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Hello and Welcome!

Welcome back!!

The Town of Brant celebrated 182 years on March 25, 2021! We certainly hope this year of 2021 finds each of our readers doing better than ever before!

Our news journal of 2019 was a theme based publication. The entire journal centered on our town and village businesses - past and present. We have a few extra copies on hand today for those of you who did not pick up a copy previously. In this year's journal we will try to catch up and record some of the activities of the past few years.

In addition to catching up, our journal this year will focus on FAMILY. A suggestion of the Brant-Summer Festival Committee. We recognize that there are many forms of a family: immediate, extended, church, work, school and organization family such as the fire company and or scouting. It is easy to see that just by being together some type of family unit is created.

Through the years, our Brant and Farnham families have shaped our communities just by living here! They have supported us as friends, as neighbors, as volunteers and as community leaders. We are all connected in some way or form. As the year of 2020 taught us - we need each other and we all rely on each other. In addition to being a part of our local community. We are connected to a larger community consisting of our county, our state, our country and the entire world.

As my mother in law Josephine Friend says "I love it when there is a connection". I think we all do and as mentioned earlier.; WE ARE ALL CONNECTED. Family in Buffalo may have family in Brant. Family living in California or Maine, or Florida, or Italy and or Germany, may have ties to the Brant community. Discovering those connections can be a lot of fun!

Erie County, celebrates 200 years this year! And...because we are part of the Erie County family we are participating in the Bicentennial passport project for historical societies. It involves obtaining a passport from your local library and then visiting each of the Erie County historical museums to get your passport stamped. We are stop #25 in your passport book and we look forward to your visit! More on this topic can be found at: [/www3.erie.gov/ec200/erie-county-heritage-passport](http://www3.erie.gov/ec200/erie-county-heritage-passport).

Through the pages of this journal, the Brant-Farnham Historical Society has done its best to keep track of the activities, events and achievements of our historical society and our community during this past few years. We have also tried to highlight our Brant and Farnham families using photos from our archives and some recently shared. Thank you to all who have contributed photos. Celebrate those family connections and...Happy Reading!

*Patty Friend, Appointed Brant Historian
and Members of the Brant-Farnham Historical Society*

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2018 Brant Festival Photos



Awarding the Water Ball Competition trophy. L-R: Mike Muffoletto, Chad Kaczmarek, Evan Russell, Linda Giancarlo, Susan (Sassy) Seneca and Lisa (Gugino) Dimphl. Marty Castle of the Brant Fire Department (not pictured), helped to organize this event for the festival.



Marty Castle Jr. and Kiley Nolan in the parade!

15th Annual Brant Festival



Josephine Battaglia, Brant's Oldest Citizen 2018



Chris and Arlene Meckes with their twin boys Nicholas and Jude. Born on May 19th, both babies were honored as the "Youngest Citizens" of the Town of Brant.

On Friday evening June 15th, 2018, the HAWG Thunder motorcycle and motorcade escorted the stainless steel 911 Memorial (designed by Steel Crazy Iron Art), from Gowanda Harley Davidson to the Brant Town Park.



Fishing Float...In the Parade!



Judges of the 15th Annual Brant Summer Festival Parade (L-R) Maureen (Connors) Shepherd, Mary Hosler, Karen (Connors) Erickson and Christine Mittner.



Photo Contest Winners clockwise: Brendan Dillimouth, Blake Wehrfritz and Lisa Catalano.



Pool Float...In the Parade!



The Gowanda & Buffalo Model Rail Road Club at the 15th Annual Brant Summer Festival.



Farnham Fire Department Chicken Barbeque. Frank and Bob are the chefs!



David Berns showing off his parade wave!



Strawberry Shortcake by Roseann and Ryan Turner

15th Annual Brant Summer Festival announces the Parade Winners! The 15th Annual Brant Summer Festival parade was held on Father's Day, June 17, 2018. The parade route began at Hammond Road, traveled down Brant-Farnham Road, then turned into and continued throughout the Brant Town Park. Parade contestants were greeted and cheered on by the many who lined the town park road. As mentioned in an earlier article, this year's parade judges were: Maureen (Connors) Shepherd, Mary Hosler (Supervisor of Evans), Karen (Connors) Erickson and Christine Mittner. It was not an easy task, but the four judges were able to come to an agreement on the winners and they are:

- Community Spirit - "Pool Theme" float; (Jr. Eagles cheerleaders of Lake Shore Football)
- Most Unique - "Bee Keepers" float; (Lemke Family)
- Most Original - "Fishing Boat" float; (Wierfritz Family & crew)
- Most Beautiful - Green/Wood Classic Car owned by Dan Gernatt
- Honorable Mention (2) - Baby Pony Carriage and Red & Gray Ford Tractor driven by David Berns
- Most Creative - "Tailgate Gardening" (Bella Terra Greenhouse)
- Best Tractor - Extra Large Red International Tractor (Kauzala Farms)

Each of the categories mentioned were awarded a corresponding prize ribbon. The first four mentioned categories also won a monetary prize of \$50 each. Each parade contestant received a 15th Annual Brant Summer Festival participation Ribbon. All ribbons are made in the USA.

Farnham Community Days 2018



Josephine Battaglia and Mike Graci at the Brant-Farnham Historical Society Display

The Brant-Farnham Historical Society - Promoting Local Military Veterans and Local History!

The Brant-Farnham Historical Society participated in the 3rd annual Farnham Fire Department Community Days. The two day event was held on September 1st and 2nd at the Steven J. Rauker Veterans Memorial Park on Commercial Street, Farnham, N.Y. This is the third year that the historical society has been in attendance to highlight and promote the history of Erie County's smallest village. The exhibit consisted of six display tables which included a variety of Farnham related information, stories, photographs, photo albums and memorabilia. Included as well were six banners depicting people, structures and scenes of our community.

The visitors this year were especially drawn to our military themed table and military banners. More than a few people mentioned how pleased they were that we were stressing the importance of and recognizing those who have served our country. Our most recent military banner includes over 45 photos of our local veterans; current and past, living and deceased. Alphonso Butlak, Farnham's blacksmith, craftsman and a Navy veteran, was delighted to find himself included in our banner as you can see in the one photo.

In our other photo, Josephine Battaglia, (Farnham's Oldest Citizen), is proudly showing Mike Graci, her grandson Anthony Battaglia's photo. The Battaglia family has served in two branches of the military for three generations. This includes Josephine's husband and his three brothers, her two sons and previously mentioned grandson. Josephine's brother-in-law Salvatore J. Battaglia, Pvt. 9th Div., 60th Infantry, served in WWII from January 1941 - March 26, 1943. Tragically, he was killed in action in North Africa. For this ultimate sacrifice, Salvatore earned and received posthumously, a Purple Heart Medal and certificate. Mike Graci is a veteran as was his father William. Sadly, Mike's uncle Michael A. Graci, was killed in action during WWII.

In 2018, the Village of Farnham is celebrating it's 126th anniversary of incorporation.



Alphonso Butlak Jr. of Farnham points out his Navy photo from the mid-1900's

2019 BrantFest Photos and 2021 BrantFest Information



Sonny Catalano at our "Minding our Business" Historical Display!



Historical Display focused on Brant and Farnham Businesses!



Our amazing Emcee Jeff Connors!



The Hamburg Kingsmen



16th Annual Brant Festival

Parade Judges: Mary Hosler, Karen Erickson and Jackie Hoisington.



The Marien/Wehrfritz clan take a ride on the Brant Classy Uber for the parade!



"People's Choice" Brantfest Photo Contest of 2019. Brendan Dillmouth took second place this year. HELP! Can anyone tell us who took first place? We lost our notes!



This young man took first place!



Brendan Dillmouth won the 2nd place Red ribbon!

***** The 17th Annual BRANT Summer Festival ***
at the Brant Town Park 2021**

June 18th, 2021 is opening night with music by Everett Lee and Underground Stampede
June 19, 2021 music by Crash Cadillac, the Hamburg Kingsmen and Terry Buchwald
June 19th will also have:

- Local firemen Water Ball competition, FIREWORKS and FREE Bounce Houses for the kids!
- Chicken BBQ, car show, tractors,
- Basket Raffle to benefit SHARE
- Historical Display, vendors, Gowanda Model Railroad display, strawberry shortcake,
- "People's Choice" PHOTO CONTEST,
- Kids Drag Race with battery powered vehicles and much more!
- 1 1/2 days of fun and celebration!

Get your Erie County 200 Year Heritage Passport stamped in the Historical Display area -
Celebrating the Bicentennial Year of Erie County!

There will be a PARADE on Saturday June 19, 2021

Honoring the Town of Brant and the Village of Farnham's
Oldest Citizen

Josephine Battaglia 99 Years on July 6th 2021!!

Josephine (Spratz) Battaglia was born in Farnham on July 6, 1922. Baptized from St. Anthony's Church, Farnham she attended and graduated from the Farnham Public School and Angola High School. She married Russell A. Battaglia (from Farnham) and together they raised three terrific children, Ronald, Joyce and Russell.

Josephine worked in the kitchen at the Farnham School and we are told she was the best cook! [Mayor Hoisington, a Farnham School Alumni, personally confirmed this statement to be true!] She was a Village of Farnham Historian for a number of years.

Even today she keeps busy with daily church, weekly golfing, playing cards with the girls, building jig saw puzzles (lots of them!), and feeding all the birds in the neighborhood! You can't help but love Josephine Battaglia!!



Lena (Stoltz) Nordblum was born February 6, 1878. She celebrated 103 years in 1981!



Daisy (Erick) Winters was our oldest citizen at 107 years of age! Born on August 29, 1899.

*Brant and Farnham's
OLDEST CITIZEN
previous honorees*



The 1992 Centennial Book was dedicated to Lucy (Badka) Nordlum



Teddy Shaffer had celebrated 104 years on December 16, 2014.

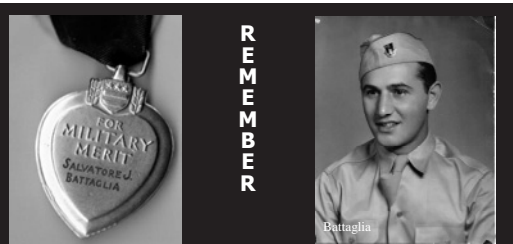


Angelo Militello. 100 years old 12/15/2017!! Shown above proudly wearing his ribbon and button In 2015.

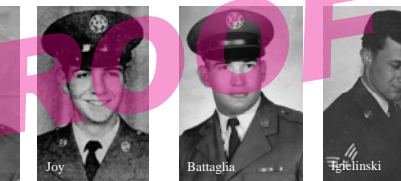
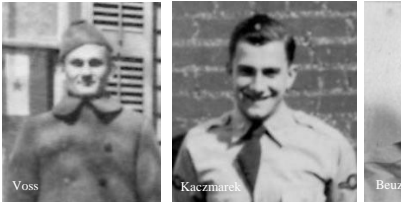


At 98 Years old Reva (Brinkman) MacDowell was truly Brant's "Oldest Citizen" in 2017

Military Veterans of Brant and Farnham



Please share your military photos with us!



HONORING OUR MILITARY



2017 L-R: Fininzio, Joy, Andolina, Vaticano, Pochopin, Redman, Ross, Lomanto

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



Caber Dunkel



2017 L-R: Rubeck, Munch, Berns, Dunkel, Pruett, Graci

Military Veterans of Brant and Farnham

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

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PVT. HERMAN T. TIMMERMAN
KIA 19 OCT 1918
Buried in Meuse-Argonne
Cemetery and Memorial
Lorraine, FRANCE



Brant Memorial Day Services 2019 (L-R) Neil Ross, David Berns, Carrie Andolina, Donald Munch, Mike Redman, Vincent Finizio Sr.



Farnham Memorial Day Services 2019 (L-R) Daniel Rubbeck, Dennis Rubbeck, Ray Dunkel, David Pruett, David Berns, Mike Graci, Neil Ross.

