

Great Members Make A Great Historical Society!

The Brighton Area Historical Society is thankful for its generous members that support the many historic programs shared within the community. The following members are part of the action team that are the movers and shakers. They get programs setup and get the needed work completed. Accolades for these folks are not enough. The success of the historical society is directly attributed to the following volunteers!

The City of Brighton Arts, Culture and History (CoBACH) Center, formerly Old Town Hall typically has 5-6 annual exhibits that are FREE for all to visit. These displays focus on various aspects of the community both past and present. The action folks that supported and implemented these 2022 programs are: Michael Berendt, Judith Coebly, Joe Collins, Carole & Jerry Damon, Nancy Fredenburg, Rita Hanson, Mindy & Tom Kinsey, Bob & Shirley Knight, Charlene Kull, Jim Miller, Greg Mowbray, Gladys Niemi, Bob Pettengill, Norma Pless, Mary Posuniak, John Rawcliffe, Tom Reinke, Bonnie & Tom Riutta, Mavis Shank, Ruth Spangler, Lynn Strong, Vicki & Jim Vichich and Sue Zimmermann.

The 1885 Lyon One-room Schoolhouse is the headquarters for the society. Located at 11455 Buno Road, the schoolhouse provides a setting where local school age children visit for a day and learn about our community and education from the past. A devoted staff maintains the school and also archives old photos and documents. Many thanks to: Ken Anderer, Bair Family, Judith Coebly, Joe Collins, Barb Copenhaver, Carole & Jerry Damon, Mindy & Tom Kinsey, Norma Pless, Paul Sawallich, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.

The Old Village Cemetery has been a key society project since 2009. Volunteers provided restoration of broken headstones, making veteran gravesites respectful in appearance and providing accessibility into the cemetery. Thanks to all preservationists: George Allen, Brad Beal, Howard Biosk, Don Boyer, Bob Brantley, Jerry Brock, Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Bill Dixon, Tony Ferreyra, John & Janice Field, Dave Fuller, Bill Goodwin, Bob Hill, Jim Ireton, Mike Johnson, Mindy Kinsey, Bob Knight, Larry Lawrence, Jack Longberry, Clark Millar, Ernie Nagy, Randy Needham, Bob Pettengill, Dave Pettigrove, Dave Rebigier, Gary Reutter, Dave Schoewe, Pat Smith, Don Thomas, Jim Vichich, Ed Vitez and Dick Weaire.

My apologies if I accidentally omitted your name from the above list.

Thanks to each of you for all your invaluable help!

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2023 BAHS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ENDS IN JANUARY!!

If you have already renewed your 2023 dues or have become a new member, we thank you. If you have not renewed your dues for 2023, we hope you will. Your membership and donations make a **HUGE** difference! Thank You.

CoBACH Exhibit:

JAN — FEB
“ADVERTISEMENTS OF
FORMER BRIGHTON
BUSINESSES”

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

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 2023 unless otherwise noted)

IND/FAMILY: Ken & Kathy Anderer, Tim Bennett, Howard & Syndy Bisoski, Richard & Barb Briggs, Nancy Cardle, Jim DeJohn, Pat Franklin, Evelyn Gallegos, Pamela Hicks, Richard Hyne, Cheryl Krueger, Susan Lanning, Brenda McCarty, Patricia Mrozek, Rosemarie Oldford, Paul & Cindy Sawallich, Pat Smith, Richard & Doris Young, Susan Zimmermann.

PATRON: Joyce Hubbs, Robert Johnson, Steve & Kate Lowry, Rich & Mary Ray, Marilyn Schlaug*, Peg Siford, Margaret (Peg) White*

LIFE: Brewery Becker,* Kelsey Corrigan*

BUS/PROF: Advance Craft Home Bldrs., Wallflower Mercantile*

SPONSORSHIPS: Platinum: Lake Trust Credit Union,* Wallflower Mercantile*

Welcome to new Members*: Brewery Becker, Kelsey Corrigan, Lake Trust Credit Union, Wallflower Mercantile, Margaret (Peg) White.

