



Under the Mistletoe.
(From the Brighton Argus Christmas 1895.
BAHS Archives)

Summer 2021 Looks Great!

As we wind down the last year due to the COVID virus, the spring of 2021 looks very promising! We need a good positive change. Everyone is fatigued. The contentious presidential election, isolation from family and friends, schools closed, virtual classes, avoidance of activities, along with workplace and family stress has affected all of us. Time to place all these bad memories in a time capsule.

The life-saving potential of the new upcoming vaccines will bring a breath of relief and good feelings to all. The blooming of Spring's yellow daffodils and other spring flowers will also elicit feelings of a great new season. In order to appreciate the true feelings and beauty we need to know the brutal depths brought by COVID. In Livingston County, nearly 40 residents passed due to the virus. Across the state, we lost close to 8000 Michiganians. Nearly 260,000 Americans won't witness this New Years at Time Square on TV.

I am looking forward to experience again the beauty of downtown Brighton. The patriotic July Fourth Parade, and the awesome Kiwanis concerts at the AMP with the car shows on Main Street. The Memorial Day Observance at the Millpond's Veterans Memorial for all those who gave their all to preserve our freedoms. The many Main Street events that promote good will and friendship with all. I long to see many old friends whose relationships have been strained during this stressful year. I am looking very forward to six months from now. The summer of 2021 looks great for Brighton!

On behalf of the BAHS Board of Directors, we wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas.

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

Doris Case Singer

Doris was a long-time member of the society and will be missed by many.

CoBACH CLOSED

Due to increased COVID numbers, CoBACH is closed for the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. Check our Facebook Page for Reopening.

Archiving at Lyon School on Buno Road is CLOSED

Check our Facebook Page for the Opening of Lyon School.

CHECK OUT FACEBOOK

Frequent postings regarding Brighton History.

Brighton Area Historical Society

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Thanks and Recognition

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LIFE: Randy & Linda Venno Needham

BUS/PROF: Michigan Consulting & Environmental*

***Welcome New Members:** Michigan Consulting & Environmental, Patti Lanning Middleton

Renewing and new memberships keep the Society vital. Our Membership Drive continues this month. Please see the insert.

THANKS:

- Brighton Masonic Lodge, #247, City of Brighton and Dan & Anna Oginsky for their 2020 Platinum sponsorship.
- Janice & Charles Beach for their donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund.

- Bill & Peggy Dixon for their donation to the Society.
- Howard & Syndy Bisoski, Debra Johnson, Dave & Karen Rebigier for their donations to the Society along with their dues.
- Joyce Hubbs for her donation to Friend of Lyon School, CoBACH Events and Old Village Cemetery along with her dues.
- Steven & Rosemarie Matschikowski, Dianne Taeckens and Richard & Doris Young for their donations to Old Village Cemetery along with their dues.
- Edmund & Rozalia Case, Kenneth Mulder, Mary Lynn & Darrell Rickman, Dianne Taeckens, Joanne Swann for their donations to Friend of Lyon School in memory of Doris Case Singer.
- MaryJo Comiskey/Val Hancock, Mary Fonseca, Brenda McCarty, Ralph & Elizabeth Romano for their donations to Friend of Lyon School, along with their dues.
- Teacher Nick Cavaleri and the (25) Honor Roll Students from Charyl Stockwell Academy for cleaning up the grounds of the Old Village Cemetery for Veterans Day. Over (30) large yard paper bags of branches and leaves were removed.
- Jerry & Carole Damon and Jim Vichich for the preparation and mailing of the November Trail Tales.

Dates to Remember

CoBACH Operations: The City of Brighton Arts, Culture and History Center has been forced to close again due to the large increase of Covid for the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. Check our Facebook page for reopening information.

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

BAHS Annual Membership & Elections Meeting: This meeting was cancelled three days before its November 15 date due to large Covid

spread across the state. The future plan for rescheduling this annual membership and elections meeting is to have the meeting at the regular February 24th monthly Board Meeting held at the CoBACH Center. This will be the first meeting of 2021 as the January meeting has been cancelled. Face masks and social distancing are required for the safety of all.

Christmas Program with Santa at Lyon School scheduled for Sunday, December 13, 2020 has regretfully been cancelled due to Covid.

