


**VINTAGE JEWELRY SALE**  
**April 26 – May 4**  
Weekdays 5-9 pm Weekends 1-9pm  
Fund Raiser for Brighton Area Historical Society 501(c)(3)



LOCATION: COBACH CENTER (Brighton Old Town Hall)  
202 W. Main St.  
Brighton, Next to the Mill Pond

100% of funds raised will be used for restoration of Old Village Cemetery,  
Lyon Schoolhouse operations and historic programs & preservations.


Donations of jewelry are being collected now.  
Call Jim Vichich, 517-304-7722 to donate  
jewelry new, old or broken for fundraiser.

## Vintage Used Jewelry Sale — Annual BAHS Fundraiser

Did you know a major bling sale is about to start in downtown Brighton next to the Millpond? Over 5000 pieces of packaged jewelry are ready for your special tastes. Average price for 90% of the selections are about \$5.

The Vintage Used Jewelry Sales at the CoBACH Center is the major fundraiser for the Brighton Area Historical Society. There is no broken jewelry! Earrings, pins, necklaces, bracelets, rings, and watches are ready to wear for your special events. Can't beat these prices and shopping the choices will be a lot of fun! Bring your neighbors and friends. This costume jewelry is priced to sell!

Jim Vichich  
BAHS President  
info@BrightonAreaHistorical.com  
810-250-7276



**REMINDER:** Applications for the Larry Lawrence Scholarship are being accepted through April 30th. You can complete the simple application on our website.  
brightonareahistorical.com

The Society extends its condolences to the family and friends of

**Ralph "Ted" Miller**

"Ted" was a long-time member of the Society and will be missed by all.

**CoBACH Exhibit:**  
**April**  
**"Canopy Restaurant"**

**CoBACH Hours**  
**Effective April 1**  
**Tuesday—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 2024 unless otherwise noted)

**IND/FAMILY:** Floice Frazer\*, Paul Weber

**PATRON:** Mary Miller (2025), Sharron & Gerald Cantarini

Welcome to new member\*: Floice Frazer

### **THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE RENEWED THEIR DUES.**

You can still renew your dues or become a member by 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 2024 and beyond.
- John Cameron, MD, Lake Trust Credit Union, John Park, Madeline Kingston-Park and Wallflower Mercantile for their 2024 Platinum Sponsorships.
- Bonnie Corrigan for her donation to the Society.
- Sharron & Gerald Cantarini for their donation to the Society along with their dues.
- Mary Miller for her donation to Old Village Cemetery along with her dues.
- Floice Frazer for her donation to Friend of Lyon School along with her dues.
- Carole Damon, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey and Lynn Strong for setting up the "Canopy Restaurant" display at CoBACH.
- Richard Bourbonais of Brighton Tux for the loan of the tuxedo used in the current display.
- Janice Field and Pat Franklin for jewelry donations for the upcoming jewelry sale.
- Derek Huntman for his donation of photo albums and paper articles from the late 1880s.
- Ronda Rolison Fuller for her donation of family articles and pictures from the Don Rolison family.
- BAHS CoBACH desk volunteers: Steve Black, Joe Collins, Nancy Fredenburg, Bob Knight, Bob Pettengill, Tom Reinke, John Rawcliffe, and Lynn Strong.
- BAHS 2023 Board of Directors for their dedicated volunteer work and leadership: Steve Black, Jerry Damon, Tony Ferreyra, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Caitlyn Perry-Dial, John Rawcliffe, Tom Reinke, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.
- Thursday morning Lyon School Archive Team: Steve Black, Joe Collins, Tony Ferreyra, Mindy Kinsey, Norma Pless, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.

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## Dates to Remember

**CoBACH: CURRENT EXHIBIT: April: "Canopy Restaurant"  
May—July Exhibit: "GM Proving Ground, 100 Years"**

### **NOTE: CoBACH Summer Hours — Effective April 2024**

Tuesday—Friday 5-8 pm

Saturday 11-5pm

Sunday 2-5pm

Monday—CLOSED

**April 3,4,7,10,11,14,17,18,21,24,25,28:** Society Volunteers at CoBACH Center.

**April 4,11,18,25; Lyon School; 9—Noon:** Historical archiving and school visitors welcome.

**April 24: 6PM; BAHS Board Meeting** at CoBACH Center.

**April 26—May 4; CoBACH Center:** Vintage Used Jewelry Sale.  
Hours: Weekdays: 5—9pm; Weekend: 1—9pm

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## Life — Business — Professional Members