HONORING
OUR
MILITARY



Theodore A. Gomoka



Paul C. Schulz, Sr.



Richard Hill



James T. Gomoka



Norris (Boots) Hill



Bartola Vaticano Jr.



John E. Gomoka



Joseph J. Perrello

(BRANT) - Hold War I

Gold Star Men

GRUNDKOWSKI, MAX—Corp., Co. C, 68th Infantry. WA August 6, 1918, France.
TIMMERMAN, HERMAN T.—Pvt., Co. L, 7th Infantry. KA, France.

Bearns, Harold B.—2d Class Seaman, 13th Reg't, Co. C. Briggs, John—Wagoner, Supply Co., 309th Infantry.
Briggs, Harold—1st-class Pvt., Headquarters Co., WA August, 1918, St. Mihiel.
336th Field Artillery. WA October, 1918, Metz. Briggs, Lawrence P.—Cook, 311th Ambulance Co. WA
Briggs, Howard—Sgt., Co. M, 74th Regiment. August and October, 1918, St. Mihiel and Argonne.

ERIE COUNTY'S SERVICE ROSTER 693

BRANT—CON.

Briggs, William—Pvt., Co. M, 74th Regiment. McIntyre, Chauncey W.—Lieut., U. S. Infantry.
Briggs, Walter H.—Pvt., Co. A, 111th Infantry. WA Miller, Harry.
September 17, 1918, France. Muscatto, Tony C.—304th Machine Gun.
Bruno, Primo. Nelson, Arthur—Pvt., 1st Engineers.
Carr, Glenn S.—Pvt., Battery B, 310th Field Artillery. Norblum, Louis L.—Pvt., 361st Aero Squadron.
Carr, Guy D.—1st-class Pvt., 303d Aux. Remt. Depot. Odell, Clarence—7th Regiment, Battery C, F. A.
Chambers, George—Pvt., Co. I, 11th Regiment. Paul, Clarence L.—1st-class Pvt., Battery D, 106th F. A.
Clark, Howard C.—Pvt., Co. E, 307th Infantry. Paul, Frederick J.—Sgt., Battery F, 304th F. A.
Cook, Arthur C.—Pvt., 45th Co., 12th Bn. 153d D. B. Paul, Herbert S.—Pvt., Battery B, 304th Field Artillery.
Dimartino, Luigo.—Pvt., Utility Detachment, Q. M. C. Pitrotto, Jacob—Pvt., Co. K, 17th Regiment.
Durwar, Gordon—Mechanic, Battery D, 106th F. A. Pultz, Harry F.—Pvt., Co. L, 309th Infantry. WA.
Ellis, Anthony—1st Sgt., Co. M, 309th Infantry. September 24, 1918, France.
Giarratano, Angelo—Pvt., Q. L., Camp Forrest, Ga. Schrader, Alfred W.—Corp., Co. L, 309th Infantry.
Goldsmith, Herber L.—Dis., Camp Dix. Sisson, Howell F.—Pvt., Air Service.
Gugino, Thomas—1st-class Pvt., 2d Co., Air Service. Sicurella, Alfonso—Pvt., 306th Machine Gun Battalion.
Guleno, Joseph—2d-class Seaman, U. S. S. "Comfort." Smith, Frank—Pvt., Co. K, 311th Infantry.
Hainer, Harlan—Pvt., Co. A, 108th Infantry. Smith, Louis J.—Pvt., Co. F, 11th Reg't, U. S. M. C.
Hainer, Walter—Pvt., Co. D, 108th Infantry: WA Tataro, Carl S.—Cook, Co. L, 302d Infantry.
September 29, 1918, St. Quentin. Vacanti, Charles—Pvt., 5th Ammunition Train.
Hammond, Stanley G.—Sgt., Co. K, 311th Infantry. Valucca, Joseph—1st-class Pvt., Co. K, 311th Infantry.
Hanmann, Henry J.—224th Military Police. WA No- Villa, Anthony—Pvt., Co. B, 348th Infantry.
vember 3, 1917, France. Villa, Nicholas J.—Corp., Co. K, 326th Infantry. WA.
Hoth, William C.—Sgt., Co. M, 309th Infantry. DD. France.
December 11, 1917, Camp Dix. Voss, Herman A. E.—Pvt., Co. L, 305th Infantry.
Juhl, Charles, Jr.—Pvt., Co. A, 304th Machine Gun Bn. Walker, Burt S.—2d-class Seaman, Seaman Guard.
Kamens, Frederick A. Walters, Lynn E.—Squadron E, 229th Aero Squadron.
Kinderman, Martin A. Winters, Louis.
Kreger, Claude M.—Sgt., 26th Aero Squadron. Nerthling, Arnold—Sgt., Co. C, 308th Battalion Tank
Lima, Sam. Corps. *Non-commissioned*
Long, William F.—Pvt., Co. H, 305th Infantry. Williams, Reid A.—1st-class Seaman, U.S.S. "DeKalb."
Luongo, Nicholas—Pvt. Wooster, Wheelock W.—S. A. T. C.



Veterans of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and the community of Farnham, N.Y. pre 1930

Military

HONORING OUR BRANT AND FARNHAM VETERANS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Amaya, Cordaro	Butlak Jr., Alphonso	Fricano, Marion	Hosler Sr., Ralph
Anderson, Edward	Caber, Terry	Frost, James E	Hoth, William C +
Andolina, Carrie	Carbeck, Donald ("Doc")	Fuller, Samuel	Houghton, Dennis
Arrigo Jr., Charles	Carr, Glenn S	Fullone, Anthony	Huffnagle Sr., Joseph
Arrigo, Russell	Carr, Guy D	Galbraith, Harold	Igielinski, Marian
Ashbacher, Roy	Caruso, Joseph	George Sr., James V	Inglut, John
Austin, Donald	Case, Fred	George Jr., James V	Johengen, George A
Barefoot, Ray	Castillina, Tom	George, Patricia	Jones, George
Barone, Vincent	Castle, George	Gerace, Samuel	Joy, Chuck
Barone, Vincent A	Chambers, George	Gervas, Thomas	Judson, Herbert
Barreca, Larry L	Chaney, Glenn	Giambrone, Frank	Juhl Jr., Charles
Basehart, Earl J	Chapin, Elias	Giangrasso, Gina A	Jumper, Ted
Battaglia, Albert J	Chiavetta, Carl S	Giarriatano, Angelo	Kaczmarek, Robert
Battaglia, Ronald R	Chido, Joseph	Gielow, Arthur	Kaczmarek, Scott
Battaglia, Russell	Chido, Richard	Giglia, Samuel	Kaczmarek, Todd
Battaglia, Russell A	Ciminesi, Joseph	Goldsmith, Herber L	Kamens, Frederick A
Battaglia, Salvatore +	Ciminesi, Samuel	Gomoka, James T.	Kennedy, Willard
Battaglia, William	Clark, Greg	Gomoka, John E.	Kennedy, William
Beach, Carl	Clark, Howard C	Gomoka, Theodore A.	Kensy, John J
Bellavia Jr., Charles W	Clark, Jessica	Graci, Michael A +	Kibler, Daniel G+
Bearns, Harold B.	Clark, Russell	Graci, Michael T	Kibler, Lawrence
Berns, David	Cole, Howard T	Graci, William F	Kibler, Robert F
Berns (Barne),	Conklin, Carlton	Granica, Judd	Kinderman, Martin A
Rosemary	Conklin, Henry E	Grannelli, Clayton J	Kirwan, Robert A
Beuzenburg, Earl	Conklin, Lyle	Gregory, Edgar	Knight, Paul
Beyers, Lawrence	Conklin, Ronald R	Grennel, Lawrence	Koch, Chester
Blanchard Sr.,	Cook, Arthur C	Grennel, Stephen	Koch, Franklin
Charles R	Crampton, Lynn	Grennell, Robert L	Koch, Herbert
Bliss, Anthony H	Crawford, Maurice	Griffith, Edward	Koch, Newton
Bliss, Gary R	Crouse, Courtney	Grunder, Robert (Grundkovski)	Koch, Raymond +
Bliss, Robert L	Cureo, Charles	Grunder, Rodger (Grundkovski)	Koepka, Grant N
Bliss, Robert S	Cureo, Joseph	Grundkovski, Max +	Kreger, Claude M
Borosky, Richard	Dabrowski, Bronslaus	Gugino, Anthony	Krtanjek, Michael
Bowman, Thomas	Demshuk, Ralph	Gugino, Frank	Krtanjek, Valentine
Brant, Robert	Dickinson, Albert	Gugino, Thomas	Kurucz, Krystina (Szarzarowicz)
Briggs, David I +	Dickinson, Edward C	Guleno, Joseph	Kusior, Daniel
Briggs, Harold	DiMarco, James	Hainer, Harlan	Kusior Jr., Stanley
Briggs, Howard	Dimartino, Luigo	Hainer, Walter	Kuczka, Hank
Briggs, John	Dispence, Vincent	Hammond, Milford	LaDuca, Joseph
Briggs, Lawrence P	Dispence, William P	Hammond, Stanley G	LaPiana, Charles
Briggs, Walter H	Ditcher, Kenneth	Hammond, Vern	LaPiana, Joseph
Briggs, William	Dunkel, Raymond	Hanmann, Henry J	LaPiana, Paul
Brinkman, Ernest	Durwar, Gordon	Hanmann, Herman	Lawrence, Stephen P
Brinkman, Stanley	Ellis, Anthony	Heller, Larry L.	Lemke, Ronald
Browning, Rob	Ellis, Joe	Heller, Laverne	Leone, George
Brunelli, Lee	Falk, Sherman	Hesser, George	Lima, Sam
Bruno, Primo	Falzone, Charles	Hill, Robert A.	Littere Sr., Daniel
Burgott, Harry	Falzone, Joseph	Hoisington, Richard	Lomando, Anthony
Burgstrom, Pershing	Farnham, Leroy	Holmes, Clint	Lomando, James
Busch, Christopher	Fininzio Sr., Vincent	Holmes, Ed	Lomando, Joseph
Busch, Edward L	Fricano, Joseph	Holmes (Steele), Gayle	Lomando, Samuel
Bush, Chester	Fricano, Kevin W	Hooper, Thomas F	Lomanto, James

