

- 2015 Brant Festival Photos -



Brant Volunteer Fire Engine



E.C. Mounted Sheriff's



One of Dan Gernatt's antique cars



Shannon of Buffalo Aerial Dance



The Hamburg Kingsmen Alumni Band



Lenny Pero & Diane Chiavetta



One of Dan Gernatt's antique cars



Parade Marshall Bill Friend and crew

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Firemen's Waterball Tournament



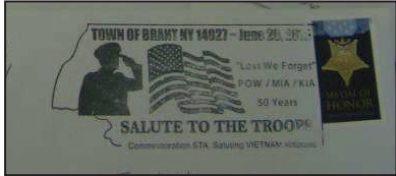
Fireworks display courtesy of Robert Drago & Goya Foods Great Lakes



Strawberry Pie Eating Contest
(Pies courtesy of Roseann's Strawberry Shortcake Stand aka *RJ's Café*)



Dan Gernatt's antique car



Pictorial Postmark Design
By Rosalee "Tish" Hill

Hamburg Kingsmen Alumni sponsored by Chiavetta's Catering, Clark & Donna Borngraber, Lenny Pero, Bill & Patty Friend, Jeff Gier and Jeanette Mirusso

Some photos on this page and preceding pages courtesy of Lynda Ostrowski



Hamburg Kingsmen Alumni

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Historical Display honoring David I. Briggs and all Vietnam Veterans from The Town of Brant and Village of Farnham



Mike Seavy at the Temporary Postal Station provided by the Brant Post Office for our special Pictorial Postmark, which honored our Vietnam Veterans. The Postmark was designed by Rosalee "Tish" Hill.



**We Celebrated our
176th Year
of Incorporation
March 25, 1839-
March 25, 2015**

- 1st Place Jessica Rohl "Misty Morning"
- 2nd Place Carol Zeffiro "My Little Pony"
- 3rd Place Cheryl Fuller "A Fire Truck Wedding"
- 4th Place Cheryl Fuller "Wedding Quartet"



Buffalo Aerial Dance - Aerial Performers



2016 INFORMATION

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The Brant-Farnham Historical Society published a 175th Anniversary History Book in 2014!

To all who submitted a story, family history, photos and memorabilia

A BIG THANK YOU

This is YOUR book of memories of the Town of Brant. We could not have published a town history book without your help.

Copies of the 175th Anniversary History Books are still available at a cost of \$25.00 each.

Checks should be made payable to:
Brant-Farnham Historical Society
c/o Brant Town Hall
PO BOX 228
Brant, NY 14027

PLEASE add \$10.00 for UPS shipping/ or \$5.00 for mail, or you can pick up a copy at the Brant Town Hall in the Town Clerk's office.

A Message to Encourage Farnham's 125th Anniversary Committee

Jo Battaglia and I were privileged to be co-historians for the Village of Farnham during these past years. We worked diligently collecting material for printing and donations for exhibit at the Brant-Farnham Historical Room located in the Brant Town Hall.

In 2015, we made the decision to step down and let others help in preserving and adding to our history. We welcome Farnham's 125th Anniversary committee: Maggie Borowski, Sheila Rauker, Elizabeth "Dolly" Huffnagle and Yvonne Heller. Jo and I will continue to help and will remain Brant-Farnham Historical Society Members.

~Bev Wasmund

*** The 13th Annual BRANT Summer Festival *** at the Brant Town Park

June 17th, 2016 is opening night with music by UNDERGROUND STAMPEDE and Beer Tent/Food Vendors. And an exciting PERFORMANCE BY PYROMANCY!

June 18 and 19th, 2016 Music: Saturday afternoon by LINDA DEE and GD ROSE Duo, TERRY BUCKWALD as ELVIS on Saturday Eve and Sunday -the Mid-Life Crisis Band.

LS Cheerleaders 5K Run to benefit Baylee Dion and Mercy Flight, Civil War Re-enactor (Fr. John from MPB), GOYA cook-off, Local Firemen Water Ball competition, FIREWORKS, Bounce Houses, Chicken BBQ, Food Vendors, Dedication of Ball Diamond and Baseball Games *featuring* Evans Youth Baseball.

