



Big Smiles For Kids and Grandkids!

The jolly big guy in the red suit and Mrs. Claus will be visiting the 1885 Lyon One-room Schoolhouse and meeting with children individually to receive their Christmas wish list. This is the highly anticipated afternoon that parents and grandparents dream about all year! Smiles from cheek to cheek for those prized family Christmas photos. Each child can present their gift list to Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Schoolhouse and take a personal photo with him on **Sunday, December 8 from 1—4pm.**

Every child receives a large candy cane and can meet with Santa's elves in the Christmas craft room. Here they will be assisted in making their own Christmas ornament. Bring the grandparents for this afternoon of fun!

Address for the schoolhouse is 11455 Buno Road, Brighton. The entire event is sponsored by the Brighton Area Historical Society and is totally FREE.

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NOTE: CoBACH Center by the Millpond in downtown Brighton will be closed for the Christmas Holiday December 20 through January 1, 2025

FREE Holiday CoBACH
Exhibit:
"Nutcrackers"

CoBACH Winter Hours
December thru March
Thursday & 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 2025 unless otherwise noted.)

IND/FAMILY: John Agosta*, Ken & Kathy Anderer, Joanne Bellmard, Joe Bruhn, Joe Collins, Evelyn Gallegos, Bob & Shirley Knight, Marsha Leutjen, Nora Miller, Gary Norfleet, Edwin & Sherry Nyhus, Dave & Karen Rebiger, Wallyne Smail, Martin & Shari Smith, Jim & Judy Tavarozzi, Robert & Jennifer Triffo, Ed & Joyce Vitez, Shirley Warren

PATRON: Kathleen Alrubaiy, Margaret Bowland, Mary Jo Comiskey/Val Hancock, Joyce Hubbs, Dianne Taeckens, Jane Tomlinson

BUS/ORG: Preview Properties

STUDENT: Val Bartnich*, Owen Weaver*

SPONSORSHIPS: 2025 Gold: Judith Coebly/Gary Reutter

Welcome to new members*: John Agosta, Val Bartnich, Owen Weaver

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE BEGINS NOVEMBER THROUGH JANUARY

We hope you will renew your membership using the form on Page 3 or the insert. 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 2025 and beyond.
- John Cameron, MD, Lake Trust Credit Union, John Park, Madeline Kingston-Park and Wallflower Mercantile for their 2024 Platinum Sponsorships.

- Judith Coebly/Gary Reutter for their 2025 Gold Sponsorship.
- Bill & Peggy Dixon for their generous donation to the Society.
- Doug & Carol Rearick for their donation to the Capital Campaign.
- Joyce Hubbs for her donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship fund, Friend of Lyon School, CoBACH Events and Friend of Old Village Cemetery along with her dues.
- Jeff Sobel for his donation to Friend of Lyon School in memory of Mary Nelson.
- Kathleen Spencer Carr for her donation to the Society in memory of David and Marion Spencer.
- Margaret Bowland for her donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship fund along with her dues.
- Joe Bruhn for his donation to CoBACH Events along with his dues.
- Mary Jo Comiskey/Val Hancock for their donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship fund and Friend of Lyon School along with their dues.
- Bob & Shirley Knight, Marsha Leutjen and Dianne Taeckens for their donation to Friend of OVC along with their dues.
- Jane Tomlinson for her donation to Friend of Lyon School, CoBACH Events and Friend of OVC along with her dues.
- Joanne Bellmard for her donation to Friend of Lyon School along with her dues.
- **Thank You Notes Continued on Page 4**

Dates to Remember

PLEASE SEE PAGE 1 FOR NEW WINTER CoBACH HOURS

CoBACH: December: FREE Exhibit: "Nutcrackers"

December 5,12,19; 9am—12nn: Lyon Schoolhouse Open for archiving. **Closed** Dec 20—Jan 1, 2025 for Christmas Holiday.

No BAHS Board Meeting in December.

December 8, Sunday 1—4pm: Christmas with Santa and Mrs. Claus at Lyon Schoolhouse. See page 1 and 4 for exact address.

