



**What does this American Flag stand for?"**  
Attend the Flag Day Presentation for the answer to this question.

## **Special FREE Flag Day Presentation and Exhibit**

CoBACH Center will feature a special one day Flag Day Exhibit with over (20) historic American flags displayed. There will be multiple presentations on **Sunday, June 11th from noon through 4pm.** The exhibit will be open from 12 until 5pm. This is sponsored by The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Gilluly/Kingsley Camp #120, Howell, Michigan.

This informal program will explore the unique evolution and symbolism of American flags. Learn about the laws, design, construction, artistry and folklore with occasional trivia questions. Each (45) minute session will feature historic flags from the Civil War through World War II including flag educational exhibits. Children will receive a parade flag as supplies last. The American flag is the most familiar and least understood icons of our society.

Flag Day is Wednesday, June 14th.

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### **ATTENTION — NEW CoBACH HOURS**

#### **June and July**

During construction, hours for the CoBACH Center will be:

Friday, 5—8pm  
Saturday, 11—5pm  
Sunday, 2—5pm  
CLOSED Monday—Thursday

### **CoBACH Exhibit:**

**June**  
**"CHURCHES OF**  
**BRIGHTON"**

### **NEW CoBACH Hours**

**June & July**

**Friday 5—8pm**

**Saturday 11—5pm**

**Sunday 2—5pm**

**Closed Monday—Thursday**

**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:** Jim Birney Family, Gene & Judith Dahlin

**PATRON:** Ronald Cyr, M.D.\*

\***WELCOME** to new member: Ronald Cyr, M.D.

**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.
- To members who advise us of new addresses so we can update our records. This enables Trail Tales not to be returned to us, at a cost, from the Post Office.

- Tony Ferreyra for arranging a field-trip to UofM's Clements Library in Ann Arbor.
- The Society's Thursday morning movers and shakers who are rearranging, organizing, cleaning, dusting and painting the school's interior and also trimming shrubs: Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Tony Ferreyra, Nancy Fredenburg, Deb Gough, Mindy Kinsey, Norma Pless, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.
- Denise Murray from AA Spark for her wonderful assistance with creating the soon to be released deck of downtown Brighton historical retail playing cards. Also the google map historical tour of downtown Brighton and the historic video clips of buildings and stores in the downtown.
- Michigan Historic Preservation Network for their 2023 Award recognizing the 2009-2023 restoration work to Brighton's 1838 Old Village Cemetery by the Brighton Area Historical Society and the team of volunteer workers.

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## Dates to Remember

**CoBACH: CURRENT EXHIBIT, June: "Brighton Area Churches"**

**OPEN Friday, Saturday and Sunday ONLY**

**See Page 1 for exact hours of operation.**

**June 1,8,15,22,29; Lyon School; 9—Noon:** Open for tours and archiving.

**June 11; CoBACH Center: FREE** Flag Day presentation and Exhibit (See Page 1)

**June 21; Randall Residence; 2pm:** Presentation of Brighton history to residents.

**June 22:** Field Trip to UofM's Clements Library.

**June 26; Old Village Cemetery; 9—2:30pm:** Headstone Restoration continues by the team of volunteers. Additional dates: July 24, August 28, September 25 and October 23.

**June 28; 6pm at CoBACH Center:** BAHS Board Meeting.

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## 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 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 (2023) — Brighton Veterans Memorial Comm.\*\* — Buckley-Jolley Group \*\* Clark/Tait Eye Center (2023) — 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. (2023) — 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, Judith Coebly/Gary Reutter, 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.

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

  

<b>Membership Plan:</b>		<b>Additional Donation to—Check One:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2 Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund	<b>Amount of Donation:</b>
<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:

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 810-250-7276 or James.Vichich@gmail.com

### Current BAHS Leadership

President <b>Jim Vichich</b>	Directors <b>Tony Ferreyra</b>
Vice President <b>Nancy Fredenburg</b>	<b>Dr. Caitlyn Perry Dial</b>
Secretary—Interim <b>Jerry Damon</b>	<b>John Rawcliffe</b>
Treasurer <b>Mindy Kinsey</b>	<b>Thomas Reinke</b>
Webmaster <b>Debbie Armstrong</b>	<b>Lynn Strong</b>
	Trail Tales Editor <b>Jerry Damon</b>

### BAHS: How to Contact Us or Find Us

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

**E-Mail:**  
 info@brightonareahistorical.com

**Phone:**  
 (810) 250-7276

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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 following is a quirky story passed on by Mrs. John Strick (Lois Hicks) who grew up in the Brighton area. This story is one of several printed in the Brighton Argus, December 1931 and January 1932. The story is from the era of 1832 through 1850s as collected by Mrs. Strick through the Past Matrons Club.

**“Wild Man” Terrorized Residents!**

One summer, Brighton had its “wild man.” He robbed the hen roosts and smoke houses; he would rifle the gardens at night. Farmers who were away with their families for the day would return to find provisions taken from their cellars. The only clue was the print, at times, of the man’s bare feet. The only person who ever saw him was Mrs. Harrison Dean, a bride of a few weeks. She had started for Brighton from their farm, just east of the village, to do some trading. Hearing a sound behind her, she glanced back to see a most grotesque figure just stepping from the bushes, practically nude with long, unkempt hair and whiskers; a truly horrifying sight.

Feet in those days were trained feet and she made good use of hers, running until she fell in a fainting condition among the carpenters who were building the Cobb house on the site where Wm. Hyne’s house now stands. As soon as she was revived enough to tell of her experience, a posse started in pursuit, but a thorough search failed to produce the “wild man” and he was never heard of again. (In the next installation of Mrs. Strick’s stories, it continued.)

“The story from my last article was as I heard it from my mother 40 years ago as a small girl. Mr. Norton tells me that I did not finish the story.” He tells me that the posse was composed of 50 or more men and boys of which he was one of the latter. They spread out through the heavy timber, which then covered Fairview Cemetery, over the knolls toward Noble Lake. There the “wild man” was seen again. He had a campfire burning and

when he saw them approaching he sprung up and with his bare feet dashed the fire in every direction and then raced swiftly across the marsh toward the lake. The fire caught in the dry grass and in a few minutes a wall of flame and smoke cut them off from their quarry. They beat out the fire and then hurried on. They caught a glimpse of him at the edge of the water and that was the last sighting. There was no way for him to escape except to swim the lake as he was surrounded. The island and shore were searched and no trace was ever found. Either he made his way across and escaped or his bones lie in the soft mushy ooze at the bottom of the lake.

*(Thanks to Mindy Kinsey who has spent time gathering these “quirky” stories out of the Brighton Argus.)*

We know there are many residents who have lots of family history and stories about Brighton’s past. We would like to capture those stories. If you have a story to tell, please send it to us for consideration. Thank You!

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