



Rebirth of Old Village Cemetery

In 2009 the Brighton Area Historical Society approached the Brighton City Manager with a plan to provide a respectful and honorable setting for those early settlers and the (48) veterans buried in the Old Village Cemetery. At this point in time the cemetery was locked shut and was almost impossible to visit. Brush, junk trees and debris totally obscured the grounds from the outside of Brighton's oldest cemetery.

The cemetery grounds were reopened in 2010 with a new entrance gate that was now accessible by a beautiful new sidewalk from the DDA. A special Grand Opening program took place that included guided tours and reenactors at various grave sites.

In 2012 the BAHS proposed fixing the multitude of broken headstones that littered the 1838 burial ground. The restoration plan included a training program where volunteer workers would learn best practices of preservation from a nationally known cemetery preservationist. An estimated (10) year restoration period along with the training was approved by the city manager.

By the end of this October, all broken headstones should be off the ground and assembled. Nearly (170) that were broken and laying on the ground will be standing tall. Another (250) that were leaning were removed and reset to be vertical.

Finishing repairs to the reassembled broken fracture joints will now continue for about two years. Repairs are done during the 4th Monday of the summer months. The beauty of the grounds combined with the mature canopy of the trees and the refreshing view of the shimmering Millpond is a sight to behold. This exquisite beauty only increases as the fall colors transcend through the changing greens of summer. Respect for the deceased has returned to this distinguished and hallow site! Stop and visit for a pleasant experience.

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Michigan One-room Schoolhouse Association Fall Conference, September 25

Visit the relocated and restored Hicks One-room Schoolhouse located at the Warner Farm where Pleasant Valley and Buno Road cross in Brighton Township. Also a session will be held at the Lyon Schoolhouse at 11455 Buno Road, just 1/2 mile to the west. Learn about the headstone restoration project taking place at the Old Village Cemetery in Brighton. Over 160 headstones have been carefully restored from being broken and laying on the ground. Another 240+ that were leaning were removed and reinstalled vertical. Details will be shared on restoration techniques. Bring your questions on repairing those family headstones. Members and anyone interested can attend but must have a paid registration.

(Registration form available at <https://www.miorsa.org>)

CoBACH HOURS

Tuesday—Friday 5—8pm

Saturday 11—5pm

Sunday 2—5pm

Closed Monday

Current FREE Exhibit
“Music in the Air”

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

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Additional details**

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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.)

IND/FAMILY: David Detter,* Jill Marcusse (2022)*

***Welcome new members:** David Detter, Jill Marcusse

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.
- Art Fair volunteers who helped out in the BAHS tent, helped setup and/or takedown: Joanne Bellmard, Jerry & Carole Damon, Tony & Beth Ferreyra, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Jim & Janice Miller, Norma Pless, John Rawcliffe, Lynn Strong, Bob Triffo, Peggy Van Sickle and Jim Vichich.
- Janet Bell for her donation to the Society.
- Jill Marcusse for her donation to Friend of Lyon School along with her dues.
- Ken Anderer for maintaining the grounds at Lyon School.
- Members of the Headstone Restoration Team who worked in the July heat: Howard Bisoski, Don Boyer, Jerry Brock, Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Tony Ferreyra, Dave Fuller, Jim Ireton, Mike Johnson, Mindy Kinsey, Bob Knight, Dave Pettigrove, Pat Smith, Jim Vichich, Ed Vitez and Dick Weaire.
- CoBACH volunteers for July: Joe Collins, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Tom Reinke, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.
- Jerry & Carole Damon and Jim Vichich for the preparation and mailing of the August Trail Tales.

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

Joan Naylor

Joan was a long-time member of the Society.

Dates to Remember

CoBACH: Tuesday—Friday 5—8 pm, Saturday 11—5 pm and Sunday 2—5pm.

The CoBACH **FREE exhibit is called “Music in the Air.”** Learn about 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; 9am—11:59am: Lyon School is open for archiving and tours on Thursdays. All visitors must wear facial masks and observe social distancing.

Old Village Cemetery; Sept. 27 and Oct. 25: Summer Headstone Restoration Days at Old Village Cemetery are always on the 4th Monday of the month from 9am—2pm.

