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## CoBACH Center Reopens April 2, 2019

The City of Brighton Arts, Culture and History Center (CoBACH) is reopening for 2019 on Tuesday, April 2nd. This year is the 140th Anniversary of Brighton's most iconic building. The Center has been closed for the winter months for needed repairs. After the repairs, the building received a thorough cleaning and sanitizing from top to bottom. The dust that had been hiding in corners and throughout the multiple floors including the basement is gone. It can be said that the original construction sawdust from 140 years ago is also gone. There is little doubt that the interior of the Old Town Hall which was also Brighton's first firehouse (1879) has never been cleaner than it is now!

Thank you to Brighton's City Council for their support and to City Manager Geinzer and the DPW staff for making the needed work happen!

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### Vintage Jewelry Sale Fundraiser April 27—May 4

Do you have unwanted jewelry sitting around? What about jewelry boxes that are filled with those unused family hand-me-downs? Please consider donating those bracelets, earrings, watches, necklaces, pins and rings to help fund Brighton area history projects. 100% of funds raised are used for preservation and programs.

Contact Jim at 517-304-7722 for pickup or donation questions.

### CoBACH Center Reopens April 2

If you would like a written receipt for a donation you made to the Society in 2018, please let us know.

Contact  
**Jerry Damon**  
**248-345-4080**

### CHECK OUT FACEBOOK

Daily postings regarding Brighton History.

**Brighton Area Historical Society**

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## Thanks and Recognition

### MEMBERSHIPS:

**IND/FAMILY:** Ken & Kathy Anderer\*, Jim & Christine Birney, Faith Capling\*, Jim DeJohn, Rudy & Doreen Meffert, Frank & Monica Ninteman, Joyce Terry, John & Anne Zemke

**PATRON:** Brighton Gardens Association/Kaye Bruns

**BUS/PROF:** Preview Properties

**LIFE:** Lynn Brady Strong

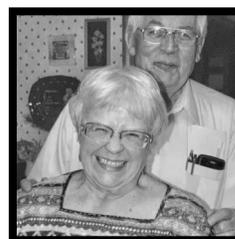
### SPONSORSHIPS:

**\*Welcome to new members:** Ken & Kathy Anderer, Faith Capling

### THANKS:

- City of Brighton and Val & Kathy Jacoby for their generous 2019 Platinum Sponsorships.
- Jim DeJohn for his donation to Friend of Lyon School along with his dues.
- To the historical society members both near and far who believe that preservation of Brighton's history is important. Thank you for your 2019 dues and donations. Your generosity makes Brighton that special community where quality and history really count.
- Debbie Armstrong for her special talents in maintaining and updating the society's website.
- Editing team of Carole and Jerry Damon in preparing the February Trail Tales newsletter for publication.

- Marieanna Bair, Joe Collins, Mindy Kinsey, Peggy Van Sickle and Jim Vichich for preparing the February issue of Trail Tales for mailing.
- Brighton City Council for funding the repair of CoBACH's roof drainage around the foundation and basement cleanup following water infiltration in September.
- Norma Pless for storing the society's exhibit materials that were removed from CoBACH during the cleaning and sanitizing period.



The Brighton Area Historical Society extends its sympathy to the family of **HEIDE CLAUSNITZER.**

Heide and her husband, Jack, who passed in 2018, were Life Members of the Society and long-time supporters of the Society's programs/projects.

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## Dates to Remember

**March 7,14,21,28; 9am—12nn:** Archiving/Open House at Lyon School House. Bring an old family photo to share. Check out the old refurbished one-room schoolhouse.

**March 27; 6pm:** Board Meeting at CoBACH Center.

**April 2; 5—8pm:** CoBACH Reopens

**April 25; 6:30—9pm Lyon One-room Schoolhouse:** Spring cluster meeting of area historical, library and genealogy societies. Please share date and location with your membership.

**April 27—May 4; Vintage Used Jewelry Sale Fundraiser: CoBACH Center.** Great time to donate those never worn items. See page 1.

**May 2:** Ladies Night in downtown Brighton.

**May 4; 9—12nn:** 11th Annual Spring Cleanup of Brighton's Old Village Cemetery located next to the downtown millpond.

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## 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) — John & Jenny Conely — Bonnie Corrigan Timothy & Giannine Corrigan — Jerry & Carole Damon — Joan Engel — Nancy Fredenburg — Stephen & Marilyn Harrington 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 — Lynn Brady Strong — Jim & Vicki Vichich — Linda (Skeman) Wintermute

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

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 (2019) — Concord Mortgage (2018) Davis Multimedia, Inc. (2019) — Golfview Painting (2019) — Kimble Appraisal Group, Inc. \*\* — Lindhout Associates \*\* — Lawrence Autobody \*\* Masonic Lodge No. 247 \*\* — MI Backyard (2018) — Neighbors Magazine (2019) — Patrick Financial Group, LLC \*\* — Precision Vinyl Group (2018) Power House Electric, Inc. (2019) — Preview Properties (2019) — Promess, Inc. \*\* — Refrigeration Research \*\* — Tee-Bone'z Tavern (2019) Weld Mold Company (2019)

## 2019 Sponsorships

**Platinum Level:** City of Brighton, Val & Kathy Jacoby

**Bronze Level:** Frank & Jo (DeLuca) Del Vero, Bob Hill

## 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.

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

The Brighton Area Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization . All donations are tax deductible.

### 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:

Jim Vichich, President  
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### BAHS Leadership 2019

President <b>Jim Vichich</b>	Directors <b>Joe Collins</b> <b>Nancy Fredenburg</b> <b>Mindy Kinsey</b> <b>Larry Lawrence — Emeritus</b> <b>John Rawcliffe</b> <b>Thomas Reinke</b> <b>Lynn Strong</b> <b>Peggy Van Sickle</b>
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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:

**E-Mail:**  
[info@brightonareahistorical.com](mailto:info@brightonareahistorical.com)

**Phone:**  
(810) 250-7276

**US Mail:**  
Brighton Area Historical Society  
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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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## **WOMEN’S SUFFRAGE IN BRIGHTON — Part 1**

The years 2018, 2019 and 2020 mark three centennial pillars of the Women’s Suffrage movement in America. It’s no small source of pride that in 1918, Michigan became one of four states that approved women’s suffrage ahead of the national vote in 1919. New York had adopted women’s suffrage in 1917.

In 1918, Michigan joined Oklahoma and South Dakota in also advancing women’s suffrage. Here in Brighton, we know who the first two women to vote were because they were pretty involved in the voting process at the Old Town Hall (now known as CoBACH). They were Haidee F. Judson Brady, and Charlotte Mellus. They were among 250 women registered to vote. Both ladies served as election workers by assisting women voters on the second floor of the Old Town Hall.

As a result, they were Brighton’s first women voters on March 10, 1919. And, both of them were real “go-getters”.

Haidee F. Judson Brady—who happens to have been the grandmother of BAHS Board member Lynn Brady Strong, graduated from Brighton High School in 1910, and from Michigan Agricultural College (now MSU) in 1917; she also was a member of the first women’s MAC tennis team, honored for this in 2002 when MSU awarded her a varsity letter. She was a teacher in Brighton and raised five children.

*To be continued...*

(Compiled and written by Sheryl James Vigmostad, BAHS Member. 810-227-7506)



Haidee F. Judson Brady

BAHS has not found a photo of Charlotte Mellus. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.