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE RENEWED THEIR DUES.

Please see the insert or 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 2023 and beyond.
- Lake Trust Credit Union and Wallflower Mercantile for their 2023 Platinum Sponsorships.

- City of Brighton for covering the material costs for the 2022 Old Village Cemetery restoration efforts.
- Jim DeJohn, Pat Franklin for their donations to Friend of Lyon School along with their dues.
- Joyce Hubbs and Robert Johnson for their donations to Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund, Friend of Lyon School, CoBACH Events and Old Village Cemetery along with their dues.
- Margaret (Peg) White for her donation to CoBACH Events along with her dues.
- Tim Bennett, Pat Smith and Richard & Doris Young for their donation to Old Village Cemetery along with their dues.
- Advance Craft Builders, Peg Siford for their donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund along with their dues.
- Wallflower Mercantile for their donation to the Society along with their dues and Platinum sponsorship.
- Sue Zimmermann for her donation to the Society along with her dues.
- December volunteers that staff CoBACH: Joe Collins, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey and Lynn Strong.
- Thursday morning volunteer workers who organize and archive historic articles and perform maintenance in the Lyon Schoolhouse and schoolyard: Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Norma Pless, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.

Dates to Remember

CoBACH: Days and hours of operation:

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

CURRENT EXHIBIT: January—February: "Advertisements of Former Brighton Businesses"

January 5,12,19,26; Lyon School; 9—Noon: Open for tours and archiving.

January 25; Wednesday, 6pm: BAHS Board Meeting at CoBACH.

March 19; Sunday at Lyon Schoolhouse: Annual Meeting with Election of Officers and Board of Directors. Potluck and Fellowship at 1:15pm; Business Meeting at 2pm.

Life — Business — Professional Members

Life Members:

Tom Archer — John & Deb Armstrong — Paul & Kathryn Bair (Allen) — Sharrell (Munce) Blakeley (CA) — Shirley Barton — Janice Beach Donald & Shari Black (NJ) — Marilyn Campbell (IN) — John & Jenny Conely — Edgar L Cord, Ph.D. — Bonnie Corrigan — Kelsey Corrigan Timothy & Giannine Corrigan — Jerry & Carole Damon — Bill & Margaret Dixon — Joan Engel — Tony & Beth Ferreyra — Nancy Fredenburg Lee & Deb Gough — Stephen & Marilyn Harrington — William & Lenore Harris — Betsy & Bob Herbst — Dr. John & Barbara Jacoby (MN) Kathy Jacoby (OR) — Claire & Aaron Jusino — Kate Lawrence — Seth & Shannon Lemke (TX) — Ray & Bessie Maltby — Jere & Kay Michaels James & Janis Miller — Randy & Linda Veno Needham — Greg & Pamela Park (OH) — John G. Park & Madeline Kingston-Park — Richard Park (IL) Kathy Pearson — David & Marilyn Pettigrove — Bob & Donna Phillips — Douglas & Carole Rearick — Brigitte Ritsema — Tom & Bonnie Riutta Robert & Pauline Schaffer — Bruce & Betty Schuman — Carole Scott — Anne Stratigos — Lynn Brady Strong — Jim & Vicki Vichich Linda (Skeman) Wintermute — Al & Karen Wirth — Alice Wyland

Business /Professional Members: (Indicates Life Members)**

Advance Craft Builders (2023) — Archer Huntley Financial Services ** — Brewery Becker** — Brighton Area Women's History Roll of Honor** Brighton District Library ** — Brighton Lions Club (2022) — Brighton Veterans Memorial Comm.** — Buckley-Jolley Group ** Clark/Tait Eye Center (2022) — Golfview Painting (2022) — Kimble Appraisal Group, Inc.** — Lindhout Associates** Liv. County Convention & Visitors Center (2023) — Lawrence Auto Body ** — Masonic Lodge No. 247 ** — Neighbors Magazine (2022) Patrick Financial Group, LLC ** — Power House Electric, Inc. (2022) — Preview Properties (2023) — Promess, Inc.** — Refrigeration Research ** Serra Honda Brighton (2022) — Tee-Bone'z Tavern (2022) — Wallflower Mercantile (2023)