Old Village Cemetery Tours;

Saturday October 9 and 16; 1—2:30 pm: One guided tour each day of the gravesites of Civil War Soldiers. Learn the story of the soldiers located here. Tours will last 1-1/2 hours. Each tour will focus on different soldiers. Maximum of 20 guests per tour. Donation is \$5 per person and reservations required. You can purchase tickets online at BrightonAreaHistorical.com starting September 27. Follow the Facebook page of the Brighton Area Historical Society for upcoming details.

Saturday, September 25: One-room Schoolhouse Association Fall Conference. [See Page One for complete details.](#)

Life — Business — Professional Members

Life Members:

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Bronze: Weld Mold Company

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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.

Mail check or money order payable to:		Name: _____	Phone: () _____
Brighton Area Historical Society		Address: _____	
P. O. Box 481		City: _____	State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Brighton, MI 48116-0481		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:
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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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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Melinda (Mindy) Rodabaugh Kinsey, Carolina Louise DeLuca and Josephine DeLuca Del Vero. All three members of the Brighton Area Historical Society were recognized for their contributions to the Brighton area. They were inducted into the Brighton Area Women’s History Roll of Honor at a recent ceremony held at the Brighton District Library. They were recognized along with 7 other women from the Brighton area. The first Brighton area celebration of women’s accomplishments took place in March of 2002. Their mission and purpose is as follows.

Mission: To honor and celebrate the diverse accomplishments of women of the greater Brighton area.

Purpose: To create an awareness in the general public of women’s contributions and steadfastness as a group inside and outside the home...

To recognize individual women of the greater Brighton area who have made a remarkable or unique contribution or have achieved an accomplishment in the greater Brighton community, the state of Michigan, the nation, or the world.

Melinda Rodabaugh Kinsey has been a leader with the Brighton Area Historical Society since 2002, serving on the Board of Directors, Treasurer from 2002-2013, and currently as secretary. She archives documents on a weekly basis to preserve Brighton’s history. At the 2017 City of Brighton 150th year celebration, Mindy planned, organized and oversaw the creation of 14 period outfits, historical displays, and events. Since 2008, she has been President, Treasurer, and Secretary of the Friends of the Brighton District Library (FBDL) Board of Directors, while organizing the semi-annual sales of over 18,000 books. Mindy has served as an Election clerk for Brighton Township since 2017 and participates as Secretary and Scrapbook Chair of the Pleasant Valley Social Club, a 91-year-old tradition of Brighton Township.

Carolina Louise DeLuca graduated from BHS in 1958, from Marygrove College with a Bachelor’s degree in Speech/Drama/Theatre and English, and completed a 1967 Master’s degree in Oral Interpretation from The University of Michigan. Her family owned DeLuca’s Sweet Shop at 128 W. Main Street. Carolina chaired the 1967 Bicentennial Spectacular Committee for the re-enactment of City of Brighton History. After beginning as a 1963 sixth-grade teacher at Miller Elementary School, Carolina became an English and Drama teacher in Lapeer, Michigan. Her 30-year teaching career included 7-years as English Department Chair and 14-years as Lapeer Education Association Treasurer, as well as directing numerous plays, productions, and musicals.

Josephine DeLuca Del Vero graduated from BHS in 1960, and earned both Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from The University of Michigan. Hired in 1968 as a Hartland Schools high school counselor, Jo’s 40+ year career in the district included initiating the 1984 Legacy Alternative Education program that has grown into a full high-school for students who do not flourish in a traditional setting. The Jo Del Vero Award is presented each June to a graduating senior demonstrating success in the face of adversity. Jo began the Student Assistance Program (SAP) for students suffering life issues through support groups, prevention, and training. She was appointed and served on the Livingston County Mental Health Board from 1984-1994, and as a founder in the early 1990s of the Livingston Child Abuse and Neglect Network. Her work on the by-laws committee led to the present day Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Council.

(Compiled by Carole Damon from material located on the Brighton Area Women’s History Roll of Honor website. To learn about these and many others in Brighton who have made a lasting impact, please visit brightonlibrary.info/roll_of_honor/)