

Congratulations Cruise Trotter **2026 Larry Lawrence Memorial Scholarship Awardee!**

The Brighton Area Historical Society is proud to announce that the 2026 Larry Lawrence Memorial Scholarship awardee is Cruise Trotter.

The Larry Lawrence Memorial Scholarship is awarded yearly to any student that graduated from a Brighton Area school in the last five years and is going to a Vocational / Skilled Trade School.

Cruise Trotter is a 2026 graduate of Flex Tech High School in Brighton. He completed the Michigan Merit Curriculum/Graduation requirement at Flex Tech High School in three years. Cruise is a member of the National Honor Society.

Quentin Terrell-Cotton was Cruise's advisor/mentor at Flex Tech and said, "Cruise Trotter is a remarkable young leader whose positivity, curiosity, and willingness to embrace new opportunities have made a lasting impact. Thoughtful, personable, and highly intuitive, Cruise has been a joy to work with and mentor. His future is incredibly bright, and this scholarship recognition is well deserved."

Flex Tech encourages students to design their own path to graduation by taking advantage of interest-driven projects and flexible scheduling. Most importantly students develop deep relationships with caring adults. Every student is assigned an advisor who tracks their progress, helps them set ambitious goals, and makes sure they graduate on time and prepared for post-secondary learning.

Cruise will be attending Henry Ford College in the fall studying Electrical Technology. A comment on the Society's Facebook page "Congratulations!! I absolutely love to see that Mr. Lawrence's legacy is still being honored in a way that suits him the best. Best of luck Cruise in your future endeavors."

The Brighton Area Historical Society wishes Cruise a continued great educational experience and a very productive career.

Thank you to the members and friends of the Brighton Area Historical Society for their donations which make this scholarship possible.

Donations for the Larry Lawrence Memorial Scholarship can be made by going to the Brighton Area Historical Society website Brightonareahistorical.com

The Larry Lawrence Memorial Scholarship committee:
Jerry Damon, Nancy Fredenburg, Kate Lawrence, Mike Lawrence, Lynn Strong, Jim Vichich

FREE CoBACH Exhibit

June thru July
"250th Salute to Flags"

CoBACH Summer Hours

June — October

Wed. — Friday 5—8pm

Saturday 11am—5pm

Sunday 2—5pm

Closed Mon and Tues

Closed June 21st

Father's Day

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 JUNE!

Thanks and Recognition

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

IND/FAMILY: John & Ruth LePatourel

PATRON: Mary Vogt

BUS/ORG: Call Mike*, Griffith (2027)*

LIFE: Kathleen Alrubaiy

WELCOME New Members*: Call Mike, Griffith Realty

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.
- Pleasant Valley Social Club for their donation to the Society in memory of Joanne Ellis Bellmard.
- Silhouette set-up volunteers: Steve Black, Don Boyer, Tony Ferreyra, Dave Pettigrove, and Jim Vichich.
- OVC Clean-up Day volunteers: Steve Black, Tom Brennan, Jerry Damon, Nancy Fredenburg, Mike Johnson, Mindy Kinsey, Jim Vichich and Ed Vitez. Special thanks to the Cheryl Stockwell Preparatory Academy Honor Society Team led by faculty advisor, Nick Cavaleri.
- Once again, our jewelry sale fundraiser was a successful event led by Beth Ferreyra! It takes many volunteers, collecting, pricing, set-up and take-down of the event and we thank all of them for their time: Steve & Denise Black, Judith Coebly, Ron Cyr, Jerry & Carole Damon, Tony Ferreyra, Nancy Fredenburg, Betsy Herbst, Mindy Kinsey, Lynn Strong, Jim & Vicki Vichich and our best sales person Fleur Ferreyra.
- Ron Cyr for donating display table covers for future use.
- Andrea Haney, Cathy Kinchalk and Mikayla Renko for donating jewelry for next year's fundraiser.

Dates to Remember

PLEASE SEE PAGE 1 FOR SUMMER CoBACH HOURS

CoBACH Center: FREE Exhibit: June—July: "250th Salute to Flags"

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

June 13; Brighton Farmer's Market: BAHS will be at the market the 2nd Saturday of each month through October. Drop by and say hello!

Note: CoBACH will be Closed for Father's Day, June 21st.

June 24; Wednesday; 10am—Noon; Lyon one-room schoolhouse, 11425 Buno Road: Lunch and Learn presented by Patti Burgess from Questor Group #569. Bring your bag lunch and enjoy the day. The topic will be one-room schoolhouses.

June 24; Wednesday; 6pm; CoBACH: BAHS Board Meeting.

Life — Business — Professional Members

Life Members:

Kathleen Alrubaiy (CO) — 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 ** — Call Mike (2026) — Clark/Tait Eye Center (2025) Griffith Realty (2027) — Kimble Appraisal Group, Inc.** — Lindhout Associates** — Lawrence Auto Body ** Livingston Cty Convention & Visitors Bureau (2026) — Masonic Lodge No. 247** — 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.



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Current BAHS Leadership

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Nancy Fredenburg

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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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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.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Collection Management

Over the past couple of years in this newsletter, we have mentioned *Collection Management*. We felt it might be time to explain what it is and how we are approaching it with the Brighton Area Historical Society collections. We knew we had several different types of items—3D artifacts, images, paper documents, records, a large photo collection and more—that needed to be organized and properly stored. We realized that most of these items were given to us by members and friends of the society and that the organization, storage and protection of them was our responsibility.

A Collection Management team was established, and a Collection Management Policy was created. A four-area process was developed, which includes accessioning, cataloging, tracking, archival preservation, inventories, and deaccessioning.

Two major needs were identified. First, we required a computer network at the Lyon School that would allow multiple users to input data simultaneously. Second, we needed to identify a software package that could store and organize the collection effectively.

In 2023, we purchased a software package called *Past Perfect*. For the past 18 months, we have been entering items from our collection into the system one at a time. Each entry includes a photograph, detailed information about the item, its origin, its current location, and a unique tracking number. This monumental task is being carried out by a dedicated group of volunteers: Pam Bell, Steve Black, Tony Ferreyra, Mindy Kinsey and Lynn Strong.

The involvement of a dedicated group of volunteers entering items into the system over the past 18 months underscores the collaborative effort driving this significant initiative. The prospect of creating a searchable database that will enable quick access to detailed information about each item, including its

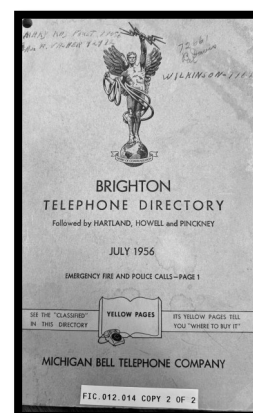
history and storage location, is exciting and promising for the society. We are always looking for volunteers, specifically anyone with archiving experience or *Past Perfect* experience.

If you have any questions regarding this project or would like to volunteer your time, please do not hesitate contacting the Society at info@brightonareahistorical.com.

(Thanks to Jerry Damon for this article.)



Pam and Lynn of the Collection Management team inserting data.



Example of a collection item