



EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT LEADER ED HAGGERTY

Lyon Schoolhouse Prepares For The Future

The 1885 Lyon One-room School is receiving several enhancements this summer to preserve its wood frame structure and upgrade existing computer utilization.

Three tall trees were removed from the west fence line. These 50+ foot tall trees were leaning over the old roof structure and were removed to minimize any future damage potential from storms. The new 30-year asphalt shingle roof installation should be in progress when you receive this newsletter. The 1993 asphalt shingle roof is being removed so the new shingles can be nailed to a smooth roof deck.

The storage shed behind the school holding durable exhibit materials was demolished about a month ago due to a direct hit from a neighbors falling large tree. A new shed will be ordered soon. Insurance will cover replacement of the shed and its contents.

A new outside exhibit area for small antique farm implements is almost completed along the north fence line. This Eagle Scout Project is constructed from treated lumber and has a wood deck of 5/4" x 6" planks and is raised off the ground. Implements will be fastened to the deck and will have signage that provides information on use. Previously these implements were stored along the foundation of the structure. The safety and appearance of the equipment is greatly enhanced as it is secured in a manner that separates the implements from guests that maybe observing them.

Two additional computer work stations will be added in the archive room. The goal is to integrate the units together. Currently there is no internet at the school due to high annual Comcast cost. The society will be seeking professional help as to how best to achieve online capability.

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CoBACH Hours

Tuesday—Friday 5—8pm

Saturday 11am—5pm

NEW Hours Sunday 2—5pm

Closed Monday

The CoBACH Center is currently CLOSED. Anticipate opening in August

Archiving at Lyon School on Buno Road is also CLOSED

Check our Facebook Page for the Opening Date of both.

CHECK OUT FACEBOOK

Frequent postings regarding Brighton History.

Brighton Area Historical Society

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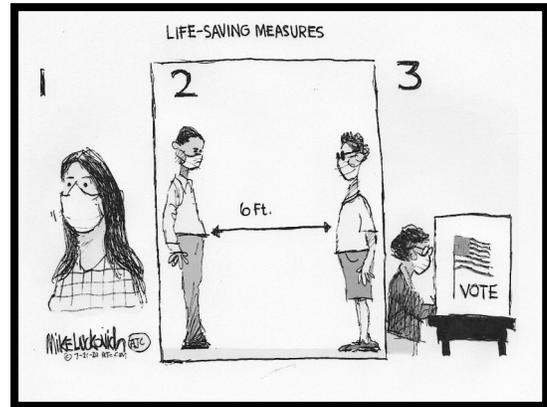
Thanks and Recognition

MEMBERSHIPS:

Renewing and new memberships keep the Society vital. Please see the form on Page 3 if you would like to renew your dues or become a member of the Society.

THANKS:

- Brighton Masonic Lodge, #247, City of Brighton and Dan & Anna Oginsky for their 2020 Platinum sponsorship.
- Carole & Jerry Damon and Jim Vichich for the preparation and mailing of the July issue of Trail Tales.
- Mike and Barb Emmorey for their donation to the Society.
- Debbie Armstrong for keeping the BAHS website up-to-date. Our website address is BrightonAreaHistorical.com, where you can find previous issues of Trail Tales along with other facts about the Society and Brighton history.
- To our valued members, because through your dues and donations, we are able to make the updates mentioned on Page 1, and continue our goal of preserving the history of Brighton for many generations.



Enjoy the Month of August
Stay Safe and Be Well

Dates to Remember

CoBACH Operations / CoBACH Center: Has been **CLOSED for March—July**. It is anticipated to reopen soon once COVID-19 protective gear has been put in place. Follow the BAHS Facebook page for updated opening information.

Lyon Schoolhouse: Lyon School has been closed for archival work March—July. Follow the BAHS Facebook page for updated opening information.

BAHS Monthly Board Meeting: Scheduled for August 26 at CoBACH at 6PM.

OVC Headstone Restoration Days are CANCELLED FOR 2020. Due to COVID-19 and the close working proximity of our senior staff, the society will take the summer off.

Lyon Schoolhouse: The Lyon Schoolhouse is having its 1993 shingle roof replaced at this time.

Life — Business — Professional Members

Life Members:

Tom Archer — John & Deb Armstrong — Paul & Kathryn Bair (Allen) — Marieanna Bair — Shirley Barton — Charles & Janice Beach
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Brighton Lions Club (2020) — Brighton Veterans Memorial Comm.** — Buckley-Jolley Group ** — Clark/Tait Eye Center (2020)
Davis Multimedia, Inc. (2020) — Golfview Painting (2020) — Kimble Appraisal Group, Inc.** — Lindhout Associates** — Lawrence Auto Body **
Make Believe Manor, LLC (2020) — Masonic Lodge No. 247 ** — Neighbors Magazine (2020) — 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: Carolina DeLuca, Frank & Josephine Del Vero, Bob Hill, Neighbors Magazine/M. Lenninger

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: () _____
		Address: _____	
		City: _____	State: _____ Zip Code: _____
		E-Mail: _____	

Membership Plan:		Additional Donation to—Check One:	
<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2 Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund	Amount of Donation:
<input type="checkbox"/> Renew	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Friend of Lyon School	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Family	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Patron	<input type="checkbox"/> BAHS CoBACH Events	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Business/Professional	<input type="checkbox"/> Old Village Cemetery Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Life		

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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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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 War is Over — Part 1

“The war is over and we are truly thankful. Now as the din of battle fades, we pledge anew to the accomplishment in fact of an enduring peace...We join our fellow Americans in celebrating this righteous victory and promise to play our part in creating a bright and happy future...for our country and the world.”

Frank Seger, Editor
The Brighton Argus, August 22, 1945

My brother Ed was only three but he swore all his life he remembered hearing Dad say “Ray Lanning must be home from the war.” It was mid-day and someone he couldn’t see in a ‘39 Ford raced down Rickett Road past our farm the same way Ray used to when he went to town to see Jean Leith. In those days, war talk was always the number one topic of conversation. I didn’t know what war was, just that it was terrible. Only a few years later was I able to discern the difference between *that* war, in which so many of our family and neighbors had fought, and *another* war—a “conflict” this time. History too soon repeated.

The war had ended. Neither of us heard much talk of anything else from the late ‘40s into the 50s. On a work bench in the dark, damp basement of our Rickett Road farmhouse, a yellowing special edition of the *Detroit Free Press* with headlines in huge letters attracted my attention even before I could read. **“US Turns Terrible Power of Atomic Bomb on Japan”** it proclaimed. The nation was still in mourning after losing Franklin D. Roosevelt, its wartime leader, four months earlier and it had been up to his successor, Harry S. Truman to make the fateful decision to end the war by the cataclysmic use of the first nuclear weapon.

America’s greatest generation had met the most unfathomable challenge in the history that August of 1945 when I was only 10 months old. The scourge of fascism in Europe under Hitler and Mussolini had ended in victory three months before and with the dawn of the nuclear age Imperial Japan’s horrendous reign of terror did as well. Brighton men and women fought valiantly in that war, with close to 400 names inscribed on the Honor Roll at the corner of Grand River and Main at war’s end. And far too many had paid the ultimate price in what was the costliest and most deadly of all American wars.

To be continued.....

(The above excerpt is from “Remembering Brighton: Still in Touch,” Paul Weber’s forthcoming sequel to his novel “Con Weber’s Brighton: Portrait of Family, Church and Nation, 1832—1942.”)

