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Golfview Painting

Preservation of the Past

Preservation of classic buildings and their history is an important goal of the Brighton Area Historical Society. All communities that value their past will encourage owners of businesses and homes from years ago to keep up the maintenance on their buildings. Of course this same behavior of placing value on older structures must be modeled through preservation efforts and actions by local government.

The Brighton Area Historical Society continues to reinvest through capital improvements in its 1885 Lyon One-room Schoolhouse. This community asset is over 130 years old. The paint on its exterior was in very weathered condition and needed major work. Through the generosity of community members and supportive friends, funds have been raised and dedicated for specific needed improvements. Most recently the old school's peeling skin of paint was scraped, primed and repainted. The newly painted building looks wonderful! Included in the painting was the four rail wooden fence that surrounds the school and the storage shed.

Thank you to all members who support this preservation effort with their annual membership dues and to those whose donations are so needed and valued.

A special thank you to Brighton Township and its trustees for passing the ownership of this important community and historical building to the historical society when their Township Hall was completed in 1984. Additionally, any thank you would be incomplete if the Brighton Rotary Club Blitz Build Team was not mentioned for their wonderful restoration during their blitz build weekend in 2000.

Join us on Thursday Mornings from 9:00 to 12:00 at 11455 Buno Road and see the fresh paint on Lyon School, fence and storage shed and talk history about Brighton.

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**Brighton's Own "Livingston Players" Present:
History Alive! — Mark Twain & Will Rogers in
"Politics As Usual"**
CoBACH Center
202 West Main St., Brighton

October 13, 19 & 20, 2018 at 7:30 PM
Sunday, October 14 & 21, 2018 at 3PM
Ticket Price: \$10.00 at CoBACH during regular
business hours; www.LivPlayers.org
or 810-229-2784

EXHIBITS at CoBACH

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

CoBACH Display
September through
Mid November

Free Exhibit

**"WW1
Armistice Centennial"**

CHECK OUT FACEBOOK

Daily postings regarding
Brighton History.

**Brighton Area Historical
Society**

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Thanks and Recognition

MEMBERSHIPS:

IND/FAMILY: Marty and Shari Smith (2019)*, Ralph Steinberger (2019)*, Robert Triffo (2019)*

PATRON: BUS/PROF: Golfview Painting (2019)*

***Welcome to new members:** Golfview Painting, Marty & Shari Smith, Ralph Steinberger and Robert Triffo.

THANKS:

- Marty & Shari Smith for their donation to Old Village Cemetery, in particular the Warner headstones, along with their dues.
 - Stephanie & Doris Popoff and Carl Miller for their donation to the Society.
 - John and Linda Rawcliffe for their donation of the 1865 Livingston Republican newspaper and KarKraft book. The newspaper was printed in Howell.
 - Mindy Kinsey and W4 Graphics for the nice job in laying out and producing the historical plaque showing the history and timeline of the Old Town Hall. Plaque is located inside CoBACH.
 - Jerry Damon for the Archive room oversized photo storage unit he designed and fabricated.
 - Work of the Headstone Restoration Team in restoring (6) large headstones in the Old Village Cemetery during the July workday.
- Anna & Dan Oginsky, City of Brighton and the Brighton Masonic Lodge for their generous Platinum Level sponsorships.
 - The CoBACH volunteers who assisted visitors during August: Joe Collins, Nancy Fredenburg, Bob Hill, Mindy Kinsey, Lin Millar, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.
 - Volunteers at the society's booth for the Art Festival: Marieanna Bair, Joanne Bellmard, Joe Collins, Jerry & Carole Damon, Jim DeJohn, Tony & Beth Ferreyra, Mercedes Ferreyra & friend, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Judy Kline, Bob & Shirley Knight, Jeanette Johnson, Marsha Leutjen, Jim & Janis Miller, Bob & Priscilla Pettengill, John Rawcliffe, Tom Reinke, Lynn Strong, Peggy Van Sickle and Jim Vichich.
 - Marieanna Bair, Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Mindy Kinsey, Norma Pless, Lynn Strong, Peggy Van Sickle and Jim Vichich for preparing the August issue of Trail Tales for mailing.
 - Silhouette 2018 installation team: Jerry Brock, Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Dave Fuller, Mindy Kinsey, Dave Pettigrove and Jim Vichich.

Dates to Remember

CoBACH Center Exhibit — FREE!! September—mid November: room. Closes promptly at 12nn.
“WW1 Armistice Centennial”

Sept. 1—3: CoBACH Closed for Labor Day.

September 5,6,9,12,13,16,19,20,23,26,27,30; Sunday, Wed. and Thurs., 5pm—8pm: BAHS Volunteers at CoBACH Center.

Sept. 6,13,20,27; 9am—12nn: Archiving/Open House at Lyon Schoolhouse. Speak with archivists and visit the 1900s class-

September 24; 9am—2pm: Headstone Preservation Team meets on the 4th Monday for Work Sessions.

Last summer date is October 22.

September 26; 6pm, CoBACH Center: Historical Society monthly board meeting.

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

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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: _____	Phone: () _____
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		<input type="checkbox"/> BAHS CoBACH Events	
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<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

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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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The Library in Brighton (Part 3-4 — Conclusion)

Pursuant the report of 1991 long-range planning committee and the conclusion that a new structure was obviously needed for the library, a 20-member citizens’ committee was formed to hopefully locate the ideal site. One of several possible sites was a vacant parcel west of the Post Office off Charles Orndorf Drive. The architectural firm hired to design the new building also reviewed several other sites and added its recommendation for that site.

Among concerns to be considered by the committee were sufficient parking, traffic flow and funding.

Millage for a new library was passed (after two attempts) in May, 1994. Construction of the 23,700 square foot building, located at 100 Library Drive began May 2, 1995, at a cost of \$43M. It was dedicated May 18, 1996 and was now open 56 hours a week.

Besides the 24,000 books moved from the site in the Municipal Building, the new library could now accommodate 10,000 new books and house infrastructure to support computer networking and automation services; an expanded audio-visual collection and community meeting rooms. The Brighton Room is devoted exclusively to local history and genealogy, including maps, family histories, local history publications, microfilm of local history and other ephemera. This room also served as headquarters and archival filing of the Brighton Area Historical Society until its move to a former one-room rural school (Lyon School); deeded to the Society, August 2001, by the Brighton Township Board after the Township built new offices.

A number of directors served the library during the 1990s. Charlene Huget was director from October 1997, retiring June 2007. Nancy B. Johnson then served as director through 2015.

A national economic downturn and a statewide recession in 2008 significantly reduced property values, on which library millage was based, in addition to a drastic decrease in state funding. With support from the Friends of the Library, service continued to improve. New millage in 2015 provides funding through 2035. Before retiring, Johnson oversaw the successful millage campaign.

Some obvious improvements have continued among which are the replacement of the original 13 lights lining the circular drive with new LED lights. Not to be overlooked is the repair of the driveway and parking lot.

Many of these changes are a result of generous donations from local groups and individuals. This continues the decades of support of Brighton area residents in their dedication to improved educational opportunities.

Cindy Mack is the library’s current director hired in 2016. She continues the long-time model of previous directors, fulfilling the precedents begun so many years ago.

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