



Special Program at Hicks and Lyon Schoolhouses

On Saturday, September 25, the Michigan One-room Schoolhouse Association held their annual meeting at the Warner Farm in Brighton Township. The former Hicks One-room Schoolhouse was relocated from M-36 to the Warner Farm for restoration and preservation in 2016. Tim Bennett has been working on the old school to bring it to code including new updated utilities. Tim is a Warner family descendent who now owns the site. Tim shared the histories of the school and the 1855 centennial farm located at 4001 Buno Road.

After lunch the attendees drove less than one-half mile west to attend the second half of the program at the Lyon One-room Schoolhouse located at 11455 Buno Road. History of the Lyon School was shared by Jim Vichich, President of the Brighton Area Historical Society. Special guest alumna, Norma Jean (Leitz) Pless provided stories and narration about her life and experiences in attending the Lyon School in the 1930's and 40's. It was a real pleasure to hear Norma Jean's stories about the good times from the country school. Norma Jean graduated from Brighton High School in 1950.

A PowerPoint slide show provided many photos of the 1855 Lyon School and its restoration. In addition, numerous photos were shown that detailed the story of Brighton's 1838 Old Village Cemetery and its restoration by the Brighton Area Historical Society since 2009. Many before and after photos of headstones that were rehabilitated for preservation were shared. Multiple repair procedures were explained along with action photos of the Headstone Preservation Team members. These volunteer specialists bring wonderful attitudes along with a multitude of talents!

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HAPPINESS

Happiness is a do-it-yourself business, it must be fashioned with care.
It's found only in service and kindness, we spread for others to share.

William A. Pless, 1968

CoBACH HOURS

Tuesday—Friday 5—8pm

Saturday 11—5pm

Sunday 2—5pm

Closed Monday

**Archiving at Lyon School
at Lyon Schoolhouse
Every Thursday
9 to 12nn**

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**Brighton Area Historical
Society**

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Thanks and Recognition

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

IND/FAMILY: Corey Gray*

***Welcome new member:** Corey Gray

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.
- The generosity of members and supporters helps to sponsor special community programming and projects. You are greatly appreciated by the officers and directors of the BAHS!
- Carole Damon, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey and Lynn Strong for setting up the CoBACH Display schedule for the remainder of 2021 and 2022.
- Members of the Headstone Restoration Team who worked in the August heat: Jerry Brock, Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Tony Ferreyra, Dave Fuller, Jim Ireton, Mike Johnson, Mindy Kinsey, Bob Knight, Randy Needham, Dave Pettigrove, John Rawcliffe, Dave Rebiger, Pat Smith, Jim Vichich, Ed Vitez, and Dick Weaire.
- CoBACH volunteers for August: Joe Collins, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Tom Reinke, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.
- Jerry & Carole Damon and Jim Vichich for preparation and mailing of the September issue of Trail Tales.
- Lyon School archival team members: Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Mindy Kinsey, Norma Pless, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich for dusting, cleaning and general repairs of the Lyon Schoolhouse.

Dates to Remember

CoBACH: Days and hours of operation:

Tuesday—Friday 5—8 pm, Saturday 11—5 pm and

Sunday 2—5pm.

October 7,14,21,28: Lyon Schoolhouse; 9am—11:59am: Lyon School is open for visits and tours on Thursday. All visitors must wear facial masks and observe social distancing.

Saturday October 9 and 16; Old Village Cemetery tours:

CANCELLED. Will be rescheduled during Summer 2022.

Monday, October 25; 9AM-2PM: Summer Headstone Restoration Day at Old Village Cemetery.

Wednesday, October 27; 6PM CoBACH Center: BAHS Board Meeting.

Sunday, November 21; BAHS Annual Membership and Elections Meeting, 1-4pm: The annual membership meeting, including the election of officers and directors will take place at the Lyon Schoolhouse, 11455 Buno Road.

Sunday, December 12: Santa at Lyon Schoolhouse has been **CANCELLED.**

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Life Members:

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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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BRIGHTON HOSPITAL – A PIONEER IN ITS FIELD – PART 1

Today when you stand near the corner of Grand River Avenue and Kensington Road, there sits a little known hospital that is not open for everyone. It is a hospital designed for the treatment of addiction. It is currently called Ascension Brighton Center for Recovery. It has been known as “Brighton Hospital” since opening in October 1953. The hospital is one of the top 3 premier treatment facilities in the nation. It was the 2nd hospital of its kind to be established in the country, after Hazelton. It was a pioneer in the field of treating alcoholism.

In 1951 a commission was formed. Former Governor Kim Sigler appointed Harry Henderson, a successful businessman and a former state liquor control commissioner, along with former Governor G. Mennen Williams and attorney Owen J. Cleary. After research, it was determined that there was no good general hospital that could treat alcoholism. A State Board for Alcoholism was created and “Since the liquor industry profited from the alcohol, they could pay for it,” per Henderson. Through the “Little Brown Jug” (a little canister set out on the counters at bars and liquor stores), \$30,000 was collected and it laid the groundwork for establishing the Brighton Hospital.

Henderson established the non-profit, the Michigan Alcoholic Rehabilitation Foundation and bought 92 acres near the corner of Grand River Avenue and Kensington Road at 12851 Grand River, from William and Francis Ford (Henry Ford’s brother). The farmhouse, owned by James and Eliza Turner, that sat at that location, was added onto and became the Glen Lore Manor, a rest home or sanitarium for women in the 1930’s. That building was the start of Brighton Hospital and is still a functioning part of the main building. The original officers of the Michigan Alcoholic Rehabilitation Foundation were doctors, judges, attorneys and bank vice presidents.

Harry Henderson remained very involved at the Hospital until his death in 1973. He and his wife, Florence, lived on the property and are buried next door at the Kensington Cemetery. He really loved the Brighton area.

When the 1st patient was admitted in 1953, cornfields, a 9-hole golf course and a private lake surrounded the hospital. Medical doctors and nurses, specializing in alcoholism were joined by staff ministers. The excellent staff and the peaceful surroundings helped “clear the minds of the “patients.” There were 25 patients in the beginning. A stay in 1966 was anywhere from 3 weeks to a year and cost about \$30/day. At one point there was a building called the “Swamp ” (a Quonset building below grade in back of the main building) where patients could stay in that could not afford rooms in the early ‘70s. By 1975, a new 32-bed addition was being added at a cost of 1.9 million dollars, known as the Henderson wing. In 1981 there were 64 beds. Other residence buildings were added to house doctors and other supporting personnel. An additional building was built in 1989 to accommodate an adolescent center to address the younger patients coming in. By the 1990’s Brighton Hospital was also treating drug addiction. In 2001 the Adolescent Center was changed into an administrative building. Currently the hospital has 63 beds.

To be continued...

Submitted by Mindy Kinsey (Information from BAHS files, the Brighton Argus, Jacque Fuller, a nurse for 35 years at Brighton, Kelly Rogers and Cory Swann, Resident Historians and hospital support team for 15 years ea. Mark Mullinax of Brighton Library and Lee Gough, local attorney)

