



The Sponsorship Plaque showing the names of all sponsors is located at the CoBACH Center.

BAHS Sponsorship

As a non-profit dedicated to preserving and sharing the history of the Brighton area, we rely on local businesses, organizations and individuals who believe in us. Through sponsorships we are able to maintain our collections, create exciting displays and host educational programs.

Sponsorship investment in the BAHS strengthens our mission and ensures we can share meaningful stories and inspire future generations to appreciate our local heritage.

Our sponsorship program began in 2017 and through 2025, we have had a total of 49 sponsors. To date, through April 2026, we have a total of 14 sponsors listed on Page 2. We are truly thankful for their generosity and proud to recognize you as our valued partners in our work in the community. To learn more about this program, you can scan the QR code on page three that will direct you to our membership page.

Lunch and Learn

Join us on Wednesday, May 24th, 2026 from 10am to Noon at the Lyon one-room schoolhouse located at 11455 Buno Road. Patti Burgess from Questor Group #569 will speak about one-room schoolhouses along with a tour of the Lyon one-room schoolhouse. We will close the meeting with lunch on the school grounds. Bring your bag lunch and enjoy the day.

Questors #569 — Walden Woods is made up of members from the Milford, Tyrone and the Webberville areas. They were recently instrumental in raising funds for the moving of the historic 1887 Tyrone Township Hall to save the building.

I would like to thank our BAHS member, Alice Wyland for setting up this meeting. If you have any questions, please email fredenburg229@gmail.com.

Memorial Day — Special Display

We invite you to visit our Memorial Day display on May 25, 2026 showcasing an impressive collection of Civil War memorabilia. The display will be open from 9am to 1pm at CoBACH. The Brighton Memorial Day parade begins at 10am at 4th Street and concludes at the Millpond. We welcome you to come and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms today.

Nancy Fredenburg
President, BAHS
517-304-5044

FREE CoBACH Exhibit
May thru July
“Salute to 250 Years”

CoBACH Summer Hours
May — October
Wed. — Friday 5—8pm
Saturday 11am—5pm
Sunday 2—5pm
Closed Mon and Tues

Closed May 10th—
Mother’s Day and May 23rd
and 24th—Memorial Day
May 25th—Special
Memorial Day Display

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

CHECK OUT FACEBOOK
Frequent postings regarding Brighton History.

Brighton Area Historical Society

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
To all those celebrating in MAY!

Thanks and Recognition

MEMBERSHIPS: Thank you to all of our members who have renewed their membership for 2026 and beyond. We appreciate your support.

Want to join BAHS or renew your dues? —You can still renew your 2026 dues or become a new member. Please use the form on Page 3 or click on the QR code. Through your dues and donations we are able to continue the work of preserving Brighton's history. Thank you again for your support of BAHS.

THANKS:

- Wallflower Mercantile for their 2026 Platinum Plus Sponsorship.
- Jerry/Carole Damon, Lake Trust Credit Union, Livingston County Convention & Visitors Bureau for their 2026 Platinum Sponsorship.

- George Moses and the Marketeer for their support of our Vintage Jewelry Sale at CoBACH Center May 1 through 9.
- Dave Pettigrove for the donation of additional materials from his time working at the Milford Proving Grounds.
- Steve Black for his donation to the Society.
- Deb Armstrong for her donation to Lyon School.
- John Park and Madeline Kingston-Park for their donation to the Friends of Old Village Cemetery.
- Peggy Van Sickle for her donation to the Society along with the purchase of several items.

Dates to Remember

PLEASE SEE PAGE 1 FOR SUMMER CoBACH HOURS

CoBACH Center: **FREE Exhibit:** May—July: “Salute to 250 Years”

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

May 1—9; CoBACH Center: Vintage Jewelry Sale. This is our annual fundraiser. If you have jewelry you would like to donate, please contact Nancy Fredenburg at 517-304-5044.

Note: CoBACH will be Closed for Mother's Day, May 10th and for the Memorial Day Holiday May 23 and 24th.

May 25; Monday; 9am—1pm; CoBACH: Special Memorial Day display of Civil War memorabilia.

May 24; Wednesday; 10am—Noon; Lyon one-room school-house: Lunch and Learn. See story on Page 1.

May 27; Wednesday; 6pm; CoBACH: BAHS Board Meeting.

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 — Michael Craine — Jerry & Carole Damon — Patricia LewAllen DeFoor (GA) — Frank & Jo Del Vero Bill & Margaret Dixon — Nancy LewAllen Dresden — Joan Engel — Rebecca LewAllen English — 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) — David LewAllen — Ray & Bessie Maltby — Jere & Kay Michaels — James & Janis Miller Randy & Linda Veno Needham — Roland Owens — 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 (2026) — Brighton District Library ** Brighton Lions Club (2026) — Brighton Veterans Memorial Comm.** — Buckley-Jolley Group ** — Clark/Tait Eye Center (2025) Kimble Appraisal Group, Inc.** — Lindhout Associates** — Lawrence Auto Body ** — Livingston Cty Convention & Visitors Bureau (2026) 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 (2026) Tee-Bone's Tavern (2026) — Wallflower Mercantile** — Wealth & Wellness Group (2025)

2026 Sponsorships:

Platinum: Jerry/Carole Damon, Lake Trust Credit Union, Livingston Cty. Convention & Visitors Bureau, **Platinum Plus:** Wallflower Mercantile

Gold: Judith Coebly/Gary Reutter

Silver: Patti LewAllen DeFoor, Kathy Lueker Pearson, Pauline Schaffer

Bronze: Pamela Bell, Margaret Bowland, Tony/Beth Ferreyra, Caitlyn Perry-Dial, Norma Pless, John/Linda Rawcliffe

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+

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

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: _____

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

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Nancy Fredenburg

Vice President
Lynn Strong

Secretary
Thomas Reinke

Treasurer
Steve Black

Webmaster
Debbie Armstrong

Directors
Tony Ferreyra
Mindy Kinsey
Jim Vichich

Trail Tales Editor
Jerry Damon

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The BAHS accepts monetary support and donations of historical artifacts. Please consider supporting us with your generosity.

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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(517) 304-5044

US Mail:
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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.

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What Happened to the Charles Howell Scout Reservation?

This story is a continuation from our April Trail Tales story. The photos included are of the Charles Howell Scout Reservation from the 1950s.

Our April story also led to another chapter in the history of land developer Charles Howell. Around the same time he purchased the land to develop Brighton Lake, Howell bought 250 acres in Detroit's Brightmoor community area, east of Telegraph Road between Fenkell and Schoolcraft Avenues. He again planned a residential development. However, economic conditions of the 1930s stalled the project.

To reduce his real estate tax burden, Howell donated 138 acres to the City of Detroit in 1936. The deed required the canceling of back taxes against the property and that the land had to be maintained as a public park named Eliza Howell Park in memory of his mother. Mr. Howell's parents were born in England and came to Detroit in 1888. Later Charles added 20 acres to the original site. The park has experienced periods of neglect and underuse. However, recent revitalization efforts have been led by local neighborhood and arts groups.

Today this park in Detroit has over 2 miles of walking trails including sections of crushed limestone pathways accessible to wheelchairs and strollers, rustic woodland paths, a boardwalk crossing a vernal pond and a concrete bridge crossing the river that will lead you to discover a diversity of plants and animals living in the vernal pools, wildflower prairies and hardwood forest canopy.

Through his land purchases and developments in both Brighton and Detroit, Charles Howell left a lasting impression.

(Thanks to Jerry Damon for researching this article.)



Camp Ground, Charles Howell Scout Reservation



The Beach, Charles Howell Scout Reservation