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 — Edgar L Cord, Ph.D. — Bonnie Corrigan — Timothy & Giannine Corrigan
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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. (2020) — Golfview Painting (2020) — Kimble Appraisal Group, Inc.** — Lindhout Associates** — Lawrence Auto Body **
Make Believe Manor, LLC (2020) — Masonic Lodge No. 247 ** — Michigan Consulting & Environmental (2021) — Neighbors Magazine (2020)
Patrick Financial Group, LLC ** — Power House Electric, Inc. (2020) — Preview Properties (2020) — Promess, Inc.** — Refrigeration Research **
Tee-Bone's 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: () _____
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		City: _____	State: _____ Zip Code: _____
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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
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	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Life		

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:

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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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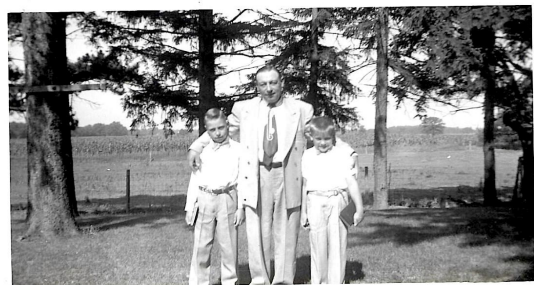
Maltby & Rickett Roads — Brighton, Michigan

Not until long after I lived there did I realize that my early years were spent in one of the most beautiful parts of the nation. Several millennia ago receding glaciers blessed the future inhabitants of my mitten peninsula with a landscape and bodies of water so appealing that one would be in a quandary if asked to name a finer, more idyllic place. No accident, really, that a long ago committee charged with creating a motto for the State of Michigan came up with "*Si Quaeris Peninsulam Amoenam Circumspice*," ("If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look around you.") I still look around and I still see pleasant vistas. But even now not one can compare to the stretch of gently rolling, forested hills between Ann Arbor and my hometown, through which a body of water lazily flows that the French and Native Americans called the *River Huron*.

Ann Arbor is where I studied after high school and the *Huron* is where in our boyhood Eddie and I met kids like Duke Williams, Billy Sawyer and the Lanning Brothers from two neighborhoods to swim. They have as much or more richness in my imagination as the stunning places I have traveled to in my lifetime, including the red gorges and canyons of the American West or the southwestern Swedish shoreline and German *Vogelsberg* from which my ancestors emigrated. Only eighteen miles north of Ann Arbor and a mile to the west lies the intersection of two county roads called Maltby and Rickett. A person I do not remember once referred to that area as *Green Oak Plains*. Whether as a child I did not fully comprehend if he was talking about the lay of the land where I lived or the serene place where many of the township's early pioneers were buried I am still not sure. For me that is now inconsequential. What matters is that I spent the formative years of my life on a farm on "Green Oak Plains" and that is where my earliest memories were made.

My parents moved into our Old Colonial two-story frame house on the west side of Rickett Road between Lee and Maltby Roads as newlyweds in 1929. I have often wondered if the colorful history of Green Oak Township or that stately home itself was responsible for the keen interest my parents and I always shared in history. During the Black Hawk War with Native Americans in the early 1830s, the original settlers of the township moved away to areas protected by the army. When peace was restored the earliest settler, Stephen Lee, and later the Isaac Smith Family returned to their farms on the Huron River just south of Silver Lake. In 1850, Smith's son—Isaac Smith Jr.—bought 80 acres of land two miles south of Brighton Village and built the original one-story wing of the house. He situated it facing east and planted pine, black walnut and hard maple trees near it to shield it from the wind and sun. Like many homes of more well-to-do tradesman and farmers, it was Greek Revival in style with wide vertical end cornices and pediments placed above the second story horizontal lintels.

(Above excerpt taken from Paul W. Weber's "Remarkably Brighton: Still in Touch," a soon to be released sequel to his novel "Con Weber's Brighton: Portrait of Family, Church and Nation, 1832—1942.")



Father's Day, June 1951: Eddie, Ed Sr. and Paul Weber in their backyard on Rickett Road (Overlooking corn fields fronting Maltby Road).