Hamburg Kingsmen Alumni Corp Band to give concert, Car Show, Tractors, AERIAL SILK PERFORMANCE BY BUFFALO AERIAL DANCE, Historical Display, Strawberry Pie Eating Contest, Vendors, Strawberry Shortcake, Photo Contest, Donkey Race, and much more!

2 1/2 days of fun and celebration!

This year's PARADE will include Brant's oldest and youngest residents, Brant 1 Teachers/Faculty and the Shriners!

Brant Town Park "FLOSSIE FIELD"

Leah Stavania (of Gowanda, NY), after becoming the wife of Anthony Mirusso, lived the rest of her life as a resident of the Town of Brant. She was a member of the original Recreation Committee that was instrumental in the purchase of land that is now the Town of Brant Park. She was the first Vice President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Brant Volunteer Fire Company #1, and an active member of the Brant Strawberry Festival Committee. She served the community as Town Clerk and Tax Collector from 1960 to 1966, and also as the Town of Brant Councilwoman and Deputy Supervisor.

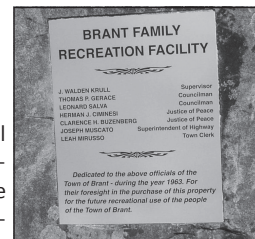


Leah was known to all as "Flossie"



Brant Family Recreation Facility

J. Walden Krull (Supervisor), Thomas P. Gerace (Councilman), Leonard Salva (Councilman), Herman J. Ciminesi (Justice of Peace), Clarence H. Beuzenburg (Justice of Peace), Joseph Muscato, (Superintendent of Highway), **Leah Mirusso** (Town Clerk).



Dedicated to the above officials of the Town of Brant during the year 1963 for their foresight in the purchase of this property for the future recreational use of the people of the Town of Brant.

The Town of Brant Family Recreation Area, a centrally located area purchased by the Town in 1963 and dedicated in September, 1964. In 1969 the Master Plan for the park was completed. The swimming pool and bath house was dedicated and opened to the public on July 4, 1969. The tennis courts, football fields, baseball diamonds, and parking lots were also completed and in used by mid-summer 1969.

Baseball, Apple Pie & Mother's Day



At the May 10th, 2016 Board Meeting, the Brant Town Board unanimously voted to dedicate the Ball Diamond at the Brant Town Park as "FLOSSIE FIELD", with ceremonies to be held at the upcoming Brant Summer Festival on June 18, 2016. An Evans Youth baseball game will follow on the newly dedicated field.

The Brant-Farnham Historical Society initiated a Special Pictorial Cancel Event at the Brant Post Office on June 21, 2016 to honor this occasion. The Post Office will be open from 1-5 PM for First Day "Flossie Field" hand-stamp cancels. There will be a FREE raffle to win a "Town of Brant, FLOSSIE FIELD" regulation baseball bat for all who visit the Post Office. There will be FREE Flossie Field Post Cards at the Brant Summer Festival and the Post Office until they run out. There are also special "Flossie Field" baseballs for an additional giveaway. Visit the Brant Summer Festival or the Brant Post Office for more details. Postmark to be announced on <http://about.usps.com/postal-bulletin/2016/pb22443/pb22443.pdf> Page 59. Postal Bulletin dated June 9, 2016.



The Flossie Field Postal Cancel was designed by Christian J. LoGrasso.

Flossie "The Umpire"

Photo, by News Staff Photographer Bob Metz 1978

Lee [Leah] Mirusso, left, celebrates Mother's Day today with a rather unusual distinction. The 54-year-old grandmother from Brant recently completed training for certification as a Western New York umpire; next month she expects to begin duty in a softball game. While Mrs. Mirusso demonstrates her technique to her husband Anthony, and their daughter, Mrs. Rosalee Hill, there's a grandson William Anthony "Tater" Hill busy with something as American as baseball—eating apple pie. Mrs. Mirusso is a public health nurse for Erie County and serves as a councilwoman for the Town of Brant. Her son Anthony is a disc jockey in Niagara Falls.

