



Jerry Damon & Joe Collins — Thank You!

Joe Collins is retiring from the Board of Directors. Joe has been on the board for (12) years. Joe is the “go to guy” when you need something fixed or repaired. He is the constant person at Thursday archiving sessions at the Lyon School. Also, since he lives close to the school, he is the extra pair of arms for our projects or tasks. Thankfully Joe will continue his involvement with projects, repairs and everything else except board meetings. Thank you Joe!

Jerry Damon is stepping back from his role as Treasurer in the Brighton Area Historical Society effective April 2023. Jerry has been an outstanding keeper of the financial records for the past nine years. He has decided not to put his name into the nominations for Treasurer in 2023. His engineering background of being very detail-oriented has allowed him to always analyze financial issues in the greatest detail. Jerry still plans to be on the Board of Directors for 2023 and of course, he will still be a main cog with all the projects. Thank you Jerry!

Streetscape on Main!

Streetscape on Main Street is off to a good start due to agreeable weather. The mild winter has allowed the construction crews to make good progress. We can only hope the favorable conditions continue for the rest of the year.

All Main Street summer activities, usually scheduled in previous summers, have been halted for the summer of 2023 due to construction.

The stores and restaurants are all open! Please visit downtown Brighton and help the businesses survive throughout the spring, summer and fall. The orange barrel menace will eventually fade in November. Let’s all assist the retail owners in the coming months so they will still be here in November!

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CoBACH Exhibit:
March — April
“CHURCHES OF
BRIGHTON”

CoBACH Hours in
March

Thursday—Friday 5—8pm
Saturday 11—5pm
Sunday 2—5pm
Closed Mon. Tues. & Wed.

See Page 2 for the April
Hours @ CoBACH

**Archiving at Lyon School
on Buno Road
Every Thursday
9 to 12nn**

CHECK OUT FACEBOOK
Frequent postings regard-
ing 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: Charles & Lois Cheney, Janice Field, Bob Hill, Beverly LaBelle, Dennis & Maria Littleworth, Margaret Mitschelen, Ray Moses (2027), Edwin & Sherry Nyhus, Philip & Jeanne Smith, Bill & Hilary Sproule (2024)

PATRON: Sharon (Munce) Cantarini, Karen Goss

BUS/PROF: Brighton Lions Club, Clark/Tait Eye Center

SPONSORSHIPS: **Bronze:** Margaret Bowland, Dr. Caitlyn Perry Dial

Welcome to new Members*:

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 2023 and beyond.
- Lake Trust Credit Union and Wallflower Mercantile for their 2023 Platinum Sponsorships.
- Margaret Bowland and Dr. Caitlyn Perry Dial for their 2023 Bronze Sponsorship.
- Pleasant Valley Social Club for their donation in memory of Harold

Rodabaugh, father of Mindy Kinsey.

- Margaret Mitschelen for her donation to Friend of Lyon School along with her dues.
- Philip & Jeanne Smith for their donation to Old Village Cemetery along with their dues.
- Karen Goss for her donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund, Friend of Lyon School and Old Village Cemetery along with her dues.
- Dedicated CoBACH volunteers that act as docents and staff the work desk throughout February: Joe Collins, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.
- Thursday morning troopers that do records, plan and research upcoming exhibits and take care of business at the Lyon Schoolhouse: Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Norma Pless, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.

CoBACH Hours — March:

Thurs—Fri: 5—8pm; Sat.: 11—5pm; Sun: 2—5pm

Closed: Mon—Wed

CoBACH Hours — April:

April 1; Sat: 11—5pm; April 2; Sun: 2—5pm

Closed April 3—5; Closed April 8—10 for Easter

April 11—30: Tues—Fri: 5—8pm; Sat 11—5pm; Sun 2—5pm

Monday: Closed

Dates to Remember

CoBACH: CURRENT EXHIBIT: March—April: “Brighton Area Churches”
Please see the box above for detailed breakdown of hours due to the Streetscape Project.

March 10,17,24,31; Lyon School; 9—Noon: Open for tours and archiving.

March 19; Sunday at Lyon Schoolhouse: Annual Meeting with Election of Officers and Board of Directors. Potluck and Fellowship at 1:00pm; Business Meeting at 2pm. There will be no regular monthly board meeting on March 22.

