

## Holiday Season Memories

As we say every year at this time, “Where did the year go?” I call this the start of the holiday season, Thanksgiving, Christmas and all of the many things we enjoy this time of year. We know the retail industry has no boundaries.

I remember growing up we had some pretty defining times when decorations were put up, the Sears gift catalogue would arrive in November, and you could start to think about what you were going to buy with your Brighton State Bank Christmas account funds. This account was one where throughout the year you would deposit \$1 to \$2 or more each week and then in late November you could get the funds and would go shopping for your family. Remember Black Friday shopping? Just after you finished your turkey dinner, you would gather the ads so you could plan where to be at 5am on Friday morning to get the best bargains. Today, with the access of online shopping and delivery to our homes, we no longer need to lose sleep and drive to the mall.

## Brighton Area Schools — Distinguished Alumni Ceremony

An interesting event I attended this month was the Brighton Area Schools Distinguished Alumni Ceremony. This is an annual event planned by Dr. Matt Outlaw, Superintendent of Brighton Schools. Each year, 2 BHS graduates are selected to receive this honor. Each year I am amazed to hear the stories from Brighton Alumni that speak about teachers that helped them or what Brighton meant to them growing up. This year, Dennis Bowdoin (Class of 1965) and Dr. Arthur Pancioli (Class of 1982) shared their stories and the one theme that resonated is their success came through teamwork which was emphasized in high school. They each had stories of training young individuals and how teamwork helped them through precarious situations. Dennis has trained many young people as business entrepreneurs and others as helicopter pilots. Dr. Pancioli trains residents for emergency medicine. These individuals have their photos displayed at the high school so the Brighton students can see the rich history of our Brighton residents. Should you know of a Brighton graduate that should be considered, please contact Dr. Outlaw’s office for the application.

## BAHS Membership Renewal

November begins our membership, sponsorship and donation drive. You might consider, along with your renewal, signing up a friend or family member. We pride ourselves on our monthly newsletter to our members. Our monthly newsletter is made possible from your support and donations so that we can continue our mission which is to Preserve, Advance and Disseminate knowledge of the history of Brighton. Thank you for your past support and we look forward to your continued support.

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**Norma Jean Leitz Pless Day**  
**November 8; Saturday; 1—3pm** at the Lyon One-room Schoolhouse, 11455 Buno Road. We will be celebrating Norma and naming the schoolroom in her honor. Please plan to join us for this special event.

**Santa and Mrs. Claus**  
**December 14, Sunday; 1—4pm** at Lyon One-room Schoolhouse. Make and take crafts and bring your camera for that special holiday photo.  
**FREE EVENT**

**FREE CoBACH Exhibit**  
**Oct. 29 — Nov. 16**  
**“Veterans’ Day Salute”**

**CoBACH Winter Hours**  
**November thru March**

**Thurs. — Friday 5—8pm**  
**Saturday 11am—5pm**  
**Sunday 2—5pm**  
**Closed Mon, Tues, Wed**

**CLOSED THANKSGIVING**  
**November 27th — 30th**

**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 NOVEMBER!**

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## Thanks and Recognition

**MEMBERSHIPS:** (Reflect dues paid for year 2026 unless otherwise noted.)

**IND/FAMILY:** Scott Selesky

**PATRON:** Jane Tomlinson

**LIFE:** Roland Owens

**REMINDER:** Our membership renewal begins this month. Please see the insert to renew your membership or become a member. 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.
- Bob Pettengill for the invitation to speak to his Men's Club of approximately 40+attendees to hear what projects we are working on.
- John and Linda Rawcliffe for their donation of a Brighton Country Club stock certificate.
- Roland Owens for his donation in memory of his wife Jane Owens along with his Lifetime membership.
- Scott Selesky for his donation in memory of Hannah Crout along with his dues.
- Jane Tomlinson for her donation to Lyon School and CoBACH Events along with her dues.

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## Dates to Remember

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

**CoBACH Center:** **FREE Exhibit:** Oct. 29 — Nov. 16 "Veterans' Day Salute." Nov. 19 — Dec. 31: "Christmas Display."

**Every Thursday during October; 9am—12nn:** Lyon Schoolhouse Open for archiving & tours.

**November 2; Sunday; 1—4pm: Day of the Dead Celebration @ the Millpond in downtown Brighton** with St. Paul's Church. Arts & Crafts along with 2 cemetery tours.

