



SPECIAL FREE FLAG DAY PRESENTATION AND EXHIBIT

The City of Brighton Art, Culture and History (CoBACH) Center will offer a unique American Flag educational experience on **Sunday, June 9**. **There will be multiple presentations during the period from 11am through 4pm and the doors will remain open through 5 pm.** This program is sponsored by The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Gilluly/Kingsley Camp #120, Howell, Michigan.

Short informal (45) minute presentations including flag educational exhibits will cycle from 11am through 4pm. The program will explore the unique evolution and symbolism of American flags, including laws, design, construction, artistry, and folklore with occasional trivia questions. Each presentation will feature historic flags from the Civil War through World War II.

The goal of the sponsor is for community members to discover and learn about our flag's history because they believe it's past is worth preserving. After each presentation children will receive several take home educational, flag oriented meeting gifts as supplies last.

Please bring your children so they can learn our flag's history!

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Our annual Jewelry Sale fundraiser was a huge success.

We would like to thank all those who donated jewelry, those who visited and purchased jewelry, and those who volunteered their time contributing to the success of the show. We are very grateful for all the support.

Please consider a jewelry donation for 2025! Contact Jim 810-250-7276.

FREE CoBACH Exhibit:

June thru August
"Centennial of GM
Proving Ground"

CoBACH Summer **Hours**

Tuesday—Friday 5—8pm

Saturday 11am—5pm

Sunday 2—5pm

Closed Monday

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

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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: David & Terrie (Leith) Fisher*, Marcia Guetschow, Marilyn Schlaug (2025), Sandra Willhide

PATRON: Karen Goss, Steve & Kate Lowry

BUS/ORG: Clark/Tait Eye Center

Welcome to new member*: David & Terrie (Leith) Fisher

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.
- Steve and Kate Lowry for their donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund along with their dues.
- Karen Goss for her donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund, Friend of Lyon school and Old Village Cemetery along with her dues.
- Behler-Young New Hudson Office for their donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund through the B-Y Cares program.
- CoBACH May desk volunteers: Joe Collins, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Tom Reinke, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.
- Lyon School May archiving volunteers: Joe Collins, Ron Cyr, Tony Ferreyra, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Norma Pless, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.
- Jewelry Sale volunteer workers: Steve Black, Syndy Bisoski, Judith Coebly, Trish & Ron Cyr, Jerry & Carole Damon, Beth & Tony Ferreyra, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Denise Moomey, Norma Pless, Tom Reinke, Peggy Van Sickle, Lynn Strong, Jim & Vicki Vichich.
- Brighton Art Guild for the use of their tables during the Jewelry Sale.
- Jerry & Carole Damon Publishing Team for assembling and preparing the monthly Trail Tales newsletter.

Dates to Remember

PLEASE SEE PAGE 1 FOR SUMMER CoBACH HOURS

CoBACH: June through August, FREE Summer Exhibit: "Centennial of GM Proving Ground"

June 6,13,20,27; 9am—12nn: Lyon Schoolhouse Open.

June 9, Sunday; 11am — 4pm, CoBACH: FREE Flag Day Exhibit.

June 24, Monday 9am—12nn: Old Village Cemetery — Headstone Restoration Workday.

June 26, Wednesday, 6pm, CoBACH: BAHS Board Meeting.

July 4, Thursday, 10am: Independence Day Parade, Main Street, Brighton.

August 24, Saturday; Lyon Schoolhouse: Appreciation Dinner.

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 — Brigette Ritsema — Tom & Bonnie Riutta — Pauline Schaffer — Bruce & Betty Schuman — Anne Stratigos — Lynn Brady Strong — Jim & Vicki Vichich — Michael & Jennifer Vichich — Linda (Skeman) Wintermute — Karen Wirth — Alice Wyland

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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 (2024) — 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.

Mail check or money order payable to: Brighton Area Historical Society P. O. Box 481 Brighton, MI 48116-0481		Name: _____	Phone: () _____
		Address: _____	
		City: _____	State: _____ Zip Code: _____
		E-Mail: _____	

Membership Plan:		Additional Donation to—Check as Desired:	
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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:

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Current BAHS Leadership

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If you would like to contact us, please use the following options:

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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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In this month's issue we are highlighting Refrigeration Research. They are a Lifetime Member of the historical society. The following information was taken from their website.

REFRIGERATION RESEARCH

Like many rock bands, their story started in a garage. However, instead of making music, founders, Ed Bottum and Charlie Powers started repairing refrigerators in a Detroit garage. Refrigeration may not be as glamorous as rock-n-roll, but it's far more important (imagine a world without refrigeration)!

The year was 1944 and due to World War II rationing, it was difficult to get new refrigerators or repair parts. Seeing an opportunity, the two men began a modest refrigerator repair business. As their reputation and business grew, Ed Bottum and Charlie Powers were asked to make replacement parts for refrigerator manufacturers, as well as components for the war effort.

As an early innovator in the refrigeration industry, Refrigeration Research introduced a new line of driers and strainers to solve the inherent moisture problem of early systems. The company also developed and introduced the first suction accumulator, a product that is still manufactured by Refrigeration Research.

In 1949, after several expansions and moves, the company found a home in Brighton, Michigan. As the list of products Refrigeration Research produced continued to grow, the number of manufacturers, distributors and wholesalers who came to rely on our experience, quality and service also multiplied.

Contained in their Brighton location is the Refrigeration Research museum. It has been called "quirky," "fun" and "an interesting tour of history." The museum houses the largest private collection of advances in mechanical refrigeration for U.S. residential and commercial use from the late 19th century up to 1960. Located in their headquarters in Brighton, Michigan, the museum features devices that dramatically improved food storage safety and convenience and set high standards for mechanical reliability.

As you trace the history of refrigeration, you'll recognize names of industry pioneers such as Frigidaire, Philco, Sunbeam and Tecumseh. You may also be familiar with iconic pieces of equipment such as the 1948 Kelvinator, a Crosley "Icy Ball" (still in operating condition), and the popular Sears' Coldspot refrigerator introduced in 1936.

The museum highlights innovations and innovators throughout the years, including: a 1926 compressor unit in which the refrigerant does not come in contact with the motor windings, thereby avoiding the problems most refrigerant systems would have both then and now; refrigerators that were made for farms before rural electrification, using ammonia and water; the "Copelametic" compressor which was first produced for the Coca-Cola company; a 1919 Guardian condensing unit made of heavy cast-iron construction; and a 1918 Kelvinator unit that marked the first generation of household refrigeration. Did you know that the Kelvinator was named in honor of Lord Kelvin (1824-1907), who was knighted Sir William Thomas for his contributions in thermodynamics.

Today, Refrigeration Research is a recognized leader in the refrigeration industry. The company has continued to research, engineer and introduce new products to meet the ever-changing needs of its customers. They are proud to be one of the oldest family-run businesses in Michigan – having celebrated their 75th anniversary in 2019!