Military

HONORING OUR BRANT AND FARNHAM VETERANS - THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Lomanto, Robert	Nelson, Arthur	Rauker, Steve	Totaro, Carl S
Long, William F	Noethling, Arnold	Redman, Brian	Totaro, Franklyn S
Losi, Albert W	Nordblum, Howard +	Reed, George	Trask, Kenneth
Luongo, Nicholas	Nordblum, Louis L	Ross, Neil I	Tripi, Anthony
Mac, Thomas	Nordblum, Richard	Rubeck, Albert D	Tripi, Joseph
MacDowell, Lawrence	Nytz, John	Rubeck, Dennis	Turnbull, Helen M
MacDowell, Warren	Nytz, Leonard	Rubeck, Donald	Turnbull Jr., Robert
Maiden, John	Nytz, Raymond	Rubeck, Wallace	Twarozek, Steve
Mazur, Leonard P	Odell, Clarence	Rusin Sr., Edward W	Vacanti, Charles
McAuley, Michael	O'Donnell, Bernard	Rusin, Stanley	Valucca, Joseph
McGraw, John Joseph	O'Donnell, John T	Russell, Robert	VanWie, Thomas M
McIntyre, Chauncey W	Orlando, Nicholas J	Russell, William	Vaticano Jr., Bartola
McNett, Andrew	Orlando, Paul	Ruun, Edward	Vaticano Sr., Bartola
Meli, Angelo L	Orton Jr., Clayton	Ryan, James	Villa, Anthony
Meller, Walter	Panzica, Alphonso	Sabio, Daniel	Villa, Nicholas J
Merta, Diane (Taylor)	Panzica, Ronald	Sabio, Thomas	Voss, Herman A.E.
Meyers, Ernie	Paternostro, Angelo	Sager, David	Walker, Burt S
Militello, Angelo	Paternostro, Anthony	Schifano, Angelo L	Walker, Dale
Militello, Anthony	Paternostro, Charles	Schneider, George	Wallace, Lester E
Militello Sr, Christian	Paternostro, Charles	Schrader, Alfred W	Walsh, Joseph
Militello, Frank	(Chuck)	Schrader, Donald	Walters, Lynn E
Militello, Joseph	Paul, Clarence L	Schrader, Edward C +	Washburn, Donald B
Militello, Michael	Paul, Frederick J	Schrader, Theodore	Wasmund, Charles
Militello, Richard	Paul, Herbert S	Schwartz, Clifford	Wasmund, David
Miller, Harry	Paulucci, Joseph	Schwartz, Gary	Wasmund, Harold
Mineno, Frank	Paulucci, Lucian	Schultz Sr, Paul	Wasmund, Richard
Mingle, Jay	Paulucci, Samuel	Seiler, Paul	Wasmund, Raymond
Minor, Charles	Perrello, Joseph	Shannon, Robert	Wasmund, Roy C
Mirusso, Anthony J	Pfeffer, Ronald	Sicurella, Alfonso	Waters, John Wesley
Mirusso, Anthony T	Pingitore, Anthony	Sicurella, Joseph	Welker, Henry
Mirusso, James	Pingitore, August	Sisson, Howell F	Wheelock, Alton
Monteleone, Thomas	Pingitore, Frank	Smith, Craig	White, Maggie
Morley, Kenneth W	Pingitore, Joseph	Smith, Frank	Whiting, Roger Lee
Muffoletto Sr., James L	Pingitore, Samuel	Smith, Louis J	Williams, Reid A
Muffoletto Jr., James L	Pitrotto, Jacob	Snyder, James	Winters Jr., Frederick
Muffoletto, Joseph	Pochopin, Donald	Spratz, Nicholas	Winters, Louis
Muffoletto, Pasquale	Porter, C. J	Staebell, James E	Winters, Mark W.
Munch, Donald	Powenski, Matthew T	Stearns, James	Winters, Roger L
Murphy, Dennis	Prince, Harry J	Stearns, Woodrow	Wittmeyer, Jerry
Muscarella, Donald	Pruett, David	Stuehring, Edward +	Wolfgram, William W
Muscarella, Peter	Puffer, Bertha	Swan, Walter J	Wood, Arthur
Muscarella, Peter J	Puffer, Richard	Szarzarowicz Sr., Stanley	Woods, Stacie
Muscarella, Salvatore	Pultz, Harry F	Szarzarowicz Jr., Stanley	Wooster, Wheelock W
Muscato, Frank J	Pys, Fred J	Taylor, Kevin D	Wos, Peter
Muscato, Frank V	Ralabate, Angelo	Taylor, Steven M	Young, Louis
Muscato, Joseph	Ralabate, Samuel	Thomas, Dan	Zeffiro, Anthony
Muscato, Russell	Rall, Norton Walter	Timmerman, Herman +	Zeffiro Sr., Frank
Muscato, Tony C	Rauker, John	Tinklepaugh, Bruce M	Zeffiro, Vincent

Sources : Verbal and written family stories ~ Roll of Honor "Citizens of Brant in the US Service" sign ~ Erie County's Service Roster, published 1919 WWI Servicemen ~ 1989 Town of Brant Sesquicentennial Book ~ EC Veterans Service Agency, List of Veterans buried in Town of Brant ~ Cemetery Veterans Listing, Holy Cross, Farnham, NY ~ Cemetery Veterans Listing, St Anthony's, Farnham, NY ~ Revolutionary War Soldiers Evans Journal 7/29/1977 Last revision: 05/30/2021

Military Veterans of Brant and Farnham

In our behalf, they went to war. We acknowledge the sacrifices of our veterans and their families.



April 1918 - Voss Family *Note the military star in the window. L-R: Frank Voss, Hannah Voss, Herman Voss and Erna Voss



Dec. 5, 1967 David Ivan Brigg with his mom and dad. David was Killed in action in Viet Nam on November 23, 1968



Brothers Russell and Joseph Muscato 1944



Bartolo Vaticano Sr. marries Rose (Panzica)



Charles Wasmund with his mom and dad before going back to camp.



Charles Cureo and his wife Jane (Benne) Cureo



L-R Front: Theresa Graci, Laura (Graci) Austin, Grace (Graci) Militello, Richard Militello, Angeline Graci (Mike's wife). Back: Michael Graci, Cataldo Graci, William Graci and Ida (Debella) Graci.



Patricia and Anthony George and children



Brothers Fred and Herbert Paul

.....Whether or not a photo appears here

.....It is our intent to honor ALL VETERANS and their families. We recognize and appreciate the sacrifices they have made in our behalf.

.....If you have photos to share with us, please do so. Thank you.



Pfc. Howard Nordblum and his wife Dorothy (nee Walker). Married on June 21, 1943 Howard was killed in action at Luzon on January 19, 1945.



L-R: Stanley and Josephine Kusior, Daniel Kusior and Richard Horwood



Theodore A. Gomoka and his soon to be wife Catherine.



Nicholas and Alyssa Orlando



Edward Steuhring with Mom, Martha Steuhring. Winter of 1930. Edward was a Radio Operator, who lost his life at sea while serving our country in 1942.



Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Veterans of various Military Service Branches. Probably pre 1930

FARNHAM RECORD

The death of Pfc. Nordblum brings the total number of Farnham boys who died in service to seven, which is something of a record for a community of 400 people.

These are listed as Lieut. Raymond Koch, airforce; Radio Operator Ed. Steuhring, merchant marine; Pvt. Sam. Battaglia in the infantry; Pfc. Ed. Schraeder who was killed in France, mechanized cavalry; Pfc. Howard Nordblum; Corp. Michael Graci who was killed Oct. 25, 1944 in Leyte; and Pfc. Daniel Kibler who died while in service.

DONATIONS to the Brant-Farnham Historical Society

As recorded in the monthly BRANT-FARNHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY report submitted to the Town & Village Boards

JUNE 2018

- **On LOAN from Chad Kaczmarek** - Military photos of Bob, Todd and Scott Kaczmarek. Returned.
- **On LOAN from Chuck Joy** - Photo of Lehley's store, Brant Fire Department certificates for Joseph Joy and photo copy of page from US Growers Cooperative. Returned.
- **DONATION from Mick and Marie Way and the Brant Police Department** - WWI Calvary pistol (non working). This was once in the Fred Brinkman Family. Serial Number _____. ATF had suggested having it on display rather than destroy it.
- **DONATION from Bill and Patty Friend** - Ribbons for the Oldest Tree contest, \$100 Cash for the contest winner. Various poster frames, poster board and table coverings for Brant Summer Festival display.
- **On LOAN from Rusty Lemke** - Military photos of Ronald Lemke. And various awards and certificates. Returned.
- **DONATION from Donna Borngreber** - Various Newspapers, Photo (copy) of Emblem Bicycle Factory Baseball team about 1900 and names. Photo of 1909 Civil War Veterans and names.

JULY-AUGUST 2018

- **DONATION from Gail Kolakowski** Mailed box to historical society containing: (6) old books once belonging to: Edna W. Burgott, Edna C. Winters, Mae E. Winters. The Winters' family genealogy book 1742-1981, 1964 Strawberry festival book, antique school slate once used in the Brant School. 1995 Brant Farnham History Journal whole no. 22, "It happened here" book by EC Savings Bank 1969, Pamphlets of History of Eden, North Collins and Collins (print dates 1971 + 1972), Strawberry Festival Recipes and 1964 Town of Brant History book.
- **DONATION from DAV group** at the Brant Summer Festival - April 1965 issue of "Life Magazine" on Vietnam and Map of Vietnam

- **DONATION from Donna Borngreber** - Various old magazines and books once belonging to Clark Borngreber. High School class "calling cards" for Clark and his class mates.
- **DONATION from Caryl Youngers** - Tin of ration biscuits as dispensed during WWII.
- **DONATION from Kevin Siepel** - via email - photos (2) of Farnham School and (1) of Evans School.
- **DONATION from Dan and Roseann Gernatt** - \$100 check in appreciation for the Brant Summer Festival Display "It was enjoyable to look at the past-keep up the good work."
- **DONATION from Richard and Lynn Puff** - \$30 check in appreciation for news journal.
- **DONATION from various** in appreciation for news journal \$8.00 cash.
- **DONATION from Ron and Lynda Mason** - \$50 check for advertisement in next year's journal

SEPTEMBER 2018

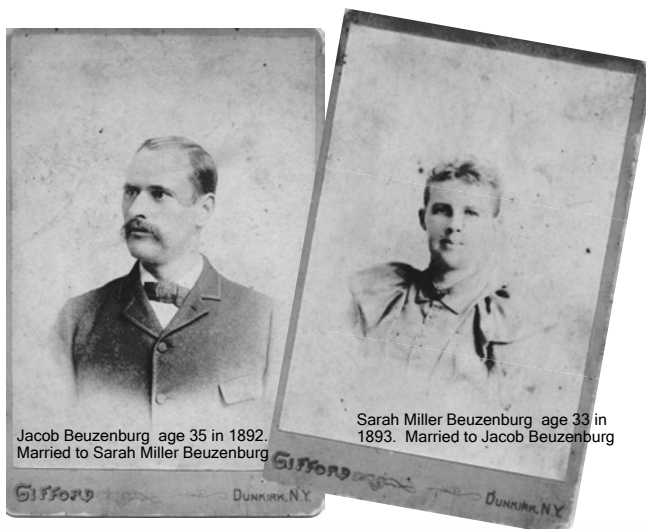
- **DONATION from Dennis Rubeck** - Photo of Pizzolanti's Restaurant, Farnham and a jar opener with political advertisement to re-elect Herman Ciminesi (once belonged to his mom Jean Rubeck Brunnelli).
- **DONATION from Ron J. Friend and Pamela Perello** - Town of Brant Zoning Ordinance book published 1973.
- **DONATION from Mike Graci** - \$5.00 Cash.
- **DONATION received at Farnham Community Days from Larry and Anita Lowell** - \$20.00, **Robert D. Mittner** - \$10.00, **various others** - \$9.00 = Total \$39.00 Cash.
- **DONATION from Janet Walker** - Box of various items related to Farnham, Brant and Evans. Janet had given to Yvonne Heller, who gave the box to the Historical Society. Janet's dad was John Walker, one time Mayor of Farnham.
- **DONATION in Kind from Chad and Tracy Kaczmarek** - Tent and tables used for historical display at Farnham Community Days.
- **DONATION from Bill and Patty Friend** - Buffalo News Book of WNY Veterans donated for raffle at Farnham Community Days. Value \$40.00.
- **DONATION from Margie Pero** - 1982 Sept 19th Courier Express Newspaper-Last paper published.

OCTOBER 2018

- **DONATION from Dennis Rubeck** - Town of Brant and Village of Farnham published history books (once belonged to his mom Jean Rubeck Brunnelli).

NOVEMBER 2018

- **DONATION from Dennis Rubeck** - "Emery board" political advertisements of John Walker & Jeanette Mirusso.
- **DONATION from Larry and Maryellen Beuzenburg** - Various photo copies of newspaper articles regarding Jacob and Sarah (Miller) Beuzenburg. Included photo copies of 1905 Brant 1 School photo (Clarence Beuzenburg is one of students). Also a photo copy of Clarence Beuzenburg's "passing examination" certificate of 5th grade dated 1906.