The Buffalo News, May 1978

BRANT & FARNHAM

BASEBALL

Western Division Baseball Standings

Gowanda State	12	3
Cherry Creek	12	3
Cattaraugus	11	4
North Collins	9	6
Forestville	8	7
Gowanda Merchants	8	7
Brant	6	9
Fredonia	3	12
Silver Creek	3	12
Dayton	2	12

Line Scores August 8th
Cherry Creek 110 000 410
Fredonia 202 000 100

Gowanda State	003 000 002-3
Silver Creek	001 023 00x-6
North Collins	000 001 000-1
Cattaraugus	000 003 00x-3
Forestville	000 000 047-11
Gow. Merchants	200 000 000-7
Brant	004 010 610-12
Dayton	110 723 10x-15

Games Next Sunday
Fredonia at Brant.
Cattaraugus at Cherry Creek.
Dayton at Forestville.
Gowanda State at North Collins.
Silver Creek at Gowanda Merchants.
Cherry Creek will play at Gowanda State Hospital dian Sunday, Aug. 22nd and could well make a contest that will worth seeing since these teams are now tied for first place in the league.

Western Division Baseball Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.
Cherry Creek	12	3	.800
Gowanda State	12	4	.750
Cattaraugus	11	4	.734
N. Collins	10	6	.625
Forestville	10	6	.625
Gow. Merchants	8	7	.534
Brant	6	10	.374
Fredonia	4	12	.250
Silver Creek	3	12	.200
Dayton	2	14	.125

Last Sunday's Games—Aug. 15
North Collins 203 000 10x-6
Gow. State 030 010 000-4

Fredonia 200 000 200-4
Brant 000 110 010-3
Forestville 21

WESTERN DIVISION

Leading Gowanda To 3-All Tie

Preston each had three hits and Bob Rogan hit a homer for Cattaraugus. Carl Coniglio and Frank Wallace each had three hits and Dick Clarke hit a homer for Fredonia. Vince Stevens struck out nine and hit a homer in Brant's 5-4 win over visiting Silver Creek.

July 18, 1954

Joyce M. Curoo
P.O. Box 24
Farnham, NY 14061-0024

1954

TOP TEN BATTERS

Danny Littlefield	571
Gordon Found	444
Charles Wasmund	413
Grant Stevens	397
Jack Griewisch	395
Jerry Harrington	378
Vinnie Stevens	375
Sam Curoo	375
Ray Nytz	289
John Nytz	285

SEASON FINALS

NUMBER OF INNINGS PITCHED

Vinnie Stevens	124
Clayt Herman	27
Pete Konek	9
Kenny Herman	2

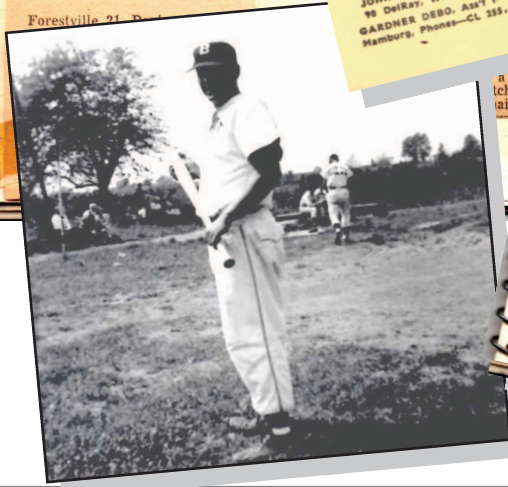
1954 Schedule
of the
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Division
of The
BUFFALO
EVENING NEWS
Suburban
Baseball League

WESTERN DIVISION

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Gowanda State Hospital
Helmuth, N. Y.—Gowanda 640
Vice President, ROD GRIEWISCH
Gowanda, N. Y.—Phone 497
Secy-Treas., JAMES VINCIGUERRA
309 West Main St., Fredonia, N. Y.
Phone 2-5901

