



The Passing of Larry Lawrence

The Brighton Area Historical Society has lost a giant of history. Larry passed on April 30th after a long battle with cancer. Larry was on our board of directors for the past twelve years. His passing came much too early as Larry had a passion for laughter and research. He loved to discuss issues, ideas and experiences with all.

As a young boy, Larry would join the old timers as they enjoyed their coffee at Pat's Restaurant in Brighton. As the guys exchanged pleasantries and told their stories of the past, Larry would listen intently as he absorbed local history. Larry developed his great listening skill from these early times.

Larry frequently captured history with his camera. Sgt. Larry Lawrence returned from Vietnam in 1968 with videos and images of a distant culture. His keen desire to learn U.S. history especially the story of Native Americans led him on road trips all around the country with cameras in tow. Before his stroke he could be found frequently in the Brighton Library researching early Brighton Argus newspapers. We had great times restoring broken headstones that were located in the Old Village Cemetery. He was a natural with a disc grinder and seemed right at home being covered with marble dust from head to toe.

Larry left behind many friends. He was comfortable in discussing most any topic. His gentle demeanor encouraged many to share life experiences. Larry loved to read and thus collected many books. His extensive library at home provided great reading pleasure for him.

Our sympathies are extended to his wife Kate and their three sons. Larry was undoubtedly a special man with unique traits, loved by many and most of all he was my best friend!

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

Muriel "Jacque" Armstrong

"Jacque" was a life member of the Society.

CoBACH Hours

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

June — August CoBACH Display

**Centennial of Women's
Suffrage in Michigan.**

**The Petticoat Patriots
Exhibit Celebrates "How
Michigan Women Won
the Vote."**

Free Exhibit

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Daily postings regarding
Brighton History.

**Brighton Area Historical
Society**

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Thanks and Recognition

MEMBERSHIPS:

IND/FAMILY: McKenzie Chapman*, John & Janet Curry, Gerry & Patricia Kelly, Mike Wilczynski*, Bill & Gigi Vaillencourt

PATRON: Steven Matschikowski*, Carole Scott

LIFE: Brighton Area Women's History Roll of Honor*

*Welcome new members: Brighton Area Women's History Roll of Honor, McKenzie Chapman, Steven Matschikowski, Mike Wilczynski

We thank our members for their membership dues and donations that contribute to the viability of the Society.

THANKS:

- City of Brighton and Val & Kathy Jacoby for their generous 2019 Platinum Sponsorships.
- To members who have donated matching funds from their employers to the Society. If your company matches contributions, please consider the Brighton Area Historical Society.
- John & Janet Curry and Steven Matschikowski for their donations to Old Village Cemetery along with their dues.
- Marieanna Bair, Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Mindy Kinsey, Peggy Van Sickle and Jim Vichich for preparing the May issue of the Trail

Tales newsletter for mailing.

- George W. Lee Roundtable for their donation towards preservation of Civil War soldier headstones.
- Jerry and Ann Dilloway for donating a pump organ to be used inside Lyon School.
- Mindy Kinsey and Lynn Strong for the fine job in designing and sewing the sashes to be worn during this summer's program called Petticoat Patriots. The over-the-shoulder sashes read "VOTES FOR WOMEN." Carole & Jerry Damon for their work in designing the trifold that will present this summer's program along with the list of sponsors. Nancy Fredenburg for chairing and organizing this event.
- The team of people planning the Women's Suffrage Program to be held at the CoBACH Center this summer: Caitlyn Perry-Dial, PhD., Carole & Jerry Damon, Nancy Fredenburg, Sheryl James, Mindy Kinsey, Lynn Strong, Susan Tucker, Peggy Van Sickle and Jim Vichich.
- Donation by Joyce Powers to produce a silhouette of the first two women voting in Brighton in 1919. This will honor the Centennial of Women's Suffrage in Michigan.

Dates to Remember

June—August; CoBACH Center: FREE—Centennial of Women's Suffrage in Michigan

The Petticoat Patriots Exhibit celebrates "How Michigan Women Won the Vote." **SEE BELOW FOR DATES OF SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

September; CoBACH Center: Centennial of Brighton Gardens Subdivision.