DONATIONS to the Brant-Farnham Historical Society

JANUARY 2019

- **DONATION from Lynn and Rich Puff** - \$50.00 check. Thank you note sent to the Puffs which included the Glad Tiding's Cancel.
- **DONATION from Bill and Patty Friend** - One more week of advertisements in the Angola and the Eden-North Collins Pennysavers. (Grand total of 4 wks.) Various cookies, candy and fruit for the pictorial cancel event "visitor treat tables".
- **DONATION from Jeanette Mirusso** - Various Brant related items: Brant History books from 1939, 1989 and 1972 Erie County Historical pamphlet, Strawberry festival booklets (3), 1969 Piano Recital program, 1976 Brant Memorial Park dedication book, Funeral program for Rev. Leroy Perran (1968) of Holy Cross, Farnham. Also, Phyllis Notaro Testimonial Dinner program (1979), various "Evans Journal" articles, Blizzard of 1977 certificate and adopted constitution of Holy Cross Church.
- **ON LOAN from Ed Gerecke** - 1952 Farnham Kindergarten photo with 3 names. Returned.
- **DONATION from USPS** - De-commissioned Angola Horror pictorial cancel stamp. (Cancel date was 12/18/2017). This will be re-donated to the Evans Historical Society at a later date.

FEBRUARY 2019

- **DONATION from Don Hepkins** - Three Police Hats
- **DONATION from Bill and Patty Friend** - Historical Society weekly advertisement in the St. Anthony Church bulletin 1 year = \$125

MARCH 2019

- **DONATION from Faith Delong** - "Buffalo News" article regarding Ken Ditcher. He was 84 years young when interviewed for the Section/Story: "Saluting Our War Heroes/Stories about those who served".
- **DONATION from David and Marion (Brant) Berns** - Cub Scout Troop #398 pins and patches once belonging to their son Scott. David and Marion were troop leaders of Pack 398 for many years. Various family photos and certificates from circa middle and late 1800's (Marriage, etc.) for members of David and Marion's families. Loose pages from 1941 Angola High School yearbook. "Evans Journal" dated Thursday June 11, 1970, various "Buffalo News" papers (Blizzard of 1977 etc.).

APRIL 2019

- **DONATION from Bill and Patty Friend** - Happy 180th Birthday advertisements in both Pennysavers.
- **DONATION from Bill and Patty Friend** - \$10 Cash.

MAY 2019

- **DONATION from Bill and Patty Friend** - Pennysaver Advertisement expense; Youngest/Oldest citizen, photos for Brant and Farnham Businesses. Adv. regarding the 175th Anniversary of the Brant PO too. Cost for the envelopes. (2 separate designs from Evenhouse Printing. Qty 50 each design.) Advertisements were placed in two different Pennysavers, multiple weeks. Cost for all these items is available, but not included in this report.

- **DONATION from Pauline Bentkowski** - Items from when her husband Dennis worked on the Farnham 125th Anniversary book.

JUNE 2019

- **DONATION from Dan Rubeck** - Pizzolanti Tee Shirt.
- **DONATIONS Monetary:** See Treasurer's report
- **DONATION from Bob & Shirley Sager** - Zoning Map for Brant dated 06/28/1975.
- **DONATION from Bill & Patty Friend** - Brant Historical Society banners for this years summer festival display and advertisement in Pennysavers.
- **DONATION from Gary Muscato** - Diary from 1921. He doesn't know where it came from. Handwritten entries seem like they are for someone who was located in the city of Buffalo.

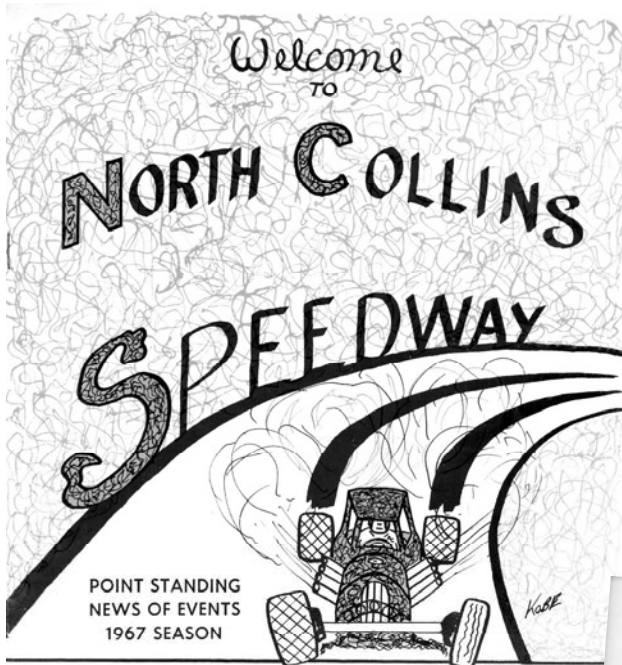
JULY 2019

- **DONATION from Rachel Switala** - Strawberry Festival books (1965,1966 +1970). 1976 Brant Memorial Park Book, Approx. 50 Mass cards. Diaper Pin Advertisement from Watts Pharmacy of North Collins, Weekly Reader on JFK from 1963, "Town Crier News" from Dearborn, Michigan 1973, Children's Hospital book (1942 or 1950), Office of Civil Defense Booklet 1968.
- **DONATION from Deb Wasmund** - Clint Holmes and Marlene Ricci news clippings and Pizzolanti information.
- **DONATION from Donna Borngaber** - Clark Borngaber items: 6-8 Life Magazines from 1964, copy of Declaration of Independence, Dumbo Book from when Clark was 6 years old (1942), U.S. President information booklet as advertisement for Stockwell/Huston which was an Angola business from 1940's. Clint Holmes Show Program.
- **DONATION from Roseann and Dan Gernatt** - \$100.00 Cash.



Spring Dance ticket for event at Brant Town Hall. Music by Angie and his orchestra. Ticket cost 42cent +8cents tax = 50cents each). Donated by Linda MacFarland and Cindy Miller.

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DONATION from Jim Cardamone - August 31 2019 - at Farnham Community Days - 1967 North Collins Speedway Book North Collins Speedway was located on Brant-North Collins Road aka Brant Road. The physical location was in the town of Brant, N.Y.

North Collins Point Standings As of August 11th

SUPER BOMBS		SEMI-LATE MODELS	
7	Cliff Norton, Hamburg	26	Bill Andrews, Leicester
65	Bill Torrisi, Kenmore	93	Leon Wilkinson, Hamburg
1	Butch Hoffman, Chaffee	56	Bob Gerspacher, Eden
11	Bill Brainard, Williamsville	59	Ron Wylie, Buffalo
91	Dick Ferraro, Colden	2	Brian Gillespie, Fort Erie
98	Jack Gentner, Orchard Park	T8	Bill Berkshire, Fredonia
5	Don Riffle, Tonawanda	33	Paul Johnson, Lima
90	Marty Lewis, Orchard Park	11x	John Geib, East Amherst
92	Buz Metzger, West Seneca	01jr	Jordan and Avery, Buffalo
41	Fritz Meyers, Yorkshire	35	Jim Raiser, West Seneca
29	Bud Johnson, Olean	51	Ray Duggan, Hamburg
36	Floyd Maltby, Hamburg	34ny	Don Reich, Buffalo
19	Stroker McGurk, North Collins	31	Ken Shirer, Tonawanda
2	Ron Baker, Arcade	33x	Jim Jividen, West Seneca
444	Jimmy Thompson, Cheektowaga	37	Doug Gable, Gowanda
		317	Art Barry, Cheektowaga
		54	Cliff Edwards, Silver Creek
		58	Don Hallenback, Gasport
		45	Bill Bleem, Big Tree
		18	Dave Miller, Lockport
		62	Dick Sherwood, Perry
		711	Mike Kowalski, Kennedy
		47	Jerry Stone, Hamburg
		T8	Jim Reynolds, Silver Creek
		14	Al DiCarlo, North Collins
		19	Bill Hughson, West Seneca
		16x	
		01jr	Don Hill, Gowanda
		H3	Howard Mattie, N. Warren, Pa.
		21x	Wayne Kendrick, Fort Erie
		9	Chuck McLeod, Derby

DONATIONS to the Brant-Farnham Historical Society

AUGUST 2019

- **DONATION from Cindy Miller/Linda Macfarland** - Brant Baseball uniform (sponsor was Angie's Restaurant) and Farnham Medical Technician shirt. (2) Spring Dance tickets for event at Brant Town Hall. (Music by Angie and his orchestra. Ticket cost 42cent +8cents tax = 50cents each), (4) Barn Mass photos from 2004 at Friend Farm, (2) Cow chip bingo photos from 2004 on Friend Farm and (5) Donkey Baseball photos donated in behalf of Mary and Angelo Militello Jr.
- **DONATION from Pamela Perrello** - Zip Code Directory
- **DONATION from Bill and Patty Friend** - \$350 worth of mounted photos for the Erie County Fair Display. Photo mounting was performed by Paper Factory in Dunkirk.



- **DONATION from Jim Cardamone** - August 31 2019 - at Farnham Community Days - 1967 North Collins Speedway Book. Jim pictured with the program book.

- **DONATION from Lorraine Dunkel** - 2003 News clipping "New Sign Welcomes Travelers to Farnham".

SEPTEMBER 2019

- **DONATION from U.S. Postal Service** - The three pictorial hand cancels (decommissioned) from the December 2018 pictorial cancel events. We will give Evans their decommissioned cancel [x] and retain the Farnham and Brant cancels.
- **DONATION from Patty Friend** - "Peace Bridge Billy" button. Bill Friend worked on the Peace Bridge for three years and was interviewed by Channel 4 news. You can Google "Peace Bridge Billy" to watch.
- **DONATION from Chiavetta Family Estate Sale** - Strawberry Festival Flag, AT Chiavetta & Sons berry punch cards for workers (1955) and farm advertisement notebooks of Chiavetta Bros. in Olean. (They were twin brothers born and raised in Brant, NY before moving to Olean.) Spelling school book that once belonged to Ida Chiavetta and Michael Chiavetta, various Strawberry Festival books, Brant Ladies Aux. cookbook from 1983 was Peg Chiavetta's, and various Town of Brant History books.

OCTOBER 2019

- **DONATION from Donna Borngraber** - Bucky Phillips Newspaper Articles (2006), old valentines addressed to Josephine Caccamise from 1938, Lynn Walters Evans National Bank statement from 1955, 1942 Angola High School graduation photo. (Clark is one of the students.) Letters from Supervisor Sam Chiavetta Jr. 1997 and 2000. The letters state that Clark was appointed as Fire Warden for the Town of Brant.
- **DONATION from the Evans Historical Society** - \$200.00 check for help with fair displays.

NOVEMBER 2019

- **DONATION from James E. Greene** - updated research booklet on the "Buffalo and Lake Erie Traction Co.".
- **DONATION from Donna Borngraber** - Clark Borngraber's report cards from 1-8th grade at the Brant #4 (Mud Street) School. 1942 visit to Washington, DC class photo, Lake Shore High School moving up day and graduation programs. Photo of the Clark Homestead at the "dip" on Brant-North Collins Rd., near the Brant Cemetery. Various other items.

JANUARY 2020

- **DONATION from Joyce Cureo** - various newspaper clippings. About (5) Farnham School photos from 1950 and 1952 with some names.
- **DONATION from Bill and Patty Friend** - William Friend Contracting pen, mass cards for Anthony Catalano, Phyllis Notaro and Theresa Quagliano. DM&K Enterprises candy jar, Bus Schedule from December 24, 1978. (Buffalo-Angola-Lotus Bay).
- **DONATION from John Hammond** - (via Email) - photos of family farm on Hammond Road belonging to George and Almira Hammond (approx. 1911). Mud Street School photo (listed as #6 School) 1909 or 1911. Includes Ivan Hammond (John's grandfather). John lives in Boise Idaho, moved there from Eden, N.Y. about 12 years ago.



FEBRUARY 2020

- **DONATION from Rosie Wiley** - postage sized photo of WWI Veteran Herman Timmerman. [KIA] She found it on e-bay and purchased for us as donation from herself and the Quagliana family.
- **DONATION from Janet Winters Ricotta** - Baby shoes and layette items once belonging to Jeanne Winters (wife of Carlton Winters).

