Three years ago, the Brighton Area Historical Society (BAHS) established the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund in memory of Larry who passed away in 2019. Larry was a long-time member of the Society serving as Director and Director Emeritus. Scholarships are given yearly to anyone who graduated from a Brighton area school. Through donations from many of Larry’s friends and members of the historical society, we have awarded a total of seven scholarships since this fund was established.

This year the BAHS is proud to say that they have awarded three scholarships. This year’s awardees are Karly Cacicedo, Lauren Carrico and Elizabeth Faruzzi.

Thank you to the Lawrence family, our many members and friends who continue to honor Larry’s memory with their donations to this scholarship fund.

Jerry Damon
Larry Lawrence Scholarship Chair

Old Village Cemetery Civil War Veteran Gravesite Tours

On Sunday, August 28 from 2—3:15pm you have the opportunity to partake in a guided tour of Civil War Veteran Gravesites in the Old Village Cemetery. Learn about these veterans and their military involvements. This first tour will visit about (15) gravesites. A second tour of different gravesites will be held on Sunday, September 25 at 2pm. Donations are $5 per person. Meet at the CoBACH Center. Maximum of (20) people. Reservations recommended.

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Thanks and Recognition

MEMBERSHIPS: (Reflect dues paid for year 2022 unless otherwise noted.)

IND/FAMILY: Tena Anderson, Ralph & Elizabeth Romano (2023), Ralph Steinberger

BUS/PROF: Brighton Lions Club

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.
- Frank & Julie Fazekas for their donation to the Society.
- Ralph Steinberger for his donation to the Society along with his dues.
- Bob & Pauline Schaffer for their donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund, Friend of Lyon School, CoBACH Events and Old Village Cemetery.
- Tena Anderson for her donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund along with her dues.
- Robert Barnes for his donation to the Old Village Cemetery.

- Lynn Strong for her donation of an antique trunk for displays.
- Myrosia Stefaniuk for sharing information on the Dibrova Camp for our current display.
- Richard & Barb Briggs for remembering the historical society when they wanted to donate their antique foot powered sewing machine. Thanks to the moving team of Collins-Damon-Vichich for relocating the sewing machine to Lyon School.
- Updating of the electrical system in the Marieanna Bair Archive Room has been completed. New LED lighting and new outlets allow for comfortable archiving of records at the Lyon Schoolhouse. Many thanks to Powerhouse Electric and the great work by the father & son team of Paul & Ryan Sawalich.

The dedicated volunteers that help organize, catalogue and file historical records in the archive room: Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Mindy Kinsey, Norma Pless, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.


Carole Damon, Mindy Kinsey and Lynn Strong for taking down and setting up the displays at the CoBACH Center.

The Brighton Area Historical Society extends it sympathy to the family of Phil Capling. Faith Capling, his wife, has been a member of the Society for many years.

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: “Let’s Go Camping”
August 4,11,18,25; Thursdays; 9—11:59am: Tours and Archiving at Lyon Schoolhouse.
August 22; Monday, 9—2:30pm: OVC Headstone Restoration Day.
Additional restoration days: Sept 26 and Oct 24

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Brighton Lions Club (2021) — Brighton Veterans Memorial Comm. ** — Buckley-Jolley Group ** — Clark/Tait Eye Center (2022)
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2022 Sponsorships
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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.

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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.
Dibrova: Land for the Dibrova Camp was purchased from the estate of John A. Busquette on Thomas Lake, which was named after the original settler, Ebenezer Thomas, who bought the land in 1838. The 120 acres of land was sold on September 24, 1954 to Ukrainians for $50,000. The lake name became Dibrova Lake. Initially set up by adult members of Plast, the Ukrainian Scouting Organization set it up as a plastuny campsite for the scouts. To cover costs of the purchase, the camp was divided into 2 sides. One side was for the public, of which a membership was needed. The other side was portioned into 85 lots and sold to individuals for cottage sites. Both sides had access to the lake. (This is still an active camp, and you can learn more about it by visiting our display at the CoBACH Center.)

Brighton Recreational Camp: Located off Chilson Road. In 1944 the Michigan Department of Natural Resources bought land at Chilson and Bishop Lake Roads. Rustic camping, as well as modern camping were available. From a 1948 brochure, “Access to fishing waters is available at Appleton, Bishop, Murray, Long and Lime Lakes.” By the 1950’s Bishop Lake Beach was developed. In the early 1960’s Bishop Lake Campground was started and a second swimming area was added in 1970, Chilson Beach. (You can find out more about this camp. Plan a visit to our display at CoBACH Center.)

St. Vincent’s Villa - Camp for Girls: Located on approximately 375 acres with a 40-acre lake known as Pickerel Lake. In 1921 St. Vincent’s Orphan Asylum was projected to be built as a summer resort for orphaned or homeless girls. The St. Vincent de Paul organization purchased land known as the Decker/old Van Leovan farm. The farmhouse and old barns became sleeping quarters. St. Vincent later became the “summer” quarters of the Sarah Fisher Home for orphaned girls. (To learn more about this camp, visit our display at the CoBACH Center.)

“Fresh Air Camp”: Opened June 26, 1927 on Blaine Lake, became Camp Tamarack in 1963. Land originally owned by Benjamin Blaine, an early pioneer of the area in 1833. The “fresh air camp” was a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Edwin M. Rosenthal to the Detroit Jewish community for its youth to enjoy “fresh air” away from the city. It started out with 4 large dormitories each housing 50 children and 4 counselors, a hospital and a dining hall. It closed in 1994 and the land is now under ownership of an individual. (Visit the display at CoBACH Center to find out the rest of the story.)

Brighton Gardens Lake Colony: In 1919 Birney Walker Smith had a dream of finding land not far from Detroit where African-Americans could leave the city and enjoy the old fashioned country fun of picnicking, swimming, dancing and... a peaceful environment. He found 80 acres, south of Lyons Lake previously owned by Nelson Gould, and purchased the land from Mrs. Elia Postiff. The Gardens boasted boat rides, swimming and fishing. A pavilion was also built. Families enjoyed trips to Brighton Gardens and began to buy property for summer homes. (You can learn more about this unique camp by visiting the display at CoBACH Center.)