brighton Veterans Memorial Comm.** — Buckley-Jolley Real Estate Team (2018) — Clark Eye Center (2017) Concord Mortgage (2018) — Davis Multimedia, Inc. (2018) — Kimble Appraisal Group, Inc.** — Lindhout Associates** — Lawrence Autobody ** Masonic Lodge No. 247 ** — Patrick Financial Group, LLC ** — Power House Electric, Inc. (2018) — Preview Properties (2018) Promess, Inc.** — Refrigeration Research ** — Tee-Bone'z Tavern (2018)

2018 Sponsorships

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

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: _____	Phone: () _____
		Address: _____	
		City: _____	State: _____ Zip Code: _____
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		How would you prefer to receive Trail Tales: <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> US mail	
Membership Plan:		Donation to—Check One:	Amount of Donation:
<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2 Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Patron	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Renew	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Business/Professional	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Friend of Lyon School	
		<input type="checkbox"/> BAHS CoBACH Events	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Old Village Cemetery Fund	
<small>The Area Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization . All donations are tax deductible.</small>			

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

President Jim Vichich	Directors Joe Collins
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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.

BAHS: How to Contact Us or Find Us

If you would like to contact us, please use the following options:

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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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Brighton Area Settlers Valued Education — Part 6 — Conclusion

The population in School District 5 continued increasing. To keep abreast of the need for elementary education facilities a school was built in 1960, at 8900 Lee Road. It was named for H. Gordon Hawkins, Superintendent at the time. Significant additions were constructed in 1969 and 1987.

Major construction, dedicated to elementary grades, was made to the 125 N. Church Street School which by 1966, was named the Robert L. Scranton Middle School.

Even with the building of elementary schools, the increased growth in population in the Church Street High School, 9-12, a new high school was obviously needed in 1966. A site at the south end of 7th Street, in Genoa Township was selected. More recently, in 2012, additional classrooms, a theater, a swimming pool, athletic facilities, etc., have been built to continue the high level of educational opportunities in Brighton District 5.

In 1973, population growth deemed necessary the construction of Spencer Road Elementary, 10639 Spencer. In Brighton Township, it was named for John G. Spencer, an early settler.

In 1977, the Maltby Middle School, 4740 Bauer Road, and the Hornung Elementary, 4680 Bauer, were erected. The middle school was named for the Maltby family which receives credit for the construction of a school in Brighton in 1837. In 1952, Eleanor Hornung began teaching in Brighton District 5. These schools are in Genoa Township.

In 1991, Hilton Elementary, 9600 Hilton Road, Brighton Township was built on land settled in 1856 by Thomas Hilton.

To properly educate middle school age students, the Robert S. Scranton Middle School, 8415 Maltby Road, Green Oak Township, was constructed in 1993. At that time, the Community

Education Office (from the high school) and the Board of Education Offices (from Maltby Middle School) were relocated to the 125 N. Church Street building which became the BECC Building. (Brighton Education and Community Center)

Area residents continue the centuries-old tradition of exemplary educational opportunities for all students. District 5 students are encouraged to develop their talents as discovered to continue to fulfill the goals, hopes, dreams of district taxpayers.

What happened to the closed rural schools? Some fell down, some were torn down. Several became homes, businesses, or township halls. Their local and historical settings prompted local preservationists to offer them as sites for possible reuse. The Brighton Area Historical Society has converted the Lyon School (donated by Brighton Township Board in 1984) at 11455 Buno Road, Brighton Township, into an archival facility and to host local elementary classes, etc. The country school continues to be a powerful cultural symbol to many Americans as it confirms the importance the United States places on education.

(Compiled by Marieanna Bair from writings of Bill Pless; "Michigan—History of the Wolverine State" by Willis F. Dunbar and George S. May; "Brighton Schools — Then and Now, 1992" by Jean Petersburg; Bruce Ritter; Brighton Area Centennial Committee 1967; "From Settlement to City—Brighton 1832-1945" by Carol McMacken. Additions/corrections requested 810-229-6402.)