

# **Trail Tales**

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The 2021 Larry Lawrence Memorial Scholarship Awardees. Both are Brighton High School graduates who will be attending a trade/vocational school and were each awarded a \$1000 scholarship. Karly Cacicedo, will be attending the Douglas J. Aveda School of Cosmetology in Ann Arbor with the goal to own her own hair studio. A second scholarship was awarded to Mason Verbison who will be attending Washtenaw Community College studying welding and automotive technology.

The Brighton Area Historical Society would like to congratulate this year's awardees and thank the Lawrence family, the scholarship committee and our many members and friends for their support of the Larry Lawrence Memorial Scholarship Program.

Jerry Damon Larry Lawrence Scholarship Committee Chair

#### Music in the Air !

The summer season of Millpond and CoBACH activities are finally cleared for takeoff! The music sponsored by the Kiwanis will hopefully be heard crossing the Millpond for the 2021 season starting Sunday, August 1.

The City of Brighton Arts, Culture and History (CoBACH) Center has a new (always free) exhibit with great photos and information about Brighton's bands from the early 1900s. These new hometown bands played around the community and at the small millpond pavilion located adjacent to Main Street. Music within the community was valued and appreciated then just as it is today. See the sidebar and Page 2 for CoBACH hours starting June 1.

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#### **Cobach IS OPEN**

Beginning June 1 Tuesday—Friday 5—8pm Saturday 11-5pm Sunday 5—8pm **Closed Monday** 

**Current FREE Exhibit** "Music in the Air"

Archiving at Lyon School at Lyon Schoolhouse **Resumes on** JUNE 3rd 9 to 12nn

> See Page 2 for Additional details

#### CHECK OUT FACEBOOK

Frequent postings regarding Brighton History.

**Brighton Area Historical** Society

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#### **Thanks and Recognition**

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

#### SPONSORSHIP: Brighton Light House/Dan & Anna Oginsky

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:

- Brighton Light House/Dan & Anna Oginsky for their 2021 Platinum Sponsorship.
- Pat Franklin for her matching contribution from the Amica Foundation for Friends of Lyon School.
- Debbie Armstrong for updating the BAHS website to include the announcement of the 2021 Larry Lawrence Scholarship awardees.
- Carole Damon, Mindy Kinsey and Lynn Strong for setting up the new CoBACH display.
- Anne Herbst Dilloway, BHS Band, Kathy Lueger, Dave Pettigrove, John Rawcliffe and Carol Smith for their donations and lending items for the current display at CoBACH.
- Mary Yarger of Farmington Hills for sending William C. Placeway family photos from her late husband's side of the family.
- Janice Fields for donating maps, family histories and newspapers that her late husband, John and her had collected.

- Debra Ball Johnson for donating her professional time to review the structural history of the Lyon School since its original construction in 1885 through today. Determination will be made to see if the schoolhouse might qualify for recognition through the National Historic Preservation Program.
- Joe Collins and Jim Vichich for replacing US flags at veteran gravesites at the Old Village Cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day.
- 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 them.
- Jerry & Carole Damon and Jim Vichich for preparation and mailing of the May Trail Tales newsletter.

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

Patti Lanning Middleton

Patti had recently become a member of the Society.

#### **Dates to Remember**

COBACH, Operations: The City of Brighton Arts, Culture and from 9-12nn. All senior volunteers will be vaccinated by that History Center has reopened. The following regular schedule will time. All visitors must wear facial masks and observe social disresume on June 1. Tuesday—Friday 5-8 pm, Saturday 11-5 pm tancing. and Sunday 5-8pm.

The current FREE exhibit is called "Music in the Air." Learn about Day Program at the Millpond Veterans Memorial. the different bands in the early 1900s that shared their love of music with the folks of Brighton. Many old photos show those musicians.

Lyon Schoolhouse: Will reopen for archiving Thursday, June 3

May 31, Monday, 11am—12nn, Downtown Brighton 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:

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#### **2021 Sponsorships**

Platinum: Brighton Light House/Dan & Anna Oginsky

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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.

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Annual Sponsor levels are:			
Platinum — \$1,0	000+; Gold — \$500+;	; Silver — \$250+; Bronze — \$100+	
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		<b>Lyon School</b> 11455 Buno Road, west of Pleasant Valley Road. The 1885 Lyon School is a fully restored, barrier-free one-room schoolhouse and	
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		serves as our organization headquarters. <b>CoBACH Center</b> 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.

your generosity.

#### **BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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#### Conclusion — "Sham Battle"

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

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

"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."

"Following these ceremonies, the troops marched to the range on U.S. 23, established camp while flag and flower details were sent to outlying cemeteries. In the afternoon, the soldiers had a little freedom to attend a baseball game, which was a good one, between Hamburg and Pinckney, the former winning by a two to one score. About 400 people were in attendance.

Saturday morning, the troops prepared for the sham battle which occurred in the afternoon, featuring automatic rifles, ma chine guns, 327's and howitzers. Three planes also took part in the battle. The troops were formed into two opposing groups, the "reds" and "blues"—two of the planes being with the blues and one with the reds. The reds made a charge, drawing the blues from their positions and taking some prisoners. The airplanes demonstrated the feature of locating the enemy by dropping signals also messages to their group and also diving down and cutting loose at the enemy with machine guns. After the reds had advanced to a certain position and set up their guns they put up a smoke screen to conceal their position. The blues also used a smoke screen to cover their retreat. The objective reached, the troops were called together and stood for review.

In the evening there was a pyro-technical display, including one shell star, which was very spectacular.

The Sunday Morning services which were held at the hill on the range were conducted by the Rev. Fr. Schulte, Chaplain ranking also as Captain of the 125th Inf. Reg. M.N.G. They were participated in by the troops, the bands and a goodly number of citizens. Father Schulte spoke on preparedness. The Methodist Episcopal Church dismissed services to attend. Afternoon mess troopers escorted the members of Cooley Post, No. 2335, American Legion, to the station in appreciation of the hospitality shown and the soldiers then entrained for Detroit.

Over Saturday there were many reserve officers out watching the maneuvers of the troops. Brighton appreciated the presence of the soldiers and assures them of a hearty welcome when they come again."

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

#### TO OUR READERS:

If you or your family have been residents of Brighton for a long time, we would like you to consider submitting a story for publication on Page 4 of our newsletter.

Please send your story to BAHS, P.O. Box 481, Brighton, MI 48116. Thank you.