



Back to School!

1885 Lyon One-room Schoolhouse — A Michigan Registered Historic Site

Calling all teachers, parents, and children to visit the Lyon One-room Schoolhouse for a school day. This is a remarkable functioning one-room school that is open to rent for your class to visit (\$2.00 per student). The school is located at 11455 Buno Road between Pleasant Valley and Van Amberg Roads in Brighton Township. Recently a local resident stopped by the school and remembered her 3rd grade class coming to the school for the day, she is now a junior at BHS and her teacher was Mrs. Copenhagen. She remembers dressing up for the day and what a fun memory it made for her. The calendar is open to reserve your space, any day except for Thursdays. We have available, blackboard slates, McGuffie Readers, chalk etc. Have your class dress up in clothing that represents the era. It is a day that will be remembered by all.

Speaking of Back to School, I'm sure we all remember our first day of a school year: will our teachers be nice? — Did I get on the right bus? — Do I have enough paper and pencils? As the days get a little shorter and cooler we can't help but remember fond times of growing up. Remember to share these stories with your families.

You do not need to be a member of the Brighton Area Historical Society to visit the Lyon One-room Schoolhouse, it is open to everyone. We hope to see you!

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**Destination Stars Hollow (Gilmore Girls)
Takes over Brighton !
September 19—21, 2025**

Visit CoBACH Center which will be transformed into Stars Hollow History and Art Gallery for the weekend.

**FREE CoBACH Exhibit
September — October
“Music in the Air”**

**CoBACH Summer Hours
April thru October
Wed. — Friday 5—8pm
Saturday 11am—5pm
Sunday 2—5pm
Closed Monday & Tuesday**

**Archiving at Lyon
School on Buno Road
Every Thursday
9 to 12nn**

CHECK OUT FACEBOOK
Frequent postings regarding Brighton History.
Brighton Area Historical Society

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**
To all those celebrating
in SEPTEMBER!

Thanks and Recognition

MEMBERSHIPS: (Reflect dues paid for year 2025 unless otherwise noted.)

IND/FAMILY: Paul & Cindy Sawallich (2026), Sheryl Vigmostad

PATRON: Mike Johnson (2026), Steve & Kate Lowry

SPONSORSHIP: Bronze: Tony & Beth Ferreyra

REMINDER: 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.
- Wallflower Mercantile for the 2025 Platinum Plus Sponsorship and their donation to the Society.
- Tony & Beth Ferreyra for their 2025 Bronze Sponsorship.
- Mike Johnson & Sheryl Vigmostad for their donation to the Society along with their dues.
- Jerry & Carole Damon for their donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund.
- CoBACH Display Team for setting up the new display "Music in the Air": Carole Damon, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey & Lynn Strong.ar
- Steve & Kate Lowry for their donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund along with their dues.
- Lake Trust Credit Union for their donation to Friend of Lyon School in memory of Bonnie Corrigan.
- Mary Hoffman for her donation in memory of her Siblings: Lloyd French, Kathleen French and Charles French.
- Terri Leith Fisher for the loan of Homecoming medals from 1909 on display at CoBACH until November.
- Questers Group, Elmwood Station #1179 for touring Lyon School in July and their donation.
- Mary Lou Winegar and family for the donation of jewelry.
- Jewelry Workers who clean, research and package donated jewelry for our Spring show: Judith Coebly, Beth Ferreyra and Vicki Vichich.
- Pleasant Valley Cemetery volunteers in July: Sue Ellen Andrews, Pam Bell, Rick & Margaret Bigham, Steve & Howard Bisoski, Denise Black, Don Boyer, Tom Brennan, Colleen Donehue, Tony & Beth Ferreyra, Jim Ireton, Kathy Presecan, Pat Smith, Jim Stevenson, Joe Ventimiglia, Ed Vitez and Jim Vichich.

Dates to Remember

PLEASE SEE PAGE 1 FOR SUMMER CoBACH HOURS

CoBACH Center: **FREE Exhibit: September—October** display "Music in the Air."

Every Thursday during September; 9am—12nn: Lyon School-house Open for archiving & tours.