### **Life Members:**

Tom Archer — John & Deb Armstrong — Paul & Kathryn Bair (MI) — Sharrell (Munce) Blakeley (CA) — Janice Beach — Donald & Shari Black (FL)  
Steve Black — Marilyn Campbell (IN) — John & Jenny Conely — Edgar L Cord, Ph.D. — Bonnie Corrigan — 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 — Dr. John & Barbara Jacoby (MN) — Kathy Jacoby (OR) — Claire & Aaron Jusino — Kate Lawrence — Seth & Shannon Lemke (TX)  
Ray & Bessie Maltby — Jere & Kay Michaels — James & Janis Miller — Randy & Linda Venno 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 — Robert & Pauline Schaffer — Bruce & Betty Schuman — Anne Stratigos  
Lynn Brady Strong — Jim & Vicki Vichich — Michael & Jennifer Vichich — Linda (Skeman) Wintermute — Karen Wirth — Alice Wyland

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

Advance Craft Builders (2024) — Archer Huntley Financial Services \*\* — Brewery Becker\*\* — Brighton Area Women's History Roll of Honor\*\*  
Brighton District Library \*\* — Brighton Lions Club (2024) — Brighton Veterans Memorial Comm.\*\* — Buckley-Jolley Group \*\*  
Clark/Tait Eye Center (2023) — Mark Francuck, DDS, PC (2024) — Kimble Appraisal Group, Inc.\*\* — Liberty Title Agency (2024) — Lindhout Associates\*\*  
Liv. County Convention & Visitors Center (2023) — Lawrence Auto Body \*\* — Masonic Lodge No. 247 \*\* — Patrick Financial Group, LLC \*\*  
Power House Electric, Inc. (2023) — Preview Properties (2024) — Promess, Inc.\*\* — Refrigeration Research \*\* — Serra Brighton Automotive (2024)  
Tee-Bone'z Tavern (2024) — Wallflower Mercantile\*\*

## 2024 Sponsorships:

**Platinum:** John Cameron, MD — Lake Trust Credit Union — John Park — Madeline Kingston-Park — Wallflower Mercantile

**Gold:** Paul & Kathy Bair — Lawrence Auto Body

**Silver:** Kathy Lueker Pearson

**Bronze:** Brighton Light House — Judith Coebly/Gary Reutter — Carolina DeLuca

## 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>		<b>Name:</b> _____	<b>Phone:</b> ( ) _____
Brighton Area Historical Society		<b>Address:</b> _____	
P. O. Box 481		<b>City:</b> _____	<b>State:</b> _____ <b>Zip Code:</b> _____
Brighton, MI 48116-0481		<b>E-Mail:</b> _____	

<b>Membership Plan:</b>		<b>Additional Donation to—Check as Desired:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5 Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund	<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"/> \$50 Patron or More	<input type="checkbox"/> BAHS CoBACH Events	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250
<input type="checkbox"/> \$75 Business/Professional	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Life	<input type="checkbox"/> Old Village Cemetery Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____

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.

### 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.

**BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
P.O. Box 481  
Brighton, MI 48116-0481

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Brighton, MI

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## **IT TAKES A VILLAGE!**

In 1946 I was born in the Mellus Hospital on Grand River Avenue in Brighton Michigan. For the next twelve years I lived within a few blocks of the place of my birth in an apartment above the family store in the 100 block of West Main Street. The store was known as DeLuca's Sweet Shop.

Living and growing up in such a location had its advantages and disadvantages. We were in close proximity to the Five and Dime store that sold toys and the Mill Pond where I spent time and learned to fish. On the other hand I was known by many of the residents on sight and my activities were quickly reported to my parents.

While other students rode their bikes to school at St. Pats I was not permitted to do so by my parents. On a warm spring or early summer day I was riding one of my classmates on the handle bars of his bike down the hill on Grand River near the Hospital, near Dr. Rice's house and not far from Dr. Wilkinson's office. Unfortunately, there was a large dip in the sidewalk and, due to our speed we crashed. Since we lived in a small town, passersby stopped to render aid. I was relatively unscathed since I only sprained my thumb and wrist, but my companion suffered a broken arm. The Samaritans took my friend to Dr. Wilkinson's office for treatment and I continued to the store where my mother promptly put me to work.

I mentioned nothing about the accident, of course. Later that evening I was called to the store by my parents only to be confronted by them and David Lehman the Physician's Assistant from the doctor's office who had treated my friend. He had come to the store to check on my well-being and was surprised to learn that my folks knew nothing of the incident. He examined my hand right then and there and prescribed a treatment.

Such was life growing up as a Main Street kid in Brighton at that time.

I haven't lived in Brighton or near it for over 50 years but I will always claim Brighton as my "home" and will forever be a Bulldog.

*(This story was submitted by BAHS member Frank J. DeLuca. Frank graduated from St. Patrick's Elementary School and Brighton High School, Western Michigan University and Detroit College of Law. He was employed by the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office and practiced law privately before being elected Lansing District Judge where he served for 18 years. He and his wife Madeline live in the Lansing area. They have two children and two grandchildren. Thank you Frank for sharing.)*



To our members/readers, we are always looking for memories of Brighton. If you have a story and would like to share it on Page 4 of the newsletter, please send it to our P.O. Box 481, Brighton, MI 48116 attention Jerry Damon.