June 9; CoBACH Center: FREE—"How Michigan Women Won the Vote." Presentation by Dr. Caitlyn Perry-Dial. Dr. Dial was the former Executive Director of Michigan Women's Historical Resource Center in Lansing.

June 6,13,20,27; 9am—11:59am: Open House at Lyon Schoolhouse. Stop by and meet the archivists.

June 24; 9am—2:30pm: OVC Headstone Team Workday. Additional dates: July 22, Aug 26, Sept 23, Oct 28.

June 26; 6pm: CoBACH Center: BAHS Board Meeting.

CoBACH Special Suffrage Performance

Suffrage Debate — "Yea or Nay"

July 12,13,19,20 at 7:30 pm

July 14,21,at 3PM

Presentation by Brighton's Own Livingston Players; Tickets \$10
www.livplayers.org

August 18; 3pm: CoBACH Center — FREE

"Equal Rights Amendment" Celebration; Presentation by Mona Shand who is Rep. Elizabeth Slotkin's liaison for Livingston County.

Life — Business — Professional Members

Life Members:

Tom Archer — John & Deb Armstrong — 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) — Kate Lawrence — Seth & Shannon Lemke (TX) — Ray & Bessie Maltby — 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

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Mail check or money order payable to:		Name: _____	Phone: () _____
Brighton Area Historical Society		Address: _____	
P. O. Box 481		City: _____	State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Brighton, MI 48116-0481		E-Mail: _____	

Membership Plan:			Additional Donation to—Check One:		Amount of Donation:	
<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2 Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Patron	<input type="checkbox"/> Friend of Lyon School	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	
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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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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 Town Clock

Brighton is a community in which a number of local service organizations cooperate; coordinating their talents, goals and interests to the improvement of life in the area.

In 1985, Scott Griffith, Chairman of the Brighton Downtown Development Authority (DDA), had noted the city’s master plan included the addition of a clock on Main Street to improve the appearance of downtown. Other plan possibilities included planter boxes and Victorian-Style street lamps.

Early 1990, the Brighton Council of Service Organizations (Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, Optimists, Chamber of Commerce, Livingston Women’s Club and Volunteer Firemen’s Organization) determined a clock would be one enhancement which would move Brighton in that direction.

Griffith also noted, “The clock should be a focal point, located around the Old Town Hall near the Mill Pond.” Businessman, George Moses, agreed that an old-fashioned, turn-of-the-century town clock would add a special charm.

It was determined the expense to the city would be mitigated by conducting fundraisers by the service organizations. Among these were a raft race on the mill pond (Rotary Club), cow pie lottery (Kiwanis), carnival donations (volunteer fire fighters), an arts and crafts sale with a pancake breakfast (Lions Club) and a fishing derby (Optimists). Area stores placed donation containers on their counters.

An August 8, 1990 publication was headlined: “Brighton’s New-look-Downtown” announcing the installation of a 12-1/2 foot Victorian clock, in front of the Old Town Hall. Made of cast aluminum it was bolted to a raised concrete block. With three faces, the time could be read easily from any direction on Main Street.

The photo shown includes Dale Harrison of the Kiwanis, Bob Brand and Steve Allen of the Optimists, Lynne Ruppert of Livingston Women’s Club and Wally Jollitz, George Meldrum and Art Brown, president

of the Lions Club. Brown said “There are very few cities where all of the service organizations get together to work on one project.”

However, within six months, the public noted its time-keeping ability was very poor. Occasional attempts through the years to repair the very public clock had no long-term effects.

By mid 2008, both the clock and the Old Town Hall at Main and West Streets were, coincidentally, under repair. A city building official, Jim Rowell, a craftsman in his spare time, worked on the clock. His volunteer work saved the city about \$23,000 according to Matt Modrack, Community Development and Planning Director. Public Services Director Matt Schindewolf had the repair of the Old Town Hall in his care.

In March, 2019, one could still learn how much time there was for yet more fun in downtown Brighton.

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