



## Deals and Steals of Bling!

Everybody loves a great deal! In fact these incredible prices for classic used jewelry might be called a steal.

You will not want to miss this major 2025 fundraiser for the Brighton Area Historical Society this spring. The City of Brighton Arts, Culture and History (CoBACH) Center will have the entire first floor exhibit area transformed into a huge used jewelry sale. All jewelry is donated and 100% of sales will be used for programming, operations and for preservation of our Brighton area history.

The Vintage Used Jewelry Sale will transform the CoBACH Center from April 25 through May 3. You will find great deals on all types of jewelry. Rings, necklaces, watches, earrings, pins, and bracelets for all types of upcoming special events like graduations, proms, and birthdays.

Please save the dates and bring your friends to downtown Brighton. The CoBACH Center is located adjacent to the Millpond at 202 W Main Street.

Follow the Facebook page for the Brighton Area Historical Society for hours of operation and updates.

If you have used, broken or new jewelry to donate please contact Jim below. The society is a 501 (c)(3) tax exempt nonprofit and a 509(a)(2) public charity. All jewelry donations may be tax deductible. Thank you!

Jim Vichich  
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We were saddened to hear of the recent passing of three of our members:

**BONNIE CORRIGAN, DENISE DADDINO and SUSAN ZIMMERMANN**

Bonnie was a Life-time Member of the Society. All were long-time members of the Society and long-time residents of the City of Brighton and will be greatly missed.

Our condolences to their family and friends.

## FREE CoBACH

### Exhibit:

“Memories of Island Lake”

## CoBACH Winter Hours

### 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:** Joe & Tena Anderson, Emily (McNally) & Jim Brown, Faith Capling, Mary Ann Catrell, Suzanne Conerway, Stephen Davis, David & Kelly Detter, Nick Deychakiwsky, James Foust\*, Pat Franklin, Robert Johnson, Marsha Jones\*, Steven Matschikowski, Rosemarie Oldford, Judy Parsons, Tedd R. & Linda Potter, Philip & Jeanne Smith, Richard Thomas, Bill & Gigi Vaillencourt\*, Sandra Willhide (2026)

**PATRON:** Jacqueline Damm, Karen Goss, Mary Vogt, Margaret (Peg) White

**2025 SPONSORSHIPS: Platinum:** John Cameron, MD

Welcome to new members\*: James Foust, Marsha Jones, Bill & Gigi Vaillencourt

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE HAS ENDED...However,** you can still renew your membership or become a member using the form on Page 3. 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.
- Dr. John Cameron, Jerry & Carole Damon and Lake Trust Credit Union for their 2025 Platinum Sponsorship.
- Emily (McNally) & Jim Brown for their donation to friend of Lyon School and Pleasant Valley Cemetery Restoration along with their dues.
- Mary Ann Catrell for her donation to Friend of Old Village Cemetery

along with her dues.

- Pat Franklin for her donation to Friend of Lyon School along with her dues.
- Judy Parsons for her donation to CoBACH Events along with her dues.
- Margaret (Peg) White for her donation to the Society along with her dues.
- Robert Johnson for his donation to Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund, Friend of Lyon School, CoBACH Events and Friend of Old Village Cemetery along with his dues.
- Jackie Damm for her donation to Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund along with her dues.
- Karen Goss for her donation to Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund, Friend of Lyon School and Friend of Old Village Cemetery along with her dues.
- Deb Gough and the family of Carolina DeLuca for the donation of jewelry for the upcoming fundraiser for the historical society.
- Volunteers who greeted the guests at CoBACH Center in February: Steve Black, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Tom Reinke, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.
- Steve Black, Nancy Fredenburg and Jim Vichich for the program presentation at the Methodist Church.
- City of Brighton and Brighton Township for their 2024 reimbursement of BAHS restoration expenses at the Old Village and Pleasant Valley cemeteries.
- Pam Bell for volunteering with inputting collection information into the Past Perfect software at Lyon School.

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## Dates to Remember

**PLEASE SEE PAGE 1 FOR WINTER CoBACH HOURS**

**CoBACH Center: March FREE Exhibit: "Memories of Island Lake.**

**March 6,13,20,27; Thursday; 9am—12nn:** Lyon Schoolhouse Open for archiving & tours.

**March 16; Sunday:** Annual Meeting w/Elections at Lyon School; Luncheon 1—2pm; Meeting 2:15 — 4pm.

**April 25, Friday—May 3, Sunday:** CoBACH Center: Vintage Used Jewelry Sale Annual Fundraiser for the Society..

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## Life — Business — Professional Members