BOARD OF MANAGERS
BRANT—Frank P. Muscato, Brant, N. Y.—Silver Creek 834-J-2
CATTARAUGUS—Howard Hinman, Cattaraugus, Home, 7312; Office, 4151
CHERRY CREEK—James Young, Cherry Creek 4325
DAYTON—Alton Trombley, Gowanda 606-R-1
FORESTVILLE—Bob Wilson, Forestville 2061 or 2063
GOWANDA MERCHANTS—Rod Griewisch or Robert Tingue, Gowanda 495-M
GOWANDA ST. HOSP.—Ted Stitzel, Gowanda 640 or 669-W
FREDONIA—Kenneth Howard, 83 Water St., Fredonia, 2-7441
NORTH COLLINS—Frank Compilat, North Collins 2662
SILVER CREEK—James Azzarella, 26 Buffalo St., Silver Creek 297-M

JOHN TAYLOR, Chief of Umpires
99 Delray, W. Seneca—WO 2285
GARDNER DEBO, Ass't President
Hamburg, Phone—CL 255, EM 3427



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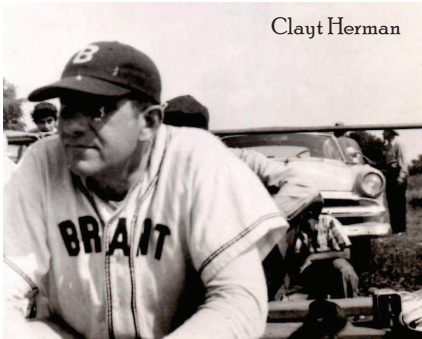
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Brant 000 110 010-3
Forestville 21, Dayton 9,
Cherry Creek-Cattaraugus, postponed.
Gowanda Merchants-Silver Creek

Next Sunday games—Aug. 22
North Collins at Gowanda State.
Brant at Cattaraugus.
Forestville at Fredonia.
Gowanda Merchants at Dayton.

Cherry Creek at Fredonia
Gowanda State at North Collins
Fredonia at Cattaraugus
Silver Creek at Brant
AUGUST 1
Dayton at Cherry Creek
Cherry Creek at Gowanda Merchants
Gowanda Merchants at Brant
Silver Creek at Gowanda State
AUGUST 8
Cherry Creek at Fredonia
Brant at Dayton
North Collins at Forestville
Forestville at Cattaraugus
Gowanda State at Silver Creek
AUGUST 15
Fredonia at Brant
Dayton at Cherry Creek
Gowanda State at Fredonia
Silver Creek at Gowanda Merchants
AUGUST 22
Brant at Cattaraugus
Forestville at Fredonia
Cherry Creek at Gowanda St.
Gowanda Merchants at Dayton
North Collins at Silver Creek
AUGUST 29
Cattaraugus at Forestville
Fredonia at Brant
Gowanda State at Gowanda Merchants
Silver Creek at Cherry Creek
AUGUST 29
2:30 P. M. Daylight Saving Time
STAR GAME AT CHERRY CREEK

BRANT & FARNHAM

BASEBALL



Clayt Herman



Gordon Found catcher played for Brant at Farnham



Brant Baseball Team 1954

L-R Standing row: Al Walker, Jerry Harrington (Nip), Clayt Herman, Joe Muscato, Grant Stevens, Sonny Muscato, Kenny Herman

Front row: Ray Nytz, Jack (Beef) Griewisch, Vinnie Stevens, John Nytz, Gordon Found

