



## Christmas with Santa and Mrs. Claus at Lyon School — FREE

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting the 1885 Lyon One-room Schoolhouse on **Sunday, December 10, 2023**. This very popular special free children's Christmas program is returning after a three year Covid absence.

Children can meet individually with Santa and Mrs. Claus to present them with their desired gift list and receive a candy cane. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to get that special early Christmas photo for family greeting cards. Feel free to bring grandparents as they will certainly enjoy seeing smiles and hearing laughter from their loved ones.

In another room several of Santa's helpers will guide the children as they fabricate their make and take Christmas crafts.

The classic old style schoolhouse will be traditionally decorated reminiscent of scenes in Currier and Ives holiday scenes. Guests can pull the long rope and ring the bell located in the cupola on the roof.

Remember, mark your calendars for this **FREE Christmas with Santa and Mrs. Claus event on Sunday, December 10 from 1—4pm**. The schoolhouse and restroom are barrier free and **located at 11455 Buno Road, Brighton Township**. Plenty of free parking available. Questions: 810-250-7276.

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### CoBACH Exhibit:

October  
"Learning Your ABC's  
in Brighton"

### CoBACH Hours

Tuesday—Friday 5—8pm

Saturday 11am—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:**

**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.
- Rich Marx for sending 1960s photos of his grandmother's and father's home at 416 Washington Street.
- John Rawcliffe for donating and installing new white glass overhead light fixture at CoBACH.
- Tom Johnson (Marquette, MI) for requesting the booklet "Self Guided Walking Tour of Civil War Veteran Gravesites of Old Village Cemetery" and including a donation with his check.
- Nancy Fredenburg, Tony Ferreyra, Mindy Kinsey, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich for welcoming and addressing the visitors from Northview Senior Center outside of Grand Rapids. The four tour buses visited CoBACH Center and the Lyon School.
- The talented volunteers of the Headstone Restoration Team for their August restoration work at the Old Village Cemetery: Howard Bisoski, Steve Black, Tony Ferreyra, Bob Knight, Randy Needham, Dave Pettigrove, Dave Rebigier, Dave Schoewe, Pat Smith, Jim Vichich and Ed Vitez.
- Great work of the Thursday Lyon School volunteers for archiving and addressing museum software inventory: Steve Black, Joe Collins, Ron Cyr, Jerry Damon, Tony Ferreyra, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Norma Pless, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.
- Pauline and Bob Schaffer for visiting Lyon School and sharing photos and memories of Brighton's George Schaffer, DVM.
- Anne and Jerry Dilloway for visiting the Lyon School and donating a collage of photos of the Conrad family.

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## Dates to Remember

**CoBACH: CURRENT EXHIBIT; October "Learning Your ABC's in Brighton. Hours: Tues—Fri 5—8pm, Sat 11—5pm, Sun 2—5pm. CLOSED MONDAY.**

**October 1,4,5,8,11,12,15,18,19,22,25,26,29: Society volunteers at CoBACH Center.**

**October 5,12,19,26; Lyon School; 9—Noon:** Historical archiving and school visitors welcome.

**October 23; Old Village Cemetery; 9—2:30pm:** Headstone Restoration continues by the team of volunteers and removal of silhouettes downtown for winter storage.

**October 25; 6pm at CoBACH:** BAHS Board Meeting.

**December 10; 1—4pm at Lyon School:** Christmas for kids with Santa and Mrs. Claus (FREE). See Page 1 for details.

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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

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**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

**2024 Sponsorships: Bronze:** Carolina DeLuca

## 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> Brighton Area Historical Society P. O. Box 481 Brighton, MI 48116-0481		<b>Name:</b> _____	<b>Phone:</b> ( ) _____
		<b>Address:</b> _____	
		<b>City:</b> _____	<b>State:</b> _____ <b>Zip Code:</b> _____
		<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		

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### 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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### Current BAHS Leadership

President <b>Jim Vichich</b>	Directors <b>Tony Ferreyra</b>
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### 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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**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.

**BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



The current display at the CoBACH Center in downtown Brighton by the Millpond is entitled, "Learning your ABC's in Brighton." When downtown, drop by the CoBACH Center and check out the display and the "Buddy Bench." Hours for the CoBACH Center are posted on the front page of this newsletter.

**Interesting Facts About Brighton Schools — 1908—1945**

1908: Class Motto: "Make Good." This graduating class was 6 members, entirely female.

1911: Local school boards were informed that Michigan School Law had been sufficiently amended to allow for increased power of the local school boards. The electors of local districts, rather than direct participation, would delegate former decision making to the local school board.

1914: For the first time in the history of the Brighton schools, the district held eighth grade-promotional activities. Another first for education was indicated in the State of Michigan Instruction Manual. The suggested instruction for high schools was four divisions of the high school curriculum. The student would select either College Preparatory, Agriculture, Domestic Arts or Commercial.

1928: A student council had been established to give the students a voice in management and also for the purpose of raising standards of morals, inspiring loyalty to the school, and fostering cooperation between the students and faculty.

1930-1931: Enrollment was 340 pupils. Fifty-eight percent of the high school students were enrolled in vocational-education courses. New classes were offered in bookkeeping, business English, business arithmetic and typing. Men teaching in Brighton received a salary of \$1,825 per year and women were paid \$1,396 per year.

1935: Physical-training course was offered in the fall. This was the first time in the history of the school that this occurred. By spring, it was noted that the girls were having gym every day and that they had a track team.

1938: The school band had grown to 72 members. The musicians performed for the last time in their white capes and white trousers. Later in the month, a concert was held with the band members attired in brand-new orange and black uniforms.

1939: Public Act-54 required that all persons holding a Michigan teaching license were required to file an oath of allegiance that had to be properly notarized in the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Teacher organizations in various states opposed the mandated signing of an oath. The swearing of loyalty to the United States continued to be required in Brighton for approximately the next 30 years.

1941: The last class to experience a senior year that would be free of the atmosphere of war.

1944: The nation was three years into the war. The students at Brighton High School demonstrated the patriotic behavior which was obvious throughout the town. Students participated in paper drives, scrap drives, collection of grease and the purchase of savings stamps to support the war effort.

1945: The class graduated one month after V-E Day and two months before V-J Day. The war had lasted almost as long as these students had been in high school.

*(The above were taken from the book written by Carol McMacken entitled, "From Settlement to City, Brighton, Michigan 1832—1945. Copies of the book can be purchased from the Brighton Area Historical Society.)*