



Brighton Area Historical Society's
Larry Lawrence Memorial Scholarship — 2023 Awardee

Four years ago, the Brighton Area Historical Society (BAHS) established the Larry Lawrence Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of Larry who passed away in 2019. Larry graduated from the Brighton Area High School in 1964 and served with great pride, bravery and courage in the 9th Infantry Division during Vietnam from 1966-1967. After returning from service, his career turned to the automotive industry. He worked at Car Kraft and Cars & Concepts where he was a painter for special projects such as the Boss 429 Mustang and the 1977 Indy pace car before opening Lawrence Auto Body in 1977. He proudly served as Director and Director Emeritus of the Brighton Area Historical Society.

The scholarship is awarded yearly to a Brighton area student who will be attending a trade or vocational school upon graduation. The BAHS is proud to say that through the donations of many of Larry's friends and members of the historical society, we have awarded a total of eight scholarships to students of Brighton.

This year's awardee is **Maximilian (Max) Eric Anderson**. Max is a graduate of Charyl Stockwell Academy and will attend Washtenaw Community College. Max's interest is in engine dynamometer testing.

The Brighton Area Historical Society would like to congratulate this year's awardee and thank the Lawrence family, our many members and friends in continuing to honor Larry.

Jerry Damon, BAHS
 Larry Lawrence Scholarship Committee Chair
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CoBACH Exhibit:
July
"CHURCHES OF
BRIGHTON"

CoBACH Hours
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: Tom Reinke, Peggy Van Sickle (2024), Donna Warner*

***WELCOME** to new member: Donna Warner

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.
- Robert & Pauline Schaffer for their donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund, Friend of Lyon School, CoBACH Events and Old Village Cemetery.
- Jerry & Carole Damon for their donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund.
- Peggy Van Sickle for her donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund along with her dues.
- Donna Warner for her donation to Friend of Lyon School along with her dues.
- Ken Lang for his donation of his former Boy Scout badges and memorabilia.
- Jerry Damon, Tony Ferreyra and Dave Pettigrove for hanging additional shelving in the archival room and the new map racks in the school-room.
- Lynn Strong for having the Dr. George Schaffer diploma reframed for the newly refurbished display in the museum room of Lyon School.
- The interior redesign team who are rearranging, organizing, cleaning, dusting and painting the school's interior rooms: Joe Collins, Jerry Damon, Tony Ferreyra, Nancy Fredenburg, Deb Gough, Mindy Kinsey, Norma Pless and Lynn Strong.
- Tony Ferreyra for arranging a field-trip to U of M's Clements Library in Ann Arbor.
- Joe Collins for his assistance at Fairview Cemetery with completing the repair of "Emeline Kelley" marble headstone who died in 1849.
- Businesses who have donated financially to the production of the soon to be released "Then and Now" historical retail playing cards: Livingston County Convention & Visitors Bureau (aka Explore Brighton/Howell), Griffith Reality, El Arbol Taquira, The State Bank, and City of Brighton DDA. The goal is to boost retail visits to the many downtown businesses during the Streetscape Reconstruction Project.
- Denise Murray from AA Spark for her assistance with creating the soon to be released deck of "Then and Now" downtown Brighton historical retail playing cards. Residents and collectors can visit retail stores to get their free playing card. There are (52) unique cards with each having a historical photo and short description. Most Main Street and Grand River Avenue retailers will have their own unique card with a photo that relates to their business. Cards will be available from retailers in mid-July.

Dates to Remember

CoBACH: CURRENT EXHIBIT; July: "Brighton Area Churches" OPEN Friday, Saturday and Sunday ONLY
See sidebar on Page 1 for exact hours of operation.

July 6,13,20,27; Lyon School; 9—Noon: Open for tours and archiving.

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

July 26; 6pm at CoBACH Center: BAHS Board Meeting.

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 — 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) — 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.

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

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

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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 (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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“Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world.” — Nelson Mandela

School Hill — 1954

Students and Teachers who made their way to class the first day of school in September 1928 later remarked that they could not determine who smile was broader that day, Superintendent P. L. Bell’s or that of an honor guest, real estate developer Tom Leith. As promised, Brighton High School’s new building was completed in the last days of August, a dream-come-true for the two men. With the support of the community and a dedicated school board, they had seen the project they worked on tirelessly for almost two years become a reality.

The new school was a two-story red, face-brick building. Designed by Detroit architects Wilhelm and Moiby, it was located on Church Street just south of Main in Brighton Heights and commanded an outstanding view of the town to the west. A row of old, stately Spencer Road residences stood to the south and rolling green hills, the highest in Brighton, framed the building to the north and east. To complete the campus, Leith had donated a sizeable amount of vacant land adjoining the new building for an athletic field, a panoramic vista dotted by picturesque brick Tudor ranch houses within a decade.

The three hundred forty-one K through 12 students who began school that day discovered an educational plant as different as night and day from the overcrowded sixty-one year old Union School on Rickett Road. They must have thought they were in a large city school as they gawked at the long hallways, stairs to the second floor on either side of the building and so many classrooms they wondered if there were enough students to fill them. There was ample overhead lighting and expansive windows in each room, each one large and well furnished. For school assemblies and music and theater functions, there was a large gathering facility. Not far away was a study hall that could

accommodate ninety students. Commercial, manual training, domestic science and chemistry rooms had been included in the plans to facilitate every student’s educational needs. Like the newest schools in the nation, there was also a clinic, faculty room, exercise and shower room and individual student lockers.

With time, the 1928 rectangular brick building that I remembered as a child became outdated and over-crowded. Even before school consolidation in 1951, serious long term planning by local educational leaders for enlarging the high school and constructing a new “West Elementary School” had begun. Nationwide, baby boomers were already making it necessary for school districts to expand old facilities or build entirely new ones. Pedagogical theories had also changed dramatically by mid-century. Allowing children in primary and junior high grades to be educated in the same building as high school students, even in different areas, was no longer acceptable.



(Thank you to Paul Weber, former Brighton resident. The above is an excerpt from a chapter in Paul Weber’s book, “Remarkably Brighton, Still in Touch.” This book is available through Amazon and other booksellers.)