2023 Sponsorships: Platinum: Lake Trust Credit Union, Wallflower Mercantile

Bronze: Liv. County Convention & Visitors Center

Support BAHS: Become a Member or Donate

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: Brighton Area Historical Society P. O. Box 481 Brighton, MI 48116-0481		Name: _____	Phone: () _____
		Address: _____	
		City: _____	State: _____ Zip Code: _____
		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:
<input type="checkbox"/> Renew	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Friend of Lyon School	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100
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	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Business/Professional	<input type="checkbox"/> Old Village Cemetery Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Life		

The Brighton Area Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization . All donations are tax deductible.

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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Current BAHS Leadership

President Jim Vichich	Directors Joe Collins
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	Education Liaison Judith Coebly

BAHS: How to Contact Us or Find Us

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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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As many of our readers/members enjoy researching, we will periodically publish tips/articles on how to research different topics. These were pulled together by Tim Bennett. Tim Bennett is the sixth generation owner of the Warner Homestead farm, located on Buno Road. For the past fifteen years Tim has conducted extensive research on the historical and genealogical background of the family. Archaeological excavation of the site is one of the few, if only, by a direct descendant in Michigan. He has published a number of articles and presented on his research to various groups around the state. The Warner Homestead was recently recognized as Michigan's newest historic site with the installation of the Michigan Historical Marker in the front yard.

“Research Tips — Newspapers”

Nineteenth and early twentieth century newspapers provide an amazing amount of detail about the activities of ancestors. Besides news from across the country and world, entire front page sections were filled with the nuances of residents including where they went to shop, who they visited, and even who came over for dinner one evening. For example, the November 7, 1906 edition of the *Livingston Republican* wanted readers to be aware that "G. W. Warner and wife took a trip to Howell on business last week".

For many years, researchers needed to literally re-read old newspapers on microfilm to attempt to tease a tidbit here and there on past generations. In some cases, hard copy indexes and scrapbooks were compiled on family names to aid in the discovery of related information. While these still remain valuable resources, other methods have since been developed that also greatly increase the search success rate in a fraction of the time than reading through microfilm.

Researchers interested in activities in Livingston County are particularly lucky as a number of area newspapers have been digitized. Even though not specifically focused on Brighton, newspapers from adjacent towns often shared stories on residents from neighboring communities. The Pinckney Community Library maintains a website with editions of the *Pinckney Dis-*

patch and the *Gregory Gazette* at pinckneylocalhistory.weebly.com/pinckney-historical-newspapers.html. The FultonSearch.org website is another free service that allows the searching of many newspapers, including the *Milford Times* at fultonsearch.org/?paper=Milford+MI+Times. The Central Michigan University Digital Michigan Newspaper archive also has editions of the *Milford Times* as well as other newspapers from around the state at digmichnews.cmich.edu/. The Library of Congress Chronicling America section contains newspapers from around the country dating back to the 17th century with a free access website at chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/.

Arguably, though, the most valuable resource in this regard is Newspapers.com. The site features scanned newspapers from across the world but more importantly contains editions from defunct area newspapers such as the *Livingston Herald* (1886-1887) and *Livingston Democrat* (1843-1927). Recent editions of the *Livingston County Press & Argus* are online, as well as its predecessor, the *Livingston Republican*, dating back to 1856. Hundreds of editions are included, though a few are missing, likely lost years ago. The site does require a paid subscription, but is well worth it to serious researchers. Other regional papers such as the *Detroit Free Press* can also provide successful hits on ancestors. In one case, an article from 1834 listed letters not picked up at a Detroit post office and noted the name of a Brighton area ancestor, Nelson Fuller, placing him in Michigan years before statehood.

(Thank you to Tim Bennett for assembling this information.)