**November 8; Saturday; 12 Noon:** Veterans' Day remembrance at the Millpond in downtown Brighton.

**November 8; Saturday; 1—3pm** at the Lyon Schoolhouse, 11455 Buno Road. **Norma Jean Leitz Pless Day.** We will be celebrating Norma and naming the schoolroom in her honor.

**November 19; Wednesday: BAHS Board Meeting** at CoBACH Center, 6PM.

**December 14, Sunday, 1—4pm:** Santa and Mrs. Claus at Lyon One-room Schoolhouse. Make and take crafts and bring your camera for that special holiday photo. **FREE EVENT**

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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 — Jason Conrad Huntley, CFP — 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 (2025) — Brighton Veterans Memorial Comm.\*\* — Buckley-Jolley Group \*\* — Clark/Tait Eye Center (2025) Kimble Appraisal Group, Inc.\*\* — Lindhout Associates\*\* — Lawrence Auto Body \*\* — Masonic Lodge No. 247 \*\* — MI Concrete Lifting (2025) Patrick Financial Group, LLC \*\* — Power House Electric, Inc. (2025) — Premier Financial Planning (2025) — Preview Properties (2025) Promess, Inc.\*\* — Refrigeration Research \*\* — Serra Brighton Automotive (2025) — Tee-Bone'z Tavern (2025) — Wallflower Mercantile\*\* Wealth & Wellness Group (2025)

### 2025 Sponsorships:

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

**Silver:** Steve & Denise Black — Kathy Lueker Pearson — **Gold:** Judith Coebly/Gary Reutter

**Bronze:** Tony & Beth Ferreyra

## Support BAHS: Become a Sponsor, 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, become a member or a sponsor, please mail your check to the address provided on the form below.

### Mail check payable to:

Brighton Area Historical Society  
P. O. Box 481  
Brighton, MI 48116-0481

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive Trail Tales via: E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ US Mail \_\_\_\_\_

### Type of Membership Plan:    \_\_\_ New    \_\_\_ Renew

\_\_\_ \$5 Student    \_\_\_ \$15 Military/Veteran    \_\_\_ \$20 Individual

\_\_\_ \$30 Family    \_\_\_ \$50 Patron or More

\_\_\_ \$75 Business/Professional    \_\_\_ \$500 Life

### 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+

### 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:

\_\_\_ \$10    \_\_\_ \$100

\_\_\_ \$25    \_\_\_ \$250

\_\_\_ \$50    \_\_\_ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation in memory /honor  
of: \_\_\_\_\_

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

For Membership, donation, or sponsorship via PayPal, scan the QR code which will take you to the BAHS website.



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.

## Current BAHS Leadership

President

**Nancy Fredenburg**

Vice President

**Lynn Strong**

Secretary

**Thomas Reinke**

Treasurer

**Steve Black**

Webmaster

**Debbie Armstrong**

Directors

**Ron Cyr**

**Tony Ferreyra**

**Mindy Kinsey**

**Jim Vichich**

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:

info@brightonareahistorical.com

### Phone:

(517) 304-5044

### 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**



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The following photos show some of the projects your memberships, donations and sponsorships have allowed us to do during the past year. Thank You.



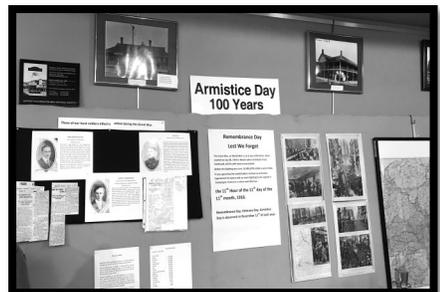
**Document Management at Lyon School**



**Museum Room Restoration at Lyon School**



**Annual Jewelry Sale Fundraiser**



**Displays at CoBACH, downtown Brighton**



**Pleasant Valley Cemetery Restoration**



**Santa & Mrs. Claus at Lyon School**