Life — Business — Professional Members

Life Members:

Tom Archer — John & Deb Armstrong — Paul & Kathryn Bair (MI) — Sharrell (Munce) Blakeley (CA) — Janice Beach — Donald & Shari Black (FL) — Steve Black — Marilyn Campbell (IN) — Jack Collett — John & Jenny Conely — Bonnie Corrigan — Kelsey Corrigan — Timothy & Giannine Corrigan — Jerry & Carole Damon — Patricia LewAllen DeFoor (GA) — 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 — Kathy Jacoby (OR) — Claire & Aaron Jusino — Kate Lawrence — Jim Leith (IN) — Stephen Leith — 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 Lueker Pearson — David & Marilyn Pettigrove — Bob & Donna Phillips — Douglas & Carole Rearick — Brigette Ritsema — Tom & Bonnie Riutta — Pauline Schaffer — Bruce & Betty Schuman — Anne Stratigos — Lynn Brady Strong — Jim & Vicki Vichich — Michael & Jennifer Vichich — Linda (Skeman) Wintermute — Karen Wirth — Alice Wyland

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Advance Craft Builders (2024) — Archer Huntley Financial Services ** — Brewery Becker** — Brighton Area Women's History Roll of Honor** — Brighton District Library ** — Brighton Lions Club (2024) — Brighton Veterans Memorial Comm.** — Buckley-Jolley Group ** — Clark/Tait Eye Center (2024) — Mark Francuck, DDS, PC (2024) — Kimble Appraisal Group, Inc.** — Liberty Title Agency (2024) — Lindhout Associates** — Liv. County Convention & Visitors Center (2023) — Lawrence Auto Body ** — Masonic Lodge No. 247 ** — Patrick Financial Group, LLC ** — Power House Electric, Inc. (2025) — Preview Properties (2025) — Promess, Inc.** — Refrigeration Research ** — Serra Brighton Automotive (2024) — Tee-Bone'z Tavern (2024) — Wallflower Mercantile**

2024 Sponsorships:

Platinum: John Cameron, MD — Lake Trust Credit Union — John Park — Madeline Kingston-Park — Wallflower Mercantile

Gold: Paul & Kathy Bair — Lawrence Auto Body — **Silver:** Kathy Lueker Pearson

Bronze: Brighton Light House — Judith Coebly/Gary Reutter — Carolina DeLuca

2025 Sponsorships: Gold: Judith Coebly/Gary Reutter

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: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____	Phone: () _____
Membership Plan: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Student <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Patron or More <input type="checkbox"/> Renew <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Individual <input type="checkbox"/> \$75 Business/Professional <input type="checkbox"/> \$30 Family <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Life	Additional Donation to—Check as Desired: <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasant Valley Cemetery Restoration <input type="checkbox"/> Larry Lawrence Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> Friend of Lyon School <input type="checkbox"/> BAHS CoBACH Events <input type="checkbox"/> Friend of Old Village Cemetery	Amount of Donation: <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____
<small>The Brighton Area Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit AND a 509(a)2 Public Charity Organization . All donations are tax deductible.</small>		

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

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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 AND a 509(a)2 public charity 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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Thank You Notes Continued...

- November CoBACH volunteers: Steve Black, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.
- Pleasant Valley Cemetery volunteers that came for the October 28 workday.
- Thursday morning Lyon School workers for November: Steve Black, Ron Cyr, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Norma Pless, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.
- Day of the Dead Millpond volunteers: Joanne Bellmard, Judith Coebly, Ron Cyr, Mindy Kinsey, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.
- CoBACH Center Special Veterans Day Program: Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Dave Pettigrove, Lynn Strong, Jim Vichich and Ed & Joyce Vitez.
- Cheryl Stockwell PA & Hartland HS Honor Roll Students for cleaning Old Village and Pleasant Valley Cemeteries.
- Jerry Damon and Dave Pettigrove for hanging the new display shelving in the museum room at Lyon School.
- Carole Damon, Nancy Fredenburg, Deb Gough, Mindy Kinsey, Norma Pless and Lynn Strong for setting up the current Nutcracker display at CoBACH Center.
- Special thank you to Deb Gough for loaning her personal collection of Nutcrackers for our display.

Happenings....

2025 Membership Drive

Our membership drive continues this month through January 2025. Please see the insert to renew your membership.

We want to thank all our members who have already renewed their membership for 2025. Your membership is very important to us and allows us to continue our mission of preserving Brighton's history.

DON'T FORGET

Sunday, December 8, 1—4pm

Santa and Mrs. Claus at Lyon Schoolhouse
11455 Buno Road, Brighton
Bring the kids and grandkids!
Get your Christmas photo in the 1885 holiday decorated schoolhouse.

To Our Members:

If you would like to receive your copy of Trail Tales in your e-mail, please send your e-mail address to our Editor, Jerry Damon at: Runningbuds@aol.com

FOR SALE..... \$325 (6 Available)

Original seats from the Rialto Theatre. The theater was located at 307 West Main Street in downtown Brighton. These seats have the Heywood Wakefield manufacturing tag.

Contact: info@BrightonAreaHistorical.com or 810-250-7276.