MARCH/APRIL 2020

- **DONATION from Bill and Patty Friend** - \$600+ in Pennysaver Advertisements and \$181.00 in prizes for Brant's 181st Anniversary Contest Mar/Apr.

MAY 2020

- **DONATION from Martorana Family** in Fort White, Florida - Political memorabilia; Dr. Anna Martorana running for Councilwoman of Town of Brant. The flag pin is made in America!

DONATIONS to the Brant-Farnham Historical Society



Wedding photos of Howard and MaryAnn Toy. Twin sister RoseAnn was married to Jerry Sutton on the same day! A double wedding of the Muffoletto twin sisters! The couples were married at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church and the reception was held at the Brant Fire Hall - May 3, 1975.

L-R: Howard, MaryAnn, Jerry and RoseAnn.



L-R: Jerry and RoseAnn, MaryAnn and Howard

JUNE 2020

- **DONATION from Rubeck/Borngraber Families** - various items pertaining to Alice and Alfred Borngraber. Marriage certificate, funeral home guest books, various receipts; tax, funeral and cemetery. Birthday card from President of US to Alice Borngraber. Ronald Reagan in 1983 and Bill Clinton in 1993. Alice was 90 in 1993.

SEPTEMBER 2020

- **DONATION from Joyce (Bobseine) Ellis** - Her typewriter text book from school days.
- **DONATION from Rose Perrello** - Family photo of Rose, her son Frank and his wife Diane with quarts of strawberries.

OCTOBER 2020

- **DONATION from Mark Winters** - various family photos and information via email. Jpeg photos received, not hard copies.

NOVEMBER 2020

- **DONATION from Josie Catalano** - various local political memorabilia (Bowman, Kujawinski).

DECEMBER 2020

- **DONATION from Frank and Carol Zeffiro** - copy of their search and survey to hopefully help us in solving mystery of Brant's Haunted House.
- **DONATION from Kyle Walczak** - Box of Brant History items once belonging to Carlton Winters. (Kyle had emailed us and then dropped the box off at the Town Hall.)

JANUARY 2021

- **DONATION from Josephine Battaglia** - Mass cards for various years and various people through the years
- **DONATION from Lynn and Rich Puff** - Monetary \$50.00. Lynn's relatives were Villa family; early 1900 relatives who lived in Farnham.

MARCH 2021

- **DONATION from Patti Giglio** - Book "*Haunted Headlines and Phantom Posts*" Book published which includes story about "Brant's Haunted House". Website: theseoldbones.net

APRIL 2021

- **DONATION from Mr. Michalowski** - Angola High School Year Book before the school became Lake Shore High School.
- **DONATION from Marie and Mick Way** - a bag of "antique" Fred Brinkman correspondence.

MAY 2021

- **DONATION from Brant Town Board** - Copy of the Dedication Ceremony of April 7, 2021 for the Brant Senior Community Building Renovations. Councilwoman Janice Ross was overseer of project. Funding provided by CDBG block grant of \$100K plus matching funds of \$30K from the Town of Brant.
- **DONATION from Virginia and Gary Gehshan** - Two boxes of school books once belonging to Edna Winters Burgott, who attended the Brant I School and also taught there as well.
- **ON LOAN from Mike Graci** - June 2017 - Deeds from Canning factory property on Railroad Ave, [] not yet returned.

DONATIONS to the Brant-Farnham Historical Society

- **ON LOAN from Howard Toy** - May 2019 - Wedding photos of Howard and MaryAnn Toy. [Returned May 2021]
- **ON LOAN from Pamela Perrello** - August 2019 - Military photo of Joseph J. Perrello (Army Field wireman in Korea 1954 + 1955) [Returned May 2021]
- **ON LOAN from Mike Graci** - August 2019- PRE1945 photo of the Farnham School. (The photo once belonged to Jim Everhart.) [Returned May 2021]
- **ON LOAN from Joyce Cureo** - August 2019 Various baseball items related to Brinkworth Cardinals and "Rick Manning Day" trip to Cleveland, Ohio. Joyce had been scorekeeper for Brinkworth Cardinals and knew Rick Manning personally. Rick played for Cleveland Indians. He graduated from Lasalle High School. Joyce also wrote out the rules of baseball for us. [Returned May 2021]
- **ON LOAN from Josephine Battaglia** - September 2019 - photo of 1941 Angola High School classmates (Josephine took the photo so she is not in it). Photo of William "Bucky" Graci who graduated with her in 1941. [Returned May 2021]
- **ON LOAN from Diane Gomoka** - March 2020 - Military - photo of her brother John E. Gomoka (US Army) [Returned May 2021]
- **ON LOAN from Diane Gomoka** - May 2021 - Military - photo of her father Theodore A. and brother James T. Gomoka [Returned May 2021]

JUNE 2020

- **DONATION from Brant Town Board** - Various plaques that once hung in the Senior Center.



William Graci aka Bucky (Village of Farnham resident) at his Angola High School Graduation 1941. Photo loaned to us by Josephine Battaglia



August 2019 DONATION from Linda MacFarland (2) COW CHIP BINGO photos from event in 2004. Held at Bill and Patty Friend's farm as fundraiser for St. Anthony's and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Churches.



August 2018 DONATION from Gail Kolakowski "It happened here" book by Erie County Savings Bank 1969.



Farnham School (wooden) photo from Mike Graci. This was Mr. Everhart's photo



Postcard "Going through Farnham at 60 MPH". Photo by Lynn Walters. Postmarked Farnham 1909

