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## Larry Lawrence Scholarship Awardees

The BAHS is pleased to announce there are two 2020 Larry Lawrence Scholarship Awardees! Congratulations to Logan Kincaid and Casey Martindale, both seniors at Brighton High School. Each student will receive a \$1000 scholarship paid to their trade school to support their education. Best of luck to Casey as his dream is to become a professional in the heating and cooling trades. We also share the same desire for success to Logan whose goal is to become a professional in the electrical trades.

Thank you to those friends who donated to support critical trade school scholarships. Larry would be very proud of your generosity!

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### CoBACH Hours

Tuesday—Friday 5—8pm  
Saturday 11am—5pm  
**NEW Hours Sunday 2—5pm**

Closed Monday

### CoBACH Display

#### FREE EXHIBITS

Through March 15  
“Canopy Restaurant”

If you would like a written receipt for a donation you made to the Society in 2019, please let us know.  
Contact: Jerry Damon  
248-345-4080

### CHECK OUT FACEBOOK

Frequent postings regarding Brighton History.

**Brighton Area Historical Society**

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The BAHS is grateful for the 2020 Platinum Sponsorship support of the Brighton Masonic Lodge, #247, City of Brighton and Dan and Anna Oginsky. The generosity of these sponsors supports the direction and actions of this historical society in preserving Brighton’s past and providing valuable programming to share these stories.

### RETURNING IN MAY 2020

BAHS Spring Vintage Jewelry Sale  
CoBACH Center — May 1—8, 2020

If you have old family jewelry you no longer desire, please consider donating to this sale.  
Contact Jim Vichich, 517-304-7722 for pickup of items.

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## Thanks and Recognition

### MEMBERSHIPS:

**IND/FAMILY:** Charles & Muriel Allen, Jim Birney Family, Don Boyer, Bob & Nancy Carlson, Mary Ann Catrell, Joe Collins, Janice Field, James Franklin, Pam Hicks, Peter Kujawa, Rudy & Doreen Meffort, Margaret Mitschelen, Carole Scott, Scott Selesky, Doris Singer, Wallyne Smail, Rick & Letitia Smith, Joyce Terry, Robert Triffo, Robert Veik, Sheryl Vigmostad, Robert & Karen Wirth

**PATRON:** Phyllis Kerslake, Mindy & Tom Kinsey, Dennis & Maria Littleworth, Margo Metzger

**LIFE:** Eddie Cord, Ph.D.

**BUS/PROF:** Brighton Lions Club\*, Clark/Tait Eye Center

**SPONSORSHIP: Platinum** — Brighton Masonic Lodge, #247, City of Brighton.

\*Welcome new member: Brighton Lions Club.

### THANKS:

- Brighton Masonic Lodge, #247, City of Brighton and Dan & Anna Oginsky for their 2020 Platinum sponsorship.
- Marieanna Bair, Bob Blair, Joe Collins, Tom Reinke and Jim Vichich for preparing the February newsletter for mailing.
- Paul & Judith Bair and Shirley Barton for their donations to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund.
- Bonnie Corrigan for her donation to the Society.
- Don Boyer for his donation to CoBACH Events along with his dues.
- Pam Hicks, Margo Metzger, Margaret Mitschelen and Carole Scott for their donations to the Society along with their dues.
- Doris Singer for her donation to Friend of Lyon School, CoBACH Events and Old Village Cemetery along with her dues.
- Rick & Letitia Smith for their donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund and Old Village Cemetery along with their dues.
- Peter Kujawa, Dennis & Maria Littleworth, Sheryl Vigmostad and Albert & Karen Wirth for their donations to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund along with their dues.
- Mary Ann Catrell and Phyllis Kerslake for their donations to Friend of Lyon School along with their dues.
- Nick Deychakiwsky for his matching fund donation from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.
- Kathy Lueker Pearson for her photo and information on Dr. Singer and music in Brighton.
- Snedicors Dry Cleaners for cleaning the Mr. and Mrs. Claus suits for the Society.
- Jacob Donner for sharing information on the Rorabacher Family in Brighton.
- Green Oak Township Historical Society for sharing c. 1915 information on the Joseph Labadie Family of Kent Lake.
- John Gomes and Al Musolf for sharing older photos of Brighton Township.

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## Dates to Remember

**CoBACH Center: FREE EXHIBITS** — (See Page 1 for Hours).

**Through mid-March: "Canopy Restaurant"** — Stop by and see cool old photos and information about Brighton's most famous 20th century eatery located downtown on Grand River.

**March 17 — April 25:** "Cool Diggings at 1830 Warner Farm" of Brighton Township.

**March 5,12,19,26; 9am—11:59am:** Visit the typical one-room schoolhouse that educated much of 1800s-early 1900s America. The school has been refurbished to an early 1900s setting. Visit the archivists doing historical record keeping and get a tour of the early American class-

room.

**March 14; 9am—4pm:** Old Hartland HS Gymnasium — Antique Show by Brighton Masonic Lodge #247.

**March 25; 6pm, CoBACH Center:** BAHS Board Meeting.

**May 1—8; CoBACH Center:** Spring Vintage Jewelry Sale. Please consider donating your old family jewelry you no longer desire. Share this date with family and friends. (See Page 1 for additional information.)