### Life Members:

Tom Archer — John & Deb Armstrong — Paul & Kathryn Bair (MI) — Tim & Kerry Bennett — Sharrell (Munce) Blakeley (CA) — Janice Beach Donald & Shari Black (FL) — Steve & Denise Black — Marilyn Campbell (IN) — Jack Collett — John & Jenny Conely — 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 Veno 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 — Brigitte Ritsema — Tom & Bonnie Riutta — Pauline Schaffer — Bruce & Betty Schuman Anne Stratigos — Lynn Brady Strong — Jim & Vicki Vichich — Michael & Jennifer Vichich — Karen Wirth — Alice Wyland

### Business /Professional Members: (\*\* Indicates Life Members)

Brewery Becker\*\* — Brighton Area Women's History Roll of Honor\*\* — Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce (2025) — Brighton District Library \*\* Brighton Lions Club (2024) — Brighton Veterans Memorial Comm.\*\* — Buckley-Jolley Group \*\* — Clark/Tait Eye Center (2025) Mark Francuck, DDS, PC (2024) — Kimble Appraisal Group, Inc.\*\* — Liberty Title Agency (2024) — Lindhout Associates\*\* — 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 (2025) — Tee-Bone'z Tavern (2025) — Wallflower Mercantile\*\*

### 2025 Sponsorships:

**Platinum:** John Cameron, MD, Jerry & Carole Damon, Lake Trust Credit Union

**Silver** Steve & Denise Black — Kathy Lueker Pearson

**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.

<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>Additional Donation to—Check as Desired:</b>			
<b>Membership Plan:</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasant Valley Cemetery Restoration	
<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Larry Lawrence Scholarship	<b>Amount of Donation:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Renew	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Friend of Lyon School	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30 Family	<input type="checkbox"/> BAHS CoBACH Events	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Patron or More	<input type="checkbox"/> Friend of Old Village Cemetery	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75 Business/Professional		
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Life		
<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:

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

### Current BAHS Leadership

President <b>Jim Vichich</b>	Directors <b>Ron Cyr</b>
Vice President <b>Nancy Fredenburg</b>	<b>Tony Ferreyra</b>
Secretary <b>Thomas Reinke</b>	<b>Dr. Caitlyn Perry Dial</b>
Treasurer <b>Steve Black</b>	<b>Mindy Kinsey</b>
Webmaster <b>Debbie Armstrong</b>	<b>John Rawcliffe</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

**US Mail:**  
Brighton Area Historical Society  
P. O. Box 481  
Brighton, MI 48116-0481

**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.

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



The current display, running through March, at the CoBACH Center in downtown Brighton, is entitled "Memories of Island Lake." Please plan a visit and check-out the rich history of Island Lake. Below is a story about one of its most famous visitors.

**"King of Swat Coming to Island Lake"**

"King of Swat Coming to Island Lake," read the headline in the Brighton Argus. The Island Lake Hotel was the stopping place of Babe Ruth. The Babe spent all his spare time at Island Lake while the Yankees were playing at Detroit. When a special banquet was held for him in Detroit in the summer of 1922, he missed it because he was at the Island Lake Hotel having dinner with Governor Groesbeck. A week earlier, he threw baseballs from the pavilion to the first island just to show the local boys how it was done. The following week he batted home runs out onto the lake for the boys in swimming to catch. He said he would be back the next month to have a number of pictures taken.

Early in the summer of 1926, the state-park caretaker lodged a complaint against the Babe. Apparently he was caught in the act of illegal fishing. He was accused of fishing without a license, fishing out of season, and catching undersized fish. The caretaker took Babe and his companions to Brighton and turned them over to Deputy Sheriff Morgan who was charged with seeing that the Babe would appear before Justice Collett. Justice Collett was out of town so Deputy Morgan took the Babe and his friends to Howell to appear before Justice Stowe. No warrant was issued and the men could not be held without a warrant so the Babe went back to Detroit to play ball. He was willing to pay a fine during the procedure at Howell, but no opportunity was offered before his departure.

Later a warrant was sworn out with the intention that it would be served at a later date. However, this warrant was withdrawn and officers from the State Gaming Department came and stated that they wished to handle the matter. The matter was prosecuted and Ruth was ordered to appear on August 7, 1926, before Justice Collett, at Brighton, to answer the charges. There was a problem. On that day the Yankees were to come to Detroit and the Babe had to play ball. Standing firm, the authorities professed that, "If he doesn't appear, Mr. Wilkinson, from the Conservation Department will go down to Navin Field and bring him out. The state will go through with the prosecution like they would with any violator." The last of the infamous Babe Ruth caper ended when he came to Brighton and appeared before Justice Collett like, "a little man" and paid his fine.

*(This story was taken from the book written by Carol McMacken, "From Settlement to City Brighton, Michigan 1832—1945. This book is available for purchase from the Brighton Area Historical Society and has many wonderful stories about the Brighton area.)*