THIS & THAT ABOUT FARNHAM & BRANT

This section of the news journal includes Brant-Farnham Historical Society news and activities from the minutes submitted to the Brant town board, as well as news of Farnham and Brant Board meetings and local Pennysaver news.

~~~~~2018~~~~~



Happy helpers at the ticket table of the Farnham Volunteer Fire Department's Chicken Barbeque held on Memorial Day 2018. (L-R): Andrea McEvoy, Melanie McEvoy, Gloria Maurer, Suzanne Seneca, and Ellsworth Nolan.

**June 15, 16 and 17** 15th Annual Brant Summer Festival at the Brant Town Park. Farnham Fire Department won 1st place in the Water-

ball Contest.

**June 19** Farnham Village Board Meeting

**June 20** Brant Farnham Historical Society Meeting (3rd Wednesday of each month.)

**June 25** The Brant-Farnham Historical Journal, Volume 52 is available. Distribution began at the Brant Summer Festival. Free until they run out.

**June 25** Brant Summer Festival display. Our display was well received with the main focus on our Military. We had a new banner made for our Military Veterans and two other banners for "Horsepower" theme. One with working farm horses and the other for Motorcycle theme. This was the 15th Annual Brant Summer festival. We provided the "historical center pages" to the summer festival committee for the information booklet which was distributed for the festival, again the focus was on our military veterans. We counted 131 visitors logged into our visitor book for the Brant Summer Festival. We again invited the Gowanda and Buffalo Model Rail Road club to join us in our display area. They brought the ever popular Thomas the Train area as well as their N-gauge portable display. Evans Historical society provided 3 large information boards on the Angola Horror Train Tragedy as part of a mini display. Janet Bowman, Marci Muffoletto, Donna Borngaber, Tracy Kaczmarek, Lorraine Dunkel, Josephine Battaglia and Patty Friend were helpers with one or more of the following: preparing the area for display, setup, sitting at display, taking down the display and transportation of the display items.

**July 2018** We had our News Journal ready for distribution at the Brant Summer Festival. Vol. XIX dated June 25, 2018 Vol. NO. 52. It has 52 pages and has been well received! We will have some for distribution at Farnham Community Days.

Discussion regarding Brant's Oldest Citizen. Patty received an email (July 6th) from Arlene Miller that her mom, Reva MacDowell is THE oldest Brant citizen. She turned 98 on October 7, 2017. After verifying the information with a few people, Patty ordered a new "Oldest Brant Citizen" Ribbon and is making arrangements to have a photo taken. Patty received the ribbon on

August 3, 2018 and hand delivered the ribbon to Reva on August 8, 2018. (Reva is currently at a Nursing facility in Eden.) A photo could not be taken at that time, however Reva's daughter Arlene did email a new photo of Reva holding the ribbon. We will put an article in the pennysaver with a correction. Next year we will advertise for the oldest citizen to be sure we don't leave anyone out in error again! Keep in mind that Josephine Battaglia is the oldest Farnham resident. Josephine doesn't mind getting bumped out of first place for the Brant title!

At our July meeting we also discussed the trolley route as a bike path and the Farnham boundaries. Ray Dunkel was looking for more information on Dan Kibler. Dan is one of the veterans on our veteran listing, who died during the War.

Our historical society was invited to join the Evans Historical Society with their historical display at the Erie County Fair. The Fair and historical building theme is "What your community did to help with the war effort". At our July meeting, we came up with the following ideas during our discussion: Ration books for food/gas/oil. Victory gardens, knitting individual squares to make a blanket for hospital. School kids bought stamps to put in a book and when filled can get a bond. War bonds, scrap drives (cans/aluminum foil/ newspaper), couldn't get tires or buy cars, make butter on farm to sell to city people and eggs too. Also sold pickles for \$0.01 cent each. Civilians spotting aircraft (Civil defense). (We know that Jere Hoisington's grandmother did this). Air raid warden; (Ray Dunkel was one.). [August information: The combined fair exhibit actually contained many of these items. In the end, the Evans Historical Society provided most of the display items and we provided some canning factory photos, copies of Josephine Battaglia's war ration coupons, some of our farm implements and canning jars. Set up was on 8/05/2018 and Patty joined six others from the Evans Society. We found out on day one of the Fair, that the display won "BEST IN SHOW"! Patty attended the awards dinner held at the fairgrounds on September 12, 2018 joining four others from the Evans Society.



**Alex Dispence and his wife Mallory were married September 2018**

**September 1st and 2nd** Farnham Community Days. We had a display at the celebration with over 75 People signing our book. (More visited but not everyone signed the book.) We gave away 27 books that were purchased at the Angola library book sale. All the books had something to do with history. (Young and old alike were excited to choose a free book!) We also had a raffle for the "Buffalo News Veterans of WNY" book. This was won by David Pruett. The \$40 book was donated by Bill and Patty Friend. The Tent and tables were "rented for free" to the historical society as donation by Chad and Tracy Kaczmarek and family.

# THIS & THAT ABOUT FARNHAM & BRANT

**September 6** Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary to Ray and Loraine Dunkel September 6th, 2018!

**September 21** HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO Beverly Wasmund on September 21st, 2018!

**November 11** Veterans Day service was held in Farnham and there was a nice turnout. Neil Ross gave speech. Coffee and donuts followed the service, with the Farnham Fire Department hosting. Devon Rovnak sang patriotic songs.



Joe Leone returned to his hometown of Brant, N.Y. for a visit to the historical society.

He is shown signing the mat of the Brant 1 School, which he attended over 75 years ago.

## November 2018

Jennifer Leone and her father-in-law Joseph F. Leone paid a visit to our October meeting. Joseph was a resident of Brant for much of his early years. He is 84 now. (Born January 2, 1934) It was a terrific visit and both were happy to be there and share stories with us. We found a photo of Joe in our 1964 Quarto-Sesquicentennial book of Brant as he had been on the executive committee for the anniversary celebration and the dinner and tickets committee. He also remembered driving a Ford convertible in one of the Strawberry Festival parades. He attended Brant 1 and Brant 2 schools as well as Farnham #5 (old) wooden and "new" modern school. He brought his mom and dad's wedding invitation (from 1924), and I believe the reception was held in the "Brant Garage". Joe's family once lived in "the old Hooper house", in the Pero apartment house at the Brant four corners and also in Farnham on Railroad Avenue next to Militello's store. His mom was Della Christopher and his dad Pasquale Leone. He said that his grandfather laid the brick road in Farnham. Siblings: Anthony, Lena, Irene and Antoinette. Joe was youngest. He was 9 years old when his dad passed away. His mom worked hard to support the family. Carl Totaro was Joe's best friend. Joseph is cousin of Mike and Bill Graci. Joe and Jennifer are planning another visit if the weather holds out!

Chad Kaczmarek has located the bronze historical plaque which once marked the location of the "Old Field Stand Inn" at the corner of Rt. 249 and Versailles Plank Road. The plaque is in the old garage building at the old town hall (which was sold to private individuals). Chad is working with the present owner to bring it to the town hall.


**November 2018** Received a phone call from Vince Martonis (Hanover Historian). As mentioned last month, he will be having a plaque dedication at Sunset boat launch (or harbor) to note the Trading Post run by "Black Joe". "Black Joe" was an early settler in this area. (Around the time of Amos Sottle.) "Black Joe" lived in Buffalo, Irving and Brant as well, so Vince would like

town officials to attend if possible. Patty did attend the photo shoot in November. Mark DeCarlo was unable to attend that day. An article will be submitted to the Dunkirk Observer by Vince Martonis which will provide more detail regarding the history.


**November 2018** Farnham Fire Department participating in the Fire Truck Christmas Parade in Lancaster, N.Y. Three new members of the Farnham Fire Department approved by the Department and the Village Board: Douglas Clear, William Nelson III and Melinda McEvoy (EMS).

*Special Christmas Season*  
**PICTORIAL POSTMARKS**  
at the Farnham, Brant and Angola Post Offices!

*Save your Christmas cards, packages and letters to Santa  
And mail them with a unique local postmark on these dates:*




**December 18th**  
Farnham, NY



**December 20th**  
Brant, NY

*And for those who prefer to send a "Happy New Year" message  
or a THANK YOU NOTE TO SANTA,  
...or possibly are just late sending Christmas cards!...*



**December 27th**  
Angola, NY

**A DIFFERENT POSTMARK AT EACH POST OFFICE!**  
*Add that small hometown remembrance for your recipient!*

Project initiated by the Brant-Farnham Historical Society. In cooperation with the USPS and Postmaster David Tempestoso. The cancels will be listed online in the USPS Postal Bulletin dated 12/09/2018 & 12/20/2018

## December 2018

New pictorial cancel project in December 2018 for three post offices: Farnham on Dec. 18, 2018, Brant on Dec. 20, 2018 and Angola on Dec. 27, 2018. Save your cards and letters to mail on these days and or receive hand-back delivery if you are collecting them. Thank you to David Tempestoso - Postmaster of all three post offices, for allowing us to have this project. Be sure to collect your piece of local history or mail to those out of towners who may be wishing they could be home for Christmas.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

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The cancels were announced and advertised in the Angola Pennysaver for three weeks. The Farnham cancel was included in the USPS Postal bulletin dated December 9, 2018. Brant and Angola will also be announced in the USPS December 20, 2018 Postal Bulletin. Patty plans on being at each of the Post offices for a few hours on each of the "pictorial postmark" dates.

**December 2018** Brant Town Board Meeting. Announced Speed Limit Survey results. In favor 19, Against 10, No preference 5. 45 seems to be the agreed upon speed limit. Talking about LED light conversions for street lights.

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January 2019

Update on the pictorial postmark project in December 2018. Involved three post offices: Farnham on Dec. 18, 2018, Brant on Dec. 20, 2018 and Angola on Dec. 27, 2018. Farnham first day totals (4 hrs.) 223 "Christmas Card Station" cancels. Brant first day totals (4 hrs.) 225 "Christmas Card Station" cancels. Angola first day totals (8 hrs.) 125 "Glad Tidings to You" cancels. Thank you to David Tempestoso - Postmaster of all three post offices, for allowing us to have this project as well as PSE Karen (Gugino) Herc and Carrie McDonough. Patty spent about 3 hours at each of the Post offices on each of the "pictorial postmark" dates. A table with holiday goodies, provided by the historical society was shared with those who came to the post offices. The first person to request the cancel at Farnham and Brant was Bob Kuhn. Becky Leone visited all 3 of the post offices. She resides in Angola and both she and her dad are collectors. Brant PO has a special book to sign for those who visited

the PO and received the cancel. Requests for the cancels are also mailed in and will continue to be mailed in until 30 days from the cancel first dates. Requests were received from as far as Oregon, California and Florida for the Farnham Cancel. Brant and Angola information will be available at a later date.

At our meeting that was supposed to be cancelled...but we ended up having one - Josephine Battaglia brought a certificate from President FDR in regards to Salvatore Battaglia (her brother in law, a Farnham native who was KIA during the WWII). She also brought in her high school autograph books from 1938 and 1939 -these were very cute!! Ray Dunkel is working on a project to find out where some of our veterans are buried - especially: Ray Koch, Herman Timmerman and David Briggs (we believe David is buried in N. Collins). Ray would like his records to be updated. This is his own personal project, but he will definitely share his findings with the historical society.

February 2019

Final Report: Pictorial cancel project in December 2018. Involved three post offices: Final Totals (on 30th day): Farnham: 317, Brant: 329, and Angola: 218. Farnham and Angola received 52 mailed in requests. Brant received 32 mailed in requests. International requests were received from Singapore and Canada. Brant PO recorded 44 names in their special cancel guest book for this cancel on December 20th.

February 2019 Brant Town Board resolution to appoint Ashley Kurcuz as part time patrol officer. Speed limit resolution will need to go to County and DOT per town attorney Bill Trask. Changing the speed limit to 45 mph on Versailles Plank, Mile block Road, Hammond, Hardpan and Lotus Point Roads. New Business included Proposed Local Law #1 2019. We currently have 2,000 residents in the town of Brant. Town Board consists of: Council Members Mike Muffoletto, Don Clark, Donna Marien, Janice Ross and Supervisor Mark DeCarlo.

March 25, 2019 Town of BRANT is 180 years old!

April 2019

Ray Dunkel reported that Veteran William Hoth is buried in Brant Cemetery. Ray is and has been trying to locate the final resting places of a few of our veterans. Ray is also putting out a request for help on the weekend prior to Memorial Day for volunteers to place flags on the graves of our veterans in our local cemeteries

April 2019 Farnham is moving ahead with replacing the street lights with LED lights. Farnham Fire Department said that about 60 kids attended the Easter Egg Hunt. Board Members: Trustees Vincent Rovnak, Yvonne Heller, Elizabeth Huffnagle, George Cordia, Mayor Jere Hoisington. The village Clerk-Treasurer is Jackie Hoisington.

May 2019

Discussion regarding the upcoming Brant Summer Festival. Discussed ideas of what to focus on for the display. It was suggested by the Festival committee to concentrate on the businesses of Brant and Farnham. The historical members think

