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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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.
Thanks and Recognition

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*Welcome new member: Brighton Lions Club.

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- Brighton Masonic Lodge, #247, City of Brighton and Dan & Anna Oginisky for their 2020 Platinum sponsorship.
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- Bonnie Corrigan for her donation to the Society.
- Don Boyer for his donation to CoBACH Events along with his dues.
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- Rick & Letitia Smith for their donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund and Old Village Cemetery along with their dues.
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- Mary Ann Catrell and Phyllis Kerslake for their donations to Friend of Lyon School along with their dues.
- Nick Deychakivsky 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.
- Snedics 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.

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 with family and friends. (See Page 1 for additional information.)

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Additional Donation to—Check One:
☐ Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund ☐ $10 ☐ $100
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☐ BAHS CoBACH Events ☐ $50 ☐ Other $_______
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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 Kehn-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.