Sept 22; 9—12; Pleasant Valley Cemetery Headstone Restoration: Other PVC date: Oct 27.

September 15; Monday; 9—12N: Old Village Cemetery Special Workday.

September 24; Wednesday: BAHS Board Meeting at CoBACH Center, 6PM.

Life — Business — Professional Members

Life Members:

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

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The BAHS relies on participation of its members and the generosity of its patrons. If you would like to make a donation, become a member or a sponsor, please mail your check to the address provided on the form below.

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Additional Donation to — Check as Desired:

Pleasant Valley Cemetery Restoration
 Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund
 Friend of Lyon School
 BAHS CoBACH Events
 Friend of Old Village Cemetery

Amount of Additional Donation:

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 \$25 \$250
 \$50 Other \$ _____

Donation in memory /honor of: _____

BAHS Sponsorship Program:

The BAHS sponsorship program has the following levels with the associated annual funding gifts. Sponsors will receive recognition through the Trail Tales newsletter and through the sponsorship placard located at the City of Brighton Arts, Culture and History (CoBACH) Center (aka Old Town Hall).

Platinum — \$1,000+ Gold — \$500+
 Silver — \$250+ Bronze — \$100+

We are looking for volunteers: If you would like more information, please contact **Nancy Fredenburg at 517-304-5044.**

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.

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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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This story is the conclusion of the Musch Family of Brighton. Thanks to Bob Musch who submitted this story to the Brighton Area Historical Society . We thank him for sharing the family history.

The Musch Family of Brighton, Robert “Bob”

Bob the youngest of the three grew up on Round Lake and enjoyed outdoor activities such as swimming and baseball. He remembers riding his bike over five miles to and from baseball practice or games on the old fashion one speed. Simm's Hill off Brighton Road was always a killer. The teams were named after various colors and Bob was on the Green's. By fourth grade Mr. Scranton took it upon himself to offer basketball to anyone that was interested. He would pick up the kids using Old Bus #4 and drive them to Hawkins Elementary to teach them the game. In that same year Mr. K (band instructor) also would come to the school and teach the kids how to play instruments. Both became a dominant part of Bob's life through elementary and secondary school. To this day Bob can still remember the Band Fight Song they learned at Camp Mong-go-tasee in Hale, MI starting out with "Ipza zuZa chick arum bah zu..." Bob graduated from Brighton in 1970 as one of the first classes to finish four full years at the then new Brighton High School. One of his more significant memories from his school years began when their 7th grade basketball team won their first game at Fowlerville with a score of 62-10, and then went on to finish the season undefeated. At that point Bob believed the coaches felt they might have something special, and their team went on in high school to win the Districts for three straight years 1968, 1969 and 1970. They also qualified for the States in golf in their senior year taking third in the Regionals. Bob's graduating class was approximately 150 students.

Bob went on to Michigan State University for his undergraduate degree. Upon graduation in the early 70's, several companies advised him to go back to college for his Masters, as the recession was keeping them from hiring. Bob took the advice and earned an MBA and then went on to become a CPA for Deloitte Touche working out of the Midland/Saginaw office. In the early 1980's he went to work for Dow Corning Corporation in Midland where he stayed for over 30 years. He held

numerous positions over that time, whereby; he was able to travel the world and visited every continent except Africa.

Bob met his wife (Diane) a mechanical engineer, at work and they married in 1995 and moved to the Brighton, MI area. They both worked out of the Dow Corning Automotive center in Plymouth, Diane as Facilities Manager and Bob in Automotive Sales. Brighton is where they raised both a son (Brian) and daughter (Danielle). Bob over the years has volunteered on several boards Dow Chemical Credit Union (Midland) Shepherd of the Lakes, and is currently on the United Way of Livingston County Board. In his spare time he volunteered at Gleaners, refereed youth basketball and plays golf. Diane has also volunteered and is currently a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for foster kids working for LACASA.

In the early years, Brighton being a much smaller community with a German influence was quite tight knit, so it wasn't uncommon to have family relatives in the area. It just happens that in the Musch family line the family tree is quite broad and extends to several common names at the time being Conrad, Herbst and Green. You will note there are several roads in the area with names representing these families.