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that is a good plan. We will place an advertisement in the Pennysavers asking for old photos to scan. Discussion followed regarding the Old Anderson Greenhouses in Farnham. Ray Dunkel, Jo and Russell Battaglia, Reva MacDowell, Atha Trask and Elsie Sager worked there. Ray and Jo said that Mr. Marchant (who lived next door to the green houses) was the manager. We have an copy of the aerial photo of the greenhouse that George Stephenson had loaned us for our 175th Anniversary Book of Brant. He currently lives in the home that Mr. Marchant had lived in. We hope to create another Veteran Banner as well.

Water Tower in Farnham - Last month the question was asked by Jim Russell: "Does anyone remember the water tower freezing?" Ray Dunkel responded that water towers should not freeze because the water from the ground is warmer and it circulates through the tower.

May 2019 Brant Town Board Meeting. Brant Supervisor budget modification includes adding a police vehicle to capital budget. \$30K. A public hearing is scheduled for June 6th to discuss Local Law #2. Police Chief Don Hepkins reported that he has two grants in process. (He does his own.) The police are participating in Operation Safe Stop at Lake Shore and North Collins Schools. Bailiffs are needed for police help because with the new plate reader. The new plate reader helps the police catch more people with outstanding warrants. It was noted that NYS DOT has our request for speed limit changes.

175th Anniversary of the Brant Post Office is on May 25, 1844 - May 25, 2019

May 25 We were reminded during early May that the Brant PO would celebrate 175 years on May 25, 2019. (Someone in Eugene, OR, wrote a letter to the PO asking for the date stamp on that date.) Luckily Carrie McDonough shared this with us and we were able to create two special anniversary envelopes. One design was hand drawn by a Brant 1 who was a 4th grader in 1995 - Paul Orlando. The other was a photo of the PO taken in 1982 by Carlton Winters. The day was a success. The PO was only open 2 short hours. Over 22 people signed the book in the Post Office.

May 2019 Memorial Day celebrations at Brant and Farnham

June 7 Farnham to have special meeting to discuss local law #1 at 7PM.

June 2019 Discussion regarding the upcoming Brant Summer Festival. It was suggested by the festival committee to concentrate on the businesses of Brant and Farnham. An adv. was placed in the pennysavers asking for old photos to borrow or scan. (Ran adv. for 2 weeks/2 pennysavers.) No responses received. Larry Lowell did volunteer to go around and take photos of businesses if needed. We are going to create a book for Brant Summer Festival too. We will only stick to the theme of Businesses. We will not include the years activities as we have for the past yearly journals. This will be a "special edition" focusing only on this topic.

June 14, 15 and 16 2019 The Brant Summer Festival display

theme was "Minding our Business". (Idea was suggested by the Brant Summer Festival Committee.) Our display focused only on businesses of Brant and Farnham through the years. Six tables packed with various memorabilia, photos and such. We had the DVD of the Joe F. Catalano and Sons Farm for all to enjoy as well. Two of the banners were made up of photos of various truck door advertisements of Brant and Farnham Businesses and a third banner consisted of 1959 business listings from DeWitt's phone directory. We had visited local businesses to photograph their vehicle door advertisements where/when time permitted. We collected photos after the banners were prepared as well (on-going project).

Our news journal for Brant Summer Festival (Vol. XX dated June 25, 2019 WHOLE NO. 53) was titled "Minding our Business." It was 72 pages. Quantity of 200 were published and distributed free, but donations towards them were and still are accepted. (Books cost about \$5.50 ea. to print.)

Celebrating the 127th Anniversary of the Village of Farnham on June 15, 2019

June Bob and Jeri Depovelo celebrating 50 year wedding anniversary with a big party at the Brant Fire Hall

June 25 Republican Primary; Joe Giambrone vs. Ellsworth Nolan for Highway Superintendent.

June 30 Fireworks at Brant Town Park (rescheduled from June 15, 2019 Brant Summer Festival date). The fireworks were VERY well attended.



Josephine Battaglia

July 6 Josephine Battaglia is 97 years old. (She is the oldest Brant and Farnham citizen!)

July Evans Historical Society contacted us to help with the Erie County Fair Display again this year. (We said Yes!) The theme was "The day that changed your town or village". We focused on the Railroads and Canning Factory business. The Evans/Brant-

Farnham Display at the Fair captured 5th place! Donated the "Glad Tidings" pictorial stamp (decommissioned) to the Evans Historical Society and related articles/ request submission envelopes.

Donated the "Angola Horror" pictorial stamp (decommissioned) to the Evans Historical Society and related articles/ request submission envelopes.

August 2019 Village of Farnham received engineering drawing plans for restrooms through DASNY Grant Project. Monday night concerts have been well attended. August 8th over 100 people attended. This was the final concert for the season. Lynda Ostrowski has been making arrangements for the bands the concerts for quite a few years now. Farnham Fire Department Explorers took 2nd place at Erie County Fair.

August 24 Tomato Festival at Evangola State Park.

August 31 - September 1 Set up a mini and basically unmanned display for the Farnham Community Days. We hung about six banners related to Farnham in the tent and also had a few pho-

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tos for display. We did not bring as much as usual because we did not have people who could stay for the entire two days. Also the weather was very wet. We did not want to place our historical items under the tent in that kind of weather. Side note: [It is possible that the Farnham Park will be renamed in the future. Currently referred to as the Steven J. Rauker / Veterans Memorial Park.]

September 2019 Farnham Village Board Meeting. Official Name of the Veteran's Park was discussed as the village would like to have a new sign made. Income Survey Progress reports, these need to be completed soon. Two quotes were received for elevator area on the village hall - both are close to \$9K.

September 21 Beverly Wasmund is 92 years old In the News! The Brant-Farnham Historical Society submitted a photo to the WNY HERITAGE MAGAZINE and they included it in their Winter 2019 issue. Be sure to pick up a copy! Also the editor of the magazine - Doug DeCroix is planning a visit to our historical society in 2020 to possibly get some ideas for a future article(s) on Brant/Farnham History in his magazine!

November Our historical room was available for viewing during early voting days. We were advised by the voting workers that our historical items and room were enjoyed by the visitors during early voting! Allen Nolan replaced two of our hallway banners with our current banners from 2019. Thank you Allen!

November 5 Election results: Ellsworth Nolan for Highway Superintendent, Janice Ross and Linda Giancarlo as Councilwomen and Barb Daniels as Town Clerk.

November 10 Brant Spaghetti Dinner at the Brant Fire Hall.

November 11 Veteran's Day services at the Farnham Firehall (moved from the Veteran's Park because of weather).

November 15 Sonny Catalano is 90 years old!

December 7 Town of Brant Christmas Tree lighting Ceremony

December 14 Santa Claus coming to Brant Fire Hall with Frosty the Snowman and Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer. Sponsored by Brant Ladies Auxiliary.

December Caden Herc is named Lake Shore Middle School Citizen of the month. He is in 6th Grade. His favorite subject is Science. He enjoys participating in the Art and Earth clubs after school. Caden also plays the Harp and Soccer. Caden's goal is to have a job in Biology or Chemistry. His favorite things in the world are animals. His favorite animal is the Panda. Caden feels that being organized is the most important trait for success. Information provided by Lake Shore CSD for the Angola Pennysaver.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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**January 6** Black Joe Hodge Marker placed in Sunset Bay by Hanover Historian Vince Martonis - Article in the Dunkirk Observer. Vince mentioned Brant in the historical story because of the historical ties of Amos Sottle, "black" Joe Hodge and the town of Brant.

**January** Land at 11926 Mileblock Rd, sells for \$84,000.

**January 11** David Berns is 88 years old.

**January** Kayla Friend, 6th Grader at the Lake Shore Middle School is recognized as Citizen of the Month. She is the daughter of Ronald Friend of Brant.

**January** The Angola Pennysaver calendar for 2020 includes winning photos from some Brant residents.

**February 1** Fullone Trucking is looking for drivers with Class A CDL

**February** Brant Cemetery Association is asking for grounds keeping bids for the four acre cemetery for the 2020 season. Contact Mark Winters.

**February** Mrs. Jennifer (Chiavetta) Hill's grade 4 class at Southtown's Catholic had "Valentine Stations". Pictured in the photo were Gianna Battista, Marlee Hill and Cole Herc.

**March 10** Town Board Meeting. CDBG Update. Project sent to engineering firm for bid specs for the Senior Bldg. project. \$100K grant received. Memorializing Resolution asking Gov. Cuomo to exclude any changes to the School Tax Relief (STAR) program in the 2020-2021 Budget. Summer Festival is scheduled for June 19 and June 20. Local Law #1 2020 - Alternative Veteran's Exemption. Copies available in town clerk's office. It is different from 1997 Law per Town Attorney Bill Trask.

**April - December 2020** No historical meetings due to Covid 19 **THE VIRUS/PANDEMIC** masks and social distancing required in all public places. Schools, churches, government buildings have to follow guidelines set by Governor Cuomo.

**March 25 HAPPY 181st BIRTHDAY TO THE TOWN OF BRANT**

**March 2020** World wide panic arrives as the Covid 19 Pandemic hits. Governor Cuomo locks down New York State. He was granted executive powers by the Legislature. Mandatory masks, schools, government offices, medical offices and churches, etc. are closed from in person attendance. Guidelines and restrictions are changing constantly.

The historical society held a contest in March/ April for Brant's 181st Birthday.

**March 29** Pennysaver lists Town of Brant office schedule. The offices are open by appointment only. Schools are closed with virtual learning via the internet connections.

**May 2020** The Schwartz Farm Greenhouse on Railroad Avenue in Farnham is open daily, but masks and social distancing are required as per advertisement in the Angola Pennysaver.

**May 3** Margie (Kusior) Pero celebrates her 75th Birthday!

**May** Harold Hauser celebrates his 80th Birthday!

**May 25** Memorial Day services in Brant are cancelled.

**May 25** Village of Farnham did celebrate Memorial Day. According to Mayor Jere Hoisington "I would like to thank Saint Anthony's RC Church, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Farnham Fire Department and the Veterans of the Village of Farnham for their help in honoring those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy as Americans. Although, the pandemic has

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Sadly for our history, the former Pero home and bar have been demolished

The Roadside Inn, Brant, N.Y. - 1935  
Charles Pero standing on the front porch.

made our traditional celebrations impossible, I am proud that we were able to show our love and heartfelt support on Memorial Day to those who gave so much for us." He also recognized and said "thank you to the Village employees for their hard work and dedication as they continue to work throughout the Covid 19 Pandemic. We believe that all residents deserve the services provided by their taxpayer dollars. Stay safe and God Bless!"

**May** Multi family home at 458 Commercial Street, Farnham sells for \$97,520.

**June 7** Lake Shore High School Class of 2020 Celebration Vehicle Parade begins at Evangola State Park and ends at Beach Road.

**June 8** The Town of Brant will be open during select hours 9 to noon. Facial mask and social distancing of 6 feet is required.

**June 20** Vacco Farms announces U-Pick Strawberries at 10685 Versailles Plank Road.

**June 20** Andolina's Roseview Strawberries is now open daily 9-7 for U-Pick at 10719 Brant-Angola Road, Brant.

**June 21** Mrs. Gina (Gugino) Hackbarth, born and raised in Brant, NY, (daughter of Geri and the late Peter Gugino) retires from Highland Elementary School. An award titled the "Gina Hackbarth Award of Excellence" will be given annually in her honor to the 5th grader demonstrating the highest standards academically and socially.

**June 26** Joseph V. DeCarlo, Assessor, files notice of completion

and filing of Assessment Roll after grievance day.