**May 2; 9—12nn:** Old Village Cemetery Spring Cleanup.

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## 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 — Bill & Margaret Dixon — Joan Engel — Nancy Fredenburg — Stephen & Marilyn Harrington — William & Lenore Harris Betsy & Bob Herbst — Dr. John & Barbara Jacoby (MN) — Val & Kathy Jacoby (FL) — 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) — David & Marilyn Pettigrove — 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 (2020) — Archer Huntley Financial Services \*\* — Brighton Area Women's History Roll of Honor\*\* — Brighton District Library \*\* Brighton Lions Club (2020) — Brighton Veterans Memorial Comm.\*\* — Buckley-Jolley Group \*\* — Clark/Tait Eye Center (2020) Davis Multimedia, Inc. (2019) — Golfview Painting (2020) — Kimble Appraisal Group, Inc.\*\* — Lindhout Associates\*\* — Lawrence Autobody \*\* Make Believe Manor, LLC (2020) — Masonic Lodge No. 247 \*\* — Neighbors Magazine (2019) — Patrick Financial Group, LLC \*\* Power House Electric, Inc. (2020) — Preview Properties (2020) — Promess, Inc.\*\* — Refrigeration Research \*\* — Tee-Bone'z Tavern (2020) Weld Mold Company (2019)

### 2020 Sponsorships

**Platinum Level:** Brighton Masonic Lodge #247, City of Brighton, Dan & Anna Oginsky

**Bronze Level:** Frank & Josephine 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>Phone:</b> ( ) _____
		<b>Address:</b> _____	
		<b>City:</b> _____	<b>State:</b> _____ <b>Zip Code:</b> _____
		<b>E-Mail:</b> _____	

  

<b>Membership Plan:</b>	<b>Additional Donation to—Check One:</b>		<b>Amount of Donation:</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2 Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Patron	<input type="checkbox"/> Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund	<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"/> Friend of Lyon School	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Family	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Life	<input type="checkbox"/> BAHS CoBACH Events	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____
			<input type="checkbox"/> Old Village Cemetery Fund		

The 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  
Brighton Area Historical Society  
810-250-7276 or [jvichich@comcast.net](mailto:jvichich@comcast.net)

### BAHS Leadership 2020

President <b>Jim Vichich</b>	Directors <b>Joe Collins</b>
Vice President <b>Marieanna Bair</b>	<b>Nancy Fredenburg</b>
Secretary <b>Mindy Kinsey</b>	<b>John Rawcliffe</b>
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	<b>Peggy Van Sickle</b>
	Education Liaison <b>Judith Coebly</b>

### BAHS: How to Contact Us or Find Us

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

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

**US Mail:**  
Brighton Area Historical Society  
P. O. Box 481  
Brighton, MI 48116-0481

**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.

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



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### **What Do You Remember About The Canopy? — Here's What Local Folks Say.**

The following are excerpts from an article in the July 4, 1999 issue of the Brighton Argus regarding local memories about the Canopy Restaurant and Hotel. The CoBACH Center at 202 W. Main Street in downtown Brighton currently has a display about the Canopy.

**Check it out!!**

*"We weren't sure what to expect when we asked people to send in some of their memorable recollections of the Canopy. Ultimately we were overwhelmed with responses. The Canopy, it appears, has transcended into the realm of timelessness. It has become a place from a past period where food, spirits and celebration were part of the definition of good times and a good life."*

*"Here's a host of memories from local residents for whom the journey to 130 W. Grand River Ave. was a special event and who helped establish the great tradition that was the Canopy Hotel and Restaurant." (Brighton Argus)*

*"The Canopy was truly one of the best restaurants in Michigan if not the finest. The owner Mr. Jack Wright was committed to excellence and that reflected in the way he ran the Canopy. From the live lobster to the custom made cigarettes, the Canopy was first class. I grew up with the restaurant and my highlight moment was in my senior year of high school and took a date to the restaurant. Needless to say, she was impressed," (Lawrence J. LaVeque)*

*"I worked there for about a year washing dishes when I got my drivers license, I remember Mother's Day was the worst day of the year. The place was really hopping on Mother's Day. There was no rest. It was certainly high class. Women would walk in wearing minks and the lot would be filled with Cadillacs...." (Dale Arnot)*

*"My fondest memories of the Canopy are at Christmas time. I was born in 1961, and, as far back as I can remember, the Keehn family always had Christmas Eve dinner at the Canopy." "We always had our own private room. This was located off the bar area. It was a wonderful time for family and, of course, we knew most everyone that worked there. It was very festive." (Claudia Keehn-Bennett)*

*"I was a Camp Fire Girls and did a project that required me to go to the Canopy and do an interview on cooking. I was able to talk to the cook and have a tour of the kitchen. I don't have any information from the interview, but what I received in return was an original menu from the Canopy, which I still have." (Tammy Yeagle)*

*"If you made dinner reservations a day or two in advance, they would have matchbooks printed up with your party's name on them. My mom would come in and visit for vacations or on the weekends and she really enjoyed fine dining so we would always go to the Canopy. My mom always appreciated the art of a long lunch. They had the best sticky buns with the meals and the best lunch was the lobster salad..." (Philippa Robinson)*

*"Brighton was my dad's town. Some may remember my dad. His name was Ed Parrish and from about 1969 to 1976, he was part owner of Leland's Pharmacy which was located in downtown."*

*"We had several meals at the Canopy, but the special one was having our rehearsal dinner there. The Canopy had such class. You felt at home as you were greeted by the hostess and the piano played old tunes in the background. Sometimes dad would make a request or sing along. The memories my dad gave me of this little town called Brighton live on as if nothing has changed at all and the Canopy remains a classic." (Kathy Boyda)*

The first meal was served in the newly built hotel on New Year's Day 1926 and the last Canopy meal was served in June 1989. Memories of dinners and special occasions lived on in many residents of Brighton and the surrounding areas.