



Preservation is an Act of Enlightenment!

The City of Brighton and residents of the area now have another beautiful repurposed historic building that should be a source of pride. Preservation of a classic old building requires an act of love by the investing parties. Thank you to Dan and Anna Oginsky, residents of the Brighton area. The restoration and improvement to an old landmark has given this pretty brick home at 142 Brighton Lake Road new life. The railroad resides next to the property.

The two-story brick home (seen above) neighboring Grand River Avenue was built around 1860 just as the clash between northern and southern states was starting to boil. Grand River Avenue was recently widened to incorporate a wooden plank road from Detroit to the new Capitol in Lansing. Eleven years later the new hiss and squeal of the steam engine shook the home's stone foundation.

A large new addition on the backside tastefully maintains the original lines of the home while a handsome new carriage house set to the side completes the rebirth of this site. The former living quarters have been total redone into offices and meeting rooms. Beyond the buildings you will see gardens and the peaceful meandering of Ore Creek.

This special location illuminates the possibilities for repurposing existing properties when skilled parties want to preserve the past. This action to conserve the history of our community also assists in providing a charming downtown. The business name for this enterprise is known as the Brighton Lighthouse.

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CoBACH ON PAUSE **Reopening Mid-May**

Hours at reopening will be
 Friday 5—8pm
 Saturday 11—2pm
 Sunday 2—5pm
 See Page 2 for additional
 information on hours.

Archiving at Lyon School on Buno Road is Currently CLOSED

**Check Page 2 for our
 anticipated opening date
 of June 3.**

CHECK OUT FACEBOOK

Frequent postings regard-
 ing Brighton History.

**Brighton Area Historical
 Society**

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Thanks and Recognition

MEMBERSHIPS: (Reflect dues paid for year 2021 unless otherwise noted.)

IND/FAMILY: Mike Arnold, McKenzie Chapman, Marsha Luetjen, Larry & Edie Millen

PATRON: Kaye Bruns/Brighton Gardens, Evelyn Gallegos*, John Kluck (2022), Lin Millar

BUS/PROF: Brighton Lion's Club, Clark/Tait Eye Center

***Welcome New Member:** Evelyn Gallegos

Renewing and new memberships keep the Society vital.

Please see the form on Page 3 if you would like to join, or renew your dues.

THANKS:

- The Larry Lawrence Memorial Scholarship Evaluation team of Jerry Damon, Kate and Mike Lawrence, Tom Reinke, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich for assessing student applications. Great appreciation for our donors in supporting this valuable program.
- The donors and all members who provide financial support to the historical society are greatly appreciated. CoBACH Center, Lyon Schoolhouse and Old Village Cemetery Restoration programs rely on those who value local history and believe in preserving and

sharing that history.

- Nick Deychakiwsky for his matching funds contribution from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.
- Jerry & Carole Damon for their matching funds contribution from Eaton Corporation.
- Steve & Kathleen Lowry for their donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund.
- McKenzie Chapman for her donation to Old Village Cemetery along with her dues.
- Big PDQ for printing our newsletter. During this time of Covid, they never missed a month of printing for us. Their professionalism is appreciated.
- Jerry & Carole Damon and Jim Vichich for the preparation and mailing of the April Trail Tales.

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

Rev. Donald Thomas

Don was a long-time member of the Society and a member of the Old Village Cemetery Restoration Team.

Dates to Remember

CoBACH, Operations: The City of Brighton Arts, Culture and History Center is paused again due to Covid. Hours will be shortened to weekends hopefully restarting mid-May, Friday (5-8pm), Saturday (11-2pm) and Sunday (2-5pm) while volunteers complete their vaccinations. The following regular schedule is anticipated to start Tuesday, June 1. Tuesday—Friday 5-8 pm, Saturday 11-5 pm and Sunday 2-5pm.

Lyon Schoolhouse: Lyon School is anticipated to reopen for archiving Thursday, June 3 from 9-12nn. All senior volunteers will be vaccinated by that time. Any visitors must wear facial masks and observe social distancing.