April 28—May 6; CoBACH Center: Jewelry Sale Fundraiser **CANCELLED.**
The BAHS major annual fundraiser is cancelled for 2023 due to the year-long Streetscape Project. Jewelry is still needed for 2024 sale.

Upcoming BAHS Presentations:

April 16; Brighton Senior Men's Club: Program: “The Restoration of Old Village Cemetery”

May 8; Woodland Village Senior Center: Program: “Brighton History Through Old Photos”

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 (FL) — Steve Black — Marilyn Campbell (IN) — John & Jenny Conely — Edgar L Cord, Ph.D. — Bonnie Corrigan — Kelsey Corrigan Timothy & Giannine Corrigan — Jerry & Carole Damon — Frank & Jo Del Vero — Bill & Margaret Dixon — Joan Engel — Tony & Beth Ferreyra Nancy Fredenburg — Dave & Jacque Fuller — 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 Venno 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 — Brigette 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 (2023) — Brighton Veterans Memorial Comm.** — Buckley-Jolley Group ** Clark/Tait Eye Center (2023) — 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 (2023) — Tee-Bone'z Tavern (2023) — Wallflower Mercantile (2023)

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

Bronze: Margaret Bowland, Carolina DeLuca, Dr. Caitlyn Perry Dial, 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
<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"/> 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).

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:

Jim Vichich, President
Brighton Area Historical Society
810-250-7276 or James.Vichich@gmail.com

Current BAHS Leadership

President Jim Vichich	Directors Joe Collins
Vice President Nancy Fredenburg	Dr. Caitlyn Perry Dial
Secretary Mindy Kinsey	John Rawcliffe
Treasurer & Trail Tales Editor Jerry Damon	Thomas Reinke
Webmaster Debbie Armstrong	Lynn Strong
	Education Liaison Judith Coebly

BAHS: How to Contact Us or Find Us

If you would like to contact us, please use the following options:

E-Mail:
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Phone:
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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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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



The CoBACH Display for March and April is entitled: **“Brighton Area Churches.”** On display will be approximately 30 churches throughout the Brighton area along with photos and a brief history on each. We hope you will plan a trip to CoBACH to see the part churches have played in the history of Brighton.

“Brighton Area Churches”

As early as 1826, before there was any sign of settlement at Ore Creek, spiritual needs were being addressed in the southern portion of Livingston County. Quarterly visits to Green Oak were being made to celebrate the Catholic Mass by a circuit priest, the Reverend Father Morrissey. The Reverend Moses Gleason, a Protestant preacher, led a service for three families at the home of Stephen Lee in Green Oak in 1831. By 1837, in the emerging village of Brighton, Episcopal services were conducted in the orchard on the property of the Reverend William A. Clark, west of the millpond. Preachers of the Methodist Episcopal denomination resided for intermittent periods to administer to those who had committed to their doctrine. Mary McNamee, a devout Catholic, in 1838 offered land located on McCabe and Silver Lake Roads, an area known as Paddy Town, where a log church, St. Joseph’s, was built. It was from this early Catholic presence that the parish of St. Patrick at Brighton later resulted. Somewhat later, in 1845, under the leadership of Pastor Frederick Schmidt, approximately twenty-five families held an organizational meeting to found a German Lutheran Church in Genoa.

Despite the religious activity that had been occurring during this twenty-year period, the Reverend Mr. Hollister of Green Oak, in a letter written in 1847, expressed sorrowfully that, “Brighton...is important for laying the foundation of the Church. In it are no houses of worship for any denomination: and except what I render, they have no preaching at all, but that from the Methodist preachers, or one sermon once a fortnight. Religion is greatly neglected here, and it is a sad discouragement at pre-

sent to find no gentlemen of influence to interest themselves in promoting a church.” (The Spirit of Missions-January 1847)

It cannot be said with certainty if it was Mr. Hollister’s mournful commentary on the disappointing state of religious life in the village, or if it was the essential role that faith played in the lives of those who founded the churches in Brighton, that prompted the development of the religious community in the village. However, a wave of church construction took place over the next twenty-seven years. Beginning in 1854 and ending in 1881, one Catholic and six Protestant churches were constructed.

(The above was an excerpt from the book “Settlement to City Brighton, MI — 1832—1945” written by Carol McMacken. This book is available for purchase at CoBACH. \$60 for BAHS members and \$65 for non-members.)



St George Lutheran Church 2023