



Calling All Third Grade Teachers, Students and Parents!!

This is your chance to visit and have a fun educational experience at a nearby local neighborhood one-room schoolhouse.

Located in the middle of Brighton Township is the 1885 One-room Lyon Schoolhouse. This refurbished and barrier-free school is owned and operated by the Brighton Area Historical Society and is available for field trips. The time period setting for the classroom is early 1900s. You have heard stories about those flip seat desks that have a maple top with a curious hole in the corner. You will find a real slate blackboard to use for teaching lessons. There are also handheld slate chalk boards for individualized instruction. The children would be enriched by learning about the early community who supported these yesteryear learning centers. These schools were found throughout the US and Canada and were the basis for our educational system. Typically children walked up to a mile going to and from school.

All kids have enjoyed this unique one-day experience. Usually field trips to the school are done in fall or late spring when weather is good for complementary outdoor activities.

You will find a third grade curriculum guide for possible educational activities. Talk to your school's PTO president about arranging a little funding for this daylong visit. There is a nominal day-fee of \$3 per child. The classroom has 30 old-time desks and at least 10 chairs for adult assistants.

The school is located at 11455 Buno Road which is about one mile from Brighton's Spencer School. If you would like the inside scoop contact Spencer's third grade teacher, Barb Copenhaver, as she has been bringing her students here for many years. Feel free to e-mail or call me.

If a teacher would like to visit and checkout the school in the evening or on a weekend, just contact me to arrange a convenient time.

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Current CoBACH

Exhibit:
"Brighton Fire
Department"

CoBACH HOURS

Tuesday—Friday 5—8pm
Saturday 11—5pm
Sunday 2—5pm
Closed Monday

**Archiving at Lyon School
on Buno Road
Every Thursday
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 2022 unless otherwise noted.)

IND/FAMILY: Gerald & Patricia Kelly, Peggy Van Sickle (2023)

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE RENEWED THEIR DUES.

Please see the form on Page 3 if you would like to join, or renew your dues. Through your dues and donations we are able to continue the work of preserving Brighton's history.

THANKS:

- To our members who have renewed their dues for 2022 and beyond.
- Bonnie Corrigan for her donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund.
- Nancy B. Johnson for her donation in memory of Marieanna Bair.
- Peggy Van Sickle for her donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund along with her dues.
- Carole Damon, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey and Lynn Strong for taking down the previous display at CoBACH and setting up the current Brighton Fire Department display.
- Greg Mowbray and Chief Mike O'Brien of the Brighton Fire Department for the loan of many items used in the current display at CoBACH Center.
- Paul Sawallich for generously installing the on-demand hot water heater for the Lyon School bathroom sink.
- Judith Coebly, Mindy Kinsey, Dave Pettigrove, Jim Vichich, Ed and Joyce Vitez and other members of the Sons of Union Veterans Post 120 for providing help during the Old Village Cemetery Civil War Veteran Tour #1.
- CoBACH volunteers for September: Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Bob Pettengill, Norma Pless, John Rawcliffe, Tom Reinke, Lynn Strong, Peggy Van Sickle and Jim Vichich.
- Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Mindy Kinsey, Norma Pless, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich who every Thursday assist in the preservation and storage of historical records in the Marieanna Bair Archive Room.
- David Snodgrass, CEO and employees of Lake Trust Credit Union for welcoming the BAHS Board of Directors for their August board meeting to their corporate headquarters in Brighton Township. An enjoyable tour was shared at the beautiful Lake Trust campus.
- The Tomlinson family for loaning antique fire fighting equipment from the family collection for the current CoBACH Fire Department display.
- Deb Armstrong's wonderful work of managing the historical society's website.
- The skilled volunteer workers who rebuild and restore the broken headstones in the Old Village Cemetery during the 2022 summer: Howard Bisoski, Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Tony Ferreyra, Dave Fuller, Mindy Kinsey, Bob Knight, Jack Longberry, Dave Pettigrove, John Rawcliffe, Dave Rebiger, Spence Schubbe, Pat Smith, Jim Vichich, Ed Vitez, Dick Weaire, and Don York.
- Janice Beach for donating her family information of the Pitkin family.