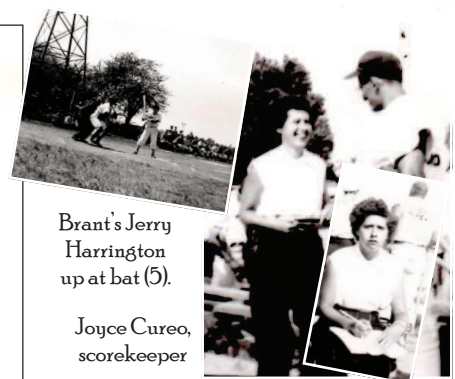


Russell Muscato

L-R Larry Griewisch, and Dickie Maley bat boys



1954 Season Stats		SEASON FINALS	
<u>BATTING AVERAGE</u>		<u>RUNS BATTED IN</u>	
Jack Griewisch	395	Jack Griewisch	15
Sam Curoo	375	Sam Curoo	0
Joe Muscato	268	Joe Muscato	15
Jim Delaney	238	Jim Delaney	4
Vinnie Stevens	375	Vinnie Stevens	13
Pete Konek	000	Pete Konek	1
Clayt Herman	227	Clayt Herman	3
Charles Wasmund	413	Charles Wasmund	8
John Messecar	076	John Messecar	1
John Rauker	211	John Rauker	8
Joe Loretto	166	Joe Loretto	1
Al Walker	257	Al Walker	2
Ray Nytz	289	Ray Nytz	10
John Nytz	285	John Nytz	6
Frank Militello	250	Frank Militello	2
Grant Stevens	397	Grant Stevens	10
Frank Muscato	161	Frank Muscato	5
Danny Littlefield	571	Danny Littlefield	3
Jerry Harrington	378	Jerry Harrington	12
Gordon Found	444	Gordon Found	0
Kenny Herman	000	Kenny Herman	0
Ray Parodowski	000	Ray Parodowski	0
Russell Muscato	000	Russell Muscato	0



Brant's Jerry Harrington up at bat (5).

Joyce Curoo, scorekeeper

L-R: John Messecar, Al Walker, Jack Griewisch, Frank Militello



BRANT & FARNHAM

BASEBALL

America's Favorite Pastime!



Vinnie Stevens, Pitcher (1)

In sports, the love of the American game of baseball became a challenge to all and in every level field, at every opportunity, a baseball game was played. In the ensuing years, hundreds of men participated in this sport producing championship teams. The records show that many of the families produced players for generation after generation. These would include the Pizzolantis, the Muscatos, the Notaros, the Chiavettas, the Guginos, the Crawfords, the Catalanos and others. Several outstanding players who either lived in Brant or played in Brant and went professional were Marion Fricano, George Mohart, and Red Cureo.



May 15, 1955 Opening game of Brant Baseball Team on Farnham's diamond. Batter: Jim Pizzolanti, Catcher: Harold Wasmund.



Jack Griewisch, Catcher (2) and captain of the team

*Fred W. Brinkman
Town of Brant, Sesquicentennial Book 1859-1989*

August 16, 1955 BRANT, AMHERST SCORE VICTORIES IN FAIR BASEBALL

Brant of the Western Division and Amherst's Tri-County Division team were victorious Tuesday in Buffalo Evening News Sunday urban Baseball League exhibition games at the Erie County Fair. John Rauker crashed a triple double and single driving three runs and Charles Heet and Vinnie Stevens combined to pitch a three-hitter as Brant defeated Akron, 6-1. Bob Edgecomb hit a home run and a single and Fred Storne had three hits in Amherst's 8 triumph over North Collins.



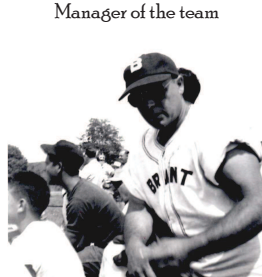
Johnny Rauker, 1st Baseman (3)



Joe Muscato, Catcher (2) Manager of the team



Jerry Harrington 3rd baseman (5)



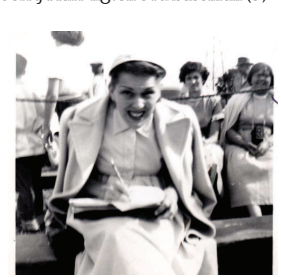
Sam Militello (9)



Danny Littlefield, center field (8)



Ray Nytz, left fielder (7)



Shirley Griewisch, scorekeeper