



L to R: Steve Black, Nancy Fredenburg, Ron Cyr, Tom Reinke, Jim Vichich, Lynn Strong, Windy Kinsey, Tony Ferreyra, John Rawcliffe  
Absent: Caitlin Perry-Dial

## 2024 BAHS Board of Directors

At the Annual March Membership and Elections Meeting the 2024 Board of Directors and Officers were elected. Their term runs April 2024 — March 2025.

The officers for 2024 are:

President — Jim Vichich  
Vice-President — Nancy Fredenburg  
Treasurer — Steve Black  
Secretary — Tom Reinke

The board of directors for 2024 include the officers and the following directors: Ron Cyr, Tony Ferreyra, Mindy Kinsey, Caitlyn Perry-Dial, John Rawcliffe and Lynn Strong.

A special thank you is appropriate to the above leadership team. Their donation of time and talent to fundraising, providing historical programming within the Brighton community and maintaining our facilities and historical records at CoBACH Center and Lyon Schoolhouse is first class. Their dedication to our community is greatly appreciated!

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The Society extends its condolences to the family and friends of  
**Dr. John Jacoby**  
John was a Life Member of the Society and will be missed by all.

**FREE CoBACH Exhibit:**  
**August thru September**  
**“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**

**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:** Pamela Bell (2025)\*

**LIFE:** Jack Collett\*

Welcome to new members\*: Pamela Bell, Jack Collett

### **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.
- Sarah Lewis Circle of the First Methodist Church for their donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund.

- Pleasant Valley Social Club for their donation in memory of Robert Schaffer, husband of Pauline Schaffer.
- Jack Collett and family for their donation to the Larry Lawrence Scholarship Fund in remembrance of James Collett and Larry Lawrence who served this community in many unforgettable ways.
- CoBACH July Desk Volunteers: Joe Collins, Tony Ferreyra, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Norma Pless, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.
- Farmers Market Volunteers: Tony Ferreyra, Mindy Kinsey, Lynn Strong and Jim Vichich.
- Kris Nelson and family for the donation of a special doll house.
- OVC Headstone Restoration Team Volunteers: Howard Bisoski, Steve Black, Jerry Damon, Tony Ferreyra, Jim Iretton, Dave Pettigrove, John Rawcliffe, Dave Rebigier, Pat Smith, Jim Vichich, Ed Vitez and Dick Weaire.
- Fourth of July BAHS Parade participants: Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Norma Pless, Tom Reinke and Lynn Strong.

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## Dates to Remember

### **PLEASE SEE PAGE 1 FOR SUMMER CoBACH HOURS**

**CoBACH: August through September, FREE Summer Exhibit: “GM Proving Ground—100 Years, 1924—2024”**

**August 1,8,15,22,29; 9am—12nn:** Lyon Schoolhouse Open.

**August 24, Saturday; Lyon Schoolhouse:** Appreciation Dinner. 5—8pm; Dinner 6pm

**August 28, Wednesday, 6pm, CoBACH:** BAHS Board Meeting.

### **Headstone Restoration Workdays:**

Old Village Cemetery:

Monday, August 26, 9am—12nn

Pleasant Valley Cemetery:

Monday, September 23, 9am—12nn

Monday, October 28, 9am—12nn

**September 9, Monday, 1:30—2:30:** Independence Village History Presentation.

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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) — Jack Collett — 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 — Kathy Jacoby (OR) — Claire & Aaron Jusino — Kate Lawrence — Jim Leith (IN) — 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

### **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 (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.

<b>Mail check or money order payable to:</b> Brighton Area Historical Society P. O. Box 481 Brighton, MI 48116-0481		<b>Name:</b> _____	<b>Phone:</b> ( ) _____
		<b>Address:</b> _____	
		<b>City:</b> _____	<b>State:</b> _____ <b>Zip Code:</b> _____
		<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"/> Old Village Cemetery Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Life		

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:**  
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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.

**Non-Profit Org.**  
**U.S. Postage**  
**PAID**  
**Permit #303**  
**Brighton, MI**

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*The following is an article submitted to us by Tim Bennett. As many of our readers/members enjoy researching, we have periodically published tip/articles by Tim on how to research different topics. Tim Bennett is a member of the historical society and a sixth generation owner of the Warner Homestead farm, located on Buno Road in Brighton Township.*

**Research Tip: Census Records**

The Federal Census for 1950 is now available and with it a wave of new information on the names, ages, occupations, and locales of U.S. residents. The census began in 1790 and have been compiled every ten years. Most census information is available online through searchable indexes with the exception of 1890 that was largely destroyed by fire.

Census records listing residents are one of the most common types of documents known to historical/genealogical researchers. Family groups include not only the head of household, spouse, and children but also other relatives and even hired hands. As census takers went from home to home, these records can sometimes be used in conjunction with plat maps to determine the previous residence of a family by cross referencing census "neighbors" with matching names on the plats.

While these types of records provide an amazing amount of detail, the integrity of the information directly depends on the knowledge of the informant. Not surprisingly, "anomalies" are often found especially when comparing a series of census records for the same family. For example, data provided on the birthplace may differ from census to census depending on who the informant was for the family at the time of each census. In one case, the calculated birth year of an area resident was different in every census from 1850 to 1880.

Other parts of censuses not as well known are the non-population schedules for agriculture, industry, mortality, and social statistics. These schedules were compiled mostly from 1850 to 1890. For researching pioneer ancestors, the agricultural schedule is particularly interesting as it contains details regarding acreage, land use, types and number of livestock, and even crop yields down to the bushel. Taken over a series of decades, researchers can glean the fortunes of a family over time. Those that owned businesses appear in the industry/manufacturing schedule providing similar data related to production and costs during the previous year. Mortality schedules list deaths that occurred during the prior year and may provide data not found elsewhere such as how long the decedent had resided in the state and county. The social statistics schedules include information on residents boarded at asylums or poor-houses.

While censuses in the territory of Michigan began as early as 1710, state censuses didn't start until 1837 after admission to the union. Many of the early records for most counties, though, were unfortunately destroyed. Part of one surviving 19th century state census, conducted in 1894, provides detailed information on veterans of the Civil War.

*(Thanks to Tim Bennett for supplying this article to us.)*

TABLE 1.—FREE INHABITANTS in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, St. \_\_\_\_\_, enumerated by me, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1850. *Assista*

visitation.	Name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	DESCRIPTION.									
		Age.	Sex.	Color.	Profession, occupation, or trade of each male person over 10 years of age.	Value of real estate owned.	Place of birth, naming the State, Territory, or country.	Married within the year.	Attended school within this year.	Persons over 20 years of age who cannot read and write.	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	

**1850 Census Form**