Dates to Remember

CoBACH: Days and hours of operation:

Tuesday—Friday 5—8 pm, Saturday 11—5 pm and Sunday 2—5pm. Closed Monday.

CURRENT EXHIBIT: Sept—November: "Brighton Fire Department Through the Years."

October 6,13,20,27; Thursdays; 9—11:59am: Tours and Archiving at Lyon Schoolhouse.

October 17; Monday, 10am: Joint Island Lake Recreation Area and BAHS Presentation to Brighton Senior Men's Club at the American Spirit Center.

October 24; Monday, 9—2:30pm: Last OVC Headstone Restoration Day for 2022.

October 26; Wednesday, 6pm: BAHS Board Meeting at CoBACH.

December 5; Monday, 1:30pm: BAHS Presentation to Woodland Village residents.

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Life Members:

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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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<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"/> \$500 Life	<input type="checkbox"/> Old Village Cemetery Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____

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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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Our current exhibit at the CoBACH Center, located on Main Street in Brighton next to the Millpond is entitled, "Brighton Fire Department." This is an extensive display of the role the fire department has had in Brighton which continues to this day. The display runs September through November. We hope you will visit the CoBACH Center and see the history of Brighton's Fire Department.

Brighton's Altruistic Fire Department

Following the donation of property by the Robert Grahams in 1948, a 40'x60' cement block building, located on the south side of 209 W. Main, was constructed by 1950. Members of the department donated labor equal to half of the \$60,000 cost. The engines and other equipment were on the ground floor with a kitchen and dining room on the lower level. All this was at no charge to the city's taxpayers.

In 1951, the Jr. Auxiliary was reorganized. Instruction in the use of ladders, hose lines, first aid and resuscitation (the resuscitator had been purchased previously) were given to 20-40 boys, ages sixteen to twenty years old. In addition, each applicant had to pass the physical. The vision test was the most stringent; through thick smoke, fire and a masonry wall, the fireman must be able to see his civic duty.

Throughout the 1950s, in addition to the many events arranged by the firemen, a fire prevention program was inaugurated and an extension to the rear of the fire hall was built. The purchase of tankers for an improved water supply, in combination with high pressure pumpers utilized the enlarged fire hall.

1960 brought many improvements in communications between fire dispatch, identification and location of apparatus.

In 1962, the opportunity was seized to purchase land on West Grand River as a site for recreation. Many baseball games were played on Firemen's Field. By 1966, Firemen's Field was outfitted with lights for after dark events.

In October 1965, a Fire Prevention Week parade was sponsored by Farmington, Michigan. Gene Felty, Fred Muller, Leo Sutfin and Terry Watts brought home a blue ribbon for the oldest vehicle, the 1936 fire truck.

The city hired Ivan 'Ike' Damon to service the equipment full-time on January 13, 1969. He was the first paid member of the department and took great pride in work he'd already been doing. Also, service awards were given to twenty-two volunteer firemen.

The spring of 1969, a very dry one, kept all area fire departments on the run. On March 17, a spark from a passing train near the 700 block of Advance Street set off a blaze. High winds pushed the fire through the Mt. Brighton area and north to I-96. In its path, over 10,000 seedlings, owned by the Michigan Landscape Nursery (located north of Cross Street), were destroyed.

That year, Harold Jarvis, Jr. retired after fourteen years as fire chief, having followed his father's term of 1940—1954. John Dymond, who joined in 1943, became chief until 1972 followed by Mel Sanch.

New Year's Eve, 1971, will be remembered as the day 431 W. Main (Wolverine Brush) was consumed by fire. Even with the help of about 50 firemen from five departments, it took five hours to bring it under control.



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