Spring & Summer programming dates are being set in anticipation of the successful upcoming Covid Vaccination Program. Please set your calendars for these tentative dates.

CANCELLED: May 1, Saturday, 9am—12nn: Old Village Cemetery Spring Clean-up.

May 31, Monday, 11am—12nn, Downtown Brighton Memorial Day Program at the Millpond Veterans Memorial.

June—October Headstone Restoration Days at Old Village Cemetery always on the 4th Monday of the month from 9am—2pm. June 28, July 26, August 23, September 27, October 25.

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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Advance Craft Builders (2021) — Archer Huntley Financial Services ** — Brighton Area Women's History Roll of Honor** — Brighton District Library **
Brighton Lions Club (2021) — Brighton Veterans Memorial Comm.** — Buckley-Jolley Group ** — Clark/Tait Eye Center (2021)
Davis Multimedia, Inc. (2020) — Golfview Painting (2021) — Kimble Appraisal Group, Inc.** — Lindhout Associates** — Lawrence Auto Body **
Livingston County Convention Visitors Bureau (2021) — Make Believe Manor, LLC (2020) — Masonic Lodge No. 247 **
Michigan Consulting & Environmental (2021) — Neighbors Magazine (2021) — Patrick Financial Group, LLC ** — Power House Electric, Inc. (2021)
Preview Properties (2021) — Promess, Inc.** — Refrigeration Research ** — Tee-Bone'z Tavern (2020)

2021 Sponsorships

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		

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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BAHS Leadership 2021

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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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Part 1 — “Sham Battle”

Part of M.N.G. Program—Memorial Day 1930

Three Day Memorial Observance Drew Many Visitors: Band Gives Fine Concert

“Extending her hospitality to the 320 men and officers of the Michigan National Guard and bidding them a hearty welcome both by spoken word and an unusual display of the national colors along her streets and over the fronts and windows of her places of business, Brighton observed Memorial Day in fitting and impressive manner. The Memorial Day observances were followed by a number of interesting exhibitions by the visiting soldiers and a military memorial service which was held Sunday morning on a high hill within the military encampment.

The Pere Marquette train bringing the city’s guests, arrived an hour late. The soldiers formed and marched down Main Street and assembled in squad formation in front of the city hall, where they listened to a brief impressive, address of welcome which was delivered by C. A. Kelley.”

Mr. Kelley said: “Officers and Men of the 125th Inf. M.N.G.: It is indeed a great pleasure for me to accept the invitation of the commander of the American Legion Post of this city to extend to you the address of welcome upon this most solemn occasion.”

“You have come today to be our guests and to help us honor our brave dead, our men who lie sleeping beneath their laurels of victory within our quiet church yards. And it is fitting and right that you, their comrades (for all soldiers are comrades) should assist in this sad rite, and although we cannot consecrate we cannot dedicate the memory of the brave men who freely gave the last full measure of devotion, we can at least perpetrate their memory in the heart of a grateful Republic.”

“They are the dead, you are the living, guard well their noble tradition. Keep bright the bayonets that in your hands constitute a living wall between a hostile world and our beloved Republic.

Let us never become so wedded in our own selfish interest that we will forget those who have made our present happiness possible.”

“Soldiers, in the name of the businessmen of the City of Brighton and in the name of her citizens and the Jessie B. Cooley Post of the American Legion, I welcome you—heartily and cordially. I welcome you.”

“The troops then made a short march up Grand River to the old cemetery, where the customary ceremonies were conducted in charge of Commander Singer of the local Legion Post, assisted by Ray Baldwin, as chaplain, and Peter J. Leitz as sergeant in arms. The firing squad and bugler were furnished by the National Guard.

Of Brighton’s seven survivors of the Civil War, three only were able to be present at this ceremony, Col. Henry B. Appleton, Wesley E. Rogers and W. H. Seger. The others were physically unable to attend.”

(To be continued...)

(The above was submitted by Mindy Kinsey and is reprinted from the June 4, 1930 Brighton Argus.)