**June** Sale of single family homes at 10713 Detroit Street, Farnham \$92,500., 1521 Brant-North Collins Road, Brant \$102,000. and 601 Commercial Street, Farnham \$159,900.



**July 6** Josephine Battaglia celebrated 98 years on July 6th, 2020. She is the oldest citizen of Brant and Farnham!

**July 27** Brant-Farnham Monday Night Free Concerts 7pm-9pm at the Farnham Veterans Park. Judd Sunshine is performing.

**August 3** Brant-Farnham Monday Night Free Concerts 7pm-9pm at the Farnham Veterans Park. Pure Country is performing.

**August 27** Michael Chiavetta is featured in the "Gusto" for his potatoes grown at his Brant Farm. "Harvested in the morning, and by lunch they have been cleaned, bagged, cooked and ready to be served at Connors Hot Dog stand in Angola."

**September** Visit to historical society room by Rose Perrello and family. They left a photo for us (see donations) and also a little detail of their home that was on Brant-Reservation Road.

**September 27** Holy Cross Lutheran Church Cemetery accepting bids for cemetery lawn care and maintenance.

**October** Received request for copy of 1934 Angola High School graduation photo to be sent to Darrah Smith.

**October** Received request from Amanda Pero West for photos of Pero's Steak House and Bowling Alleys front view preferred. We emailed her related photos we had in our files. Sadly for our history, the home and bar/hotel are in process of being demolished. However, the back section of the building which once housed the bowling alleys will remain and become a part of the Pero Packing Company.

**October 17** Newly elected Farnham Officers take oath. Jere Hoisington as Mayor. George Cordia and Yvonne Heller are the Trustees. Jackie Hoisington was sworn in as Village Clerk.

**October 20** Doris "Weegie" Clear of Farnham was treated to a drive by parade as friends and family and local fire companies celebrated and recognized her 80th Birthday!

**October** Early Voting at Brant Town Hall on 10/24, 10/25/10/26, 10/30, and 10/31.

**October 28** Josephine Battaglia was interviewed by Mike Randall of Channel 7 News. At 98 years young she is the oldest citizen of Brant and of Farnham. (She was born in Farnham.) She was interviewed for her love of puzzles! For a wonderful and happy interview—the link is: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/video/news/she-a-jigsaw-puzzle-pro-and-farnhams-oldest-resident/vi-BB1avqxm>

**October 31** Halloween Trunk or Treat at the Brant Town Park 4-6PM. Follow CDC/Covid 19 Guidelines. Social distancing and masks are required.

**October 31** Halloween is observed in Village of Farnham 6-8PM. CDC and Covid 19 Guidelines in effect.

**November 10** Town Board Meeting. Police Chief Hepkins an-

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nounced that Patrolman Kevin Dalton took care of a Rochester woman who was extremely confused due to high blood sugar. There was a Silver Alert for her. Farnham Ambulance was called and took care of her. Family was appreciative for the good care she received from Patrolman Dalton and our Fire Department. A representative of a solar company visited the meeting to discuss the possibility of a solar farm at 885 Brant-Farnham Road. (Bob and Shirley Sager's residence). Omni Solar is name of the company and they explained the situation at length. She has presented her information three times in front of the town board so far. This would be the first Solar project for the Town of Brant if it is approved. Board is still investigating the situation in detail. The town is receiving reimbursement for COVID 19 related expenses from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The town received check from Auctions International for sale of highway department surplus equipment. Most of Erie County has been listed in the "Yellow" Covid zones, however, Brant and Farnham are not included in the Yellow Zone.

**November 11** Village of Farnham Veteran's Day Services were held at the Veteran's Memorial Park on Commercial Street. Farnham Mayor Jere Hoisington officiated and Deacon Lynn Whitworth of Holy Cross Lutheran Church began and later ended the services with a prayer. Veterans Ray Dunkel and Neil Ross provided comments and or speeches. Recordings of patriotic songs were played. Military flags in honor of the five branches of service were placed at the base of the monument by Veterans Michael Graci, David Pruet, Dennis Rubeck, Carrie Andolina and John Zambonini.

**November** Police Reform Committee established in the Town of Brant.

**November 19** David and Marion Berns celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary. Send well wishes to PO Box 31, Brant, NY 14027.

**November 29** Amelia (Herc) Zieba issues thank you to friends and neighbors for their support and kindness during the difficult time of her husband's passing. A special thank you to Peter Chiavetta

and also to the Brant and Farnham Ambulance crew.

**November 29** Lake Shore Central Middle School and High School 1st Quarter Honor and Merit Roll. 6th Grade Honor: Nicholas Orlando, Lucas Wehrfritz. 7th Grade Honor: Angelina DeJoy, Kayla Friend, Caden Herc. 7th Grade Merit: Claire Smaldino. 8th Grade Honor: Martin Castle Jr. 9th Grade Honor: Josephine DeJoy.

**December 5** North Collins Jr./Sr. High School 1st Quarter Honor and Merit Rolls. 11th Grade Honor: Maxwell Igielinski.

**December 8** Town Board Meeting. Community Building renovations are complete. Janice Ross did a great job with this project. Many positive comments have been received. Talk of upgrading IT system for courts. Town received reimbursement for COVID 19 related expenses from the CARES Act in the amount of \$14, 318.06. Passed resolution to request Erie County to levy the sum of \$1,125. cost to demo unsafe home to the property of 10950 Southwestern Blvd. in Brant. More discussion on the Solar Farm. Nativity Scene is set up at the Brant Center Park. Tables and chairs will be declared as surplus and will be put on a list for a silent auction. A new tractor with a power broom and brush hog is needed for the Highway Department.

**December 12** Town of Brant Christmas Tree Lighting at 5PM at Brant Town Hall. Thank you to Twin Pine 2012 LLC and Sam Sicurella for the Christmas tree decorations.

**December 12** Santa could not be at the Brant Fire Hall because of Covid 19 and social distancing requirements, but he will be making his yearly trip on the fire truck around the town of Brant beginning at 5PM.

**December 21** Police Reform workshop will be advertised. Public is invited. Linda Giancarlo and Don Hepkins are chairpersons.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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JANUARY – JUNE 2021 No historical meetings due to Covid 19 and THE VIRUS/PANDEMIC. Town of Brant Justice Court closed until further notice. The office is open to collect fines and pleas.

January 2021 Tracy Kaczmarek confirmed via email that Patty Friend is the appointed Historian for the Town of Brant for 2021.

January 1 Ernest Fuchs Jr. celebrates his 60th Birthday!

January 12 Town Board Meeting. Our town accountant, Richard "Dick" Gryska has passed away. 7PM Public hearing for Proposed Local Law No. 1-2021. Approved appointment of town electrician Billy Hamm at \$15.50/hr. as needed. Approved appointment and salary for Code Enforcement Officer/ Building Inspector Gary Becker for a one year term at \$8,610. Set 2021 rental fees for Community Building and Recreation Building. Accepted resignation of Daniel Welch, part-time Patrolman effective December 28, 2020. Appointed Caleb A. Bullard and Christopher A. Tedesco, as part-time Patrolmen pending background check approvals. 18 month probationary period to start after successful completion of Erie County Law Enforcement Training Academy. Passed resolution regarding extension of Senior and Individual with Disabilities and Limited Income Exemption. Debbie Ritz suggested that the town develop a procedure to better accommodate situations such as the Solar Farm.

January 19 Farnham Village Board Meeting. Trustee Elizabeth Huffnagle agreed to work with Janice Ross in obtaining bands for the Monday night Summer Concerts. Lynda Ostrowski decided to step down from at the end of the summer 2020. Funding is approved from 2020 CARES Act for Farnham. \$1M will help with improvements for the Veteran's Park.

February 2021 We would also like to begin work on the "Annual" Journal. We did not produce one in June of 2020, therefore this one will span 3 years.

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(June 26, 2018 - June 25, 2021). In past years we have had the journal ready for distribution at the Brant Summer Festival. That is again our ambition.

February 8 Police Reform Committee held a public meeting at 7PM at the Brant Town Hall.

February 9 Brant Town Board Meeting. Motion to approve Drescher & Malecki as Supervisor's appointment of Town Accountant with auditing duties and help with the Supervisors annual reports. Not to exceed budgeted amount of \$23K. Contract for Skylighters Fireworks for Brant Summer Festival on June 19, 2021 is approved. We currently have 15 policemen working in Brant (most are part-time). There will be six summer concert nights this year in Farnham.

February 11 Farnham Village Board Meeting. Approved Local Law 1-2021. Veterans Allowance Exemption Law. Farnham Fire Department logged 130 hours of volunteer time not including training.

February 21 Lake Shore High School Q2 Honor and Merit Roll. 9th Grade Merit: Josephine DeJoy. 10th Grade Merit: Shane Friend.

February 22 Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan created by the Town of Brant NY Police Department. It includes results and commentary on the Police Reform Committee findings. It will be voted upon at the March 9, 2021 Town Board meeting.

March 9 Brant Town Board Meeting. Police Plate Reader is now installed and works great per Police Chief Hepkins. Resolution to adopt Town of Brant NY Police Department Reform and Reinvention Collaborative plan. Quotes for John Deere tractor submitted to Town Board by Ellsworth Nolan, Highway Superintendent. Mark DeCarlo approved the purchase of 65 HP tractor with attachments. 2nd by Donna Marien. Approved by roll call. E-Waste begins April 2021. Approval of Rachel Miller as Part time Court Clerk.

March 14 Lake Shore Central Middle School Q2 Honor and Merit Roll. 6th Grade Honor: Nicholas Orlando. 7th Grade Honor: Kayla Friend, Caden Herc, Claire Smaldino. 8th Grade Honor: Martin Castle Jr.

March 2021 Submitted information to the Erie County Bicentennial committee to participate in their Passport Program which encourages the public to visit their local historical societies. People will be visiting participating EC historical societies and will have their "passports" stamped when they visit. It will begin the end of May 2021.

The Town of Brant celebrates 182 years on March 25, 2021

March 2021 Since March The historical society has been helping the Town of Evans with their Bicentennial projects. We have been submitting the "Focus on Evans" articles to the Angola and Eden-North Collins Pennysavers. Evans was "erected" on March 31, 1821. Land area of Brant was included in the town of Evans at that time and until the year of 1839. (Which is the year of our Incorporation.)

April 7 Dedication of the newly renovated Brant Senior Community Building. Dedicated to our Brant and Farnham Seniors "the foundation of our community". Councilwoman Janice Ross over-

ERIE COUNTY IS CELEBRATING 200 YEARS A BICENTENNIAL YEAR!

saw the entire project from start to finish. We received a CDBG grant of \$100K, with a matching \$30K from the Town of Brant.

April 2021 Contacted by WNY Heritage Magazine to submit brief history of Brant and Farnham and three photos by April 30th 2021. They are creating a book on the Bicentennial of Erie County so they are hoping to have each of the town historians participate. We said "YES" we will participate and the information was submitted.

April 12 Kevin Siepel (local Author from Evans) dropped off a CD of old photos to Patty. All of the photos are of Evans township.

May 3 Registration for Brant Recreation begins. Season is scheduled start July 5th, ending August 13th.

May 2 Lake Shore Central Q3 Honor/Merit. 6th Grade Honor; Nicholas Orlando. 7th Grade Honor; Angelina DeJoy, Kayla Friend, Caden Herc. 8th Grade Honor; Martin Castle Jr. 9th Grade Merit; Josephine DeJoy, Nicholas Kauzala. 10th Grade Merit; Shane Friend. 11th Grade Merit; Hunter Crouse.

May 2021 Received additional information on our participation in the Erie County Bicentennial "passport project". People will be visiting participating EC historical societies and will have their "passports" stamped when they visit. Our stamp # is 25. The stamps and more details will be supplied to us by the end of May. The project will begin the end of June 2021. The historical room will be open 3rd Saturdays of the month 9-noon beginning July 2021.* Note - we will not have the Wednesday evening meeting. *Change to Meeting time. We will consider the Brant Summer Festival our June meeting.

May 11 Contacted by Steven Lennon of Paper Route Productions, Inc. (Kindred Spirits). He will be using our historical room as part of his movie. He will visit on May 11th at 2PM. Town Clerk Barb Daniels will allow him entrance and provide assistance in finding death certificates for two young boys who drowned in mid 1900's.

May 11 Joseph V. DeCarlo Town of Brant Assessor files notice of completion of tentative assessment roll. May 25th set as grievance day.

May 11 Brant Town Board Meeting. Forty-five kids have signed up for the recreation program so far. E Waste program had a big turnout in April reported by Councilwoman Donna Marien. Councilwoman Linda Giancarlo reported on Brant Summer Festival: We will not charge a fee to the vendors or charge attendees for the bounce houses. Music on Friday 6/18 will be Everett Lee and Underground Stampede, Saturday 6/19 we will have Crash Cadillac and Terry Buchwald. All events including parade will be on Saturday. Fireworks will close out the day. Memorial Day services will be held in Farnham at 9 am. All are invited for refreshments at Holy Cross Lutheran Church following the Service at the park. Farnham Fire Department will have their chicken dinner beginning at noon. It will be drive thru because of Covid situation. Approved the following persons (pending background

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checks): recreation attendants as per list, Life Guards Emily Gordon, Eliese Maybee and Emma Kushner. Cameron Dahley was approved as part time patrol officer.

May 2021 Contacted by Kennedy Sole of Buffalo Seminary. She would like to interview a life-long resident of Brant for her school project. Mike Muffoletto volunteered to meet with her for an interview. (He said it went very well.)

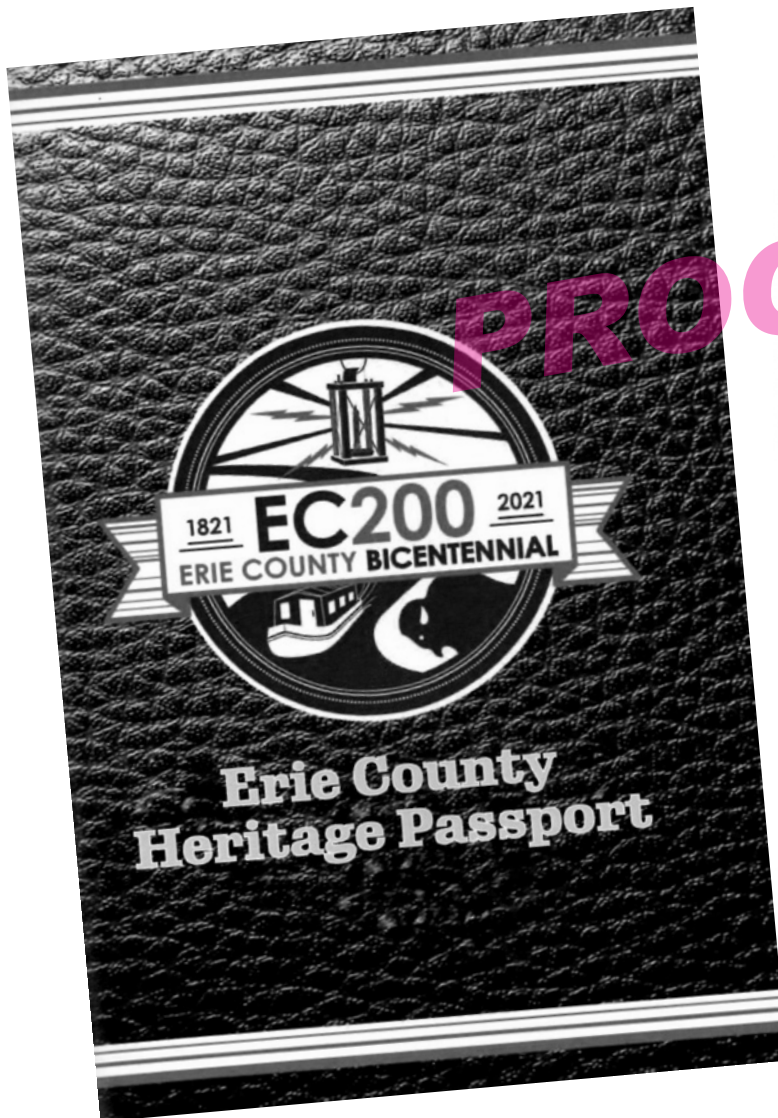
May 18 School Board Vote. Kathleen Chiavetta and Arlene DeJoy Mecca running for election. Five candidates for two seats. Congratulations to Kathleen who was re-elected.

May 25 The Brant Post Office celebrates 177 years.

May 31 Joint Memorial Day service for Village of Farnham and Town of Brant at Farnham Memorial Park. Drive thru Chicken Barbeque at noon at Farnham Firehall.

June 15 The village of Farnham will celebrate 129 years

June 18 and 19 The 17th Annual Brant Summer Festival. The historical society themes will revolve around "Family" and "Military". We will also be ready to stamp the Erie County Bicentennial Heritage Passports at our historical display, for all those participating!



Brant-Farnham Historical Society

Brant Town Hall, 1272 Brant-North Collins Road, Brant, NY 14027



Open: Third Saturday of the month, 9:30 am - Noon
Or by appointment

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Brant and the Civil War
- Famous Personalities
- Brant Strawberry Festival 1957-1971
- Canning factories, farms, farm labor camps
- Local businesses through the years

For more information:

www.brantny.com Dept: Historical, historian@brantny.com

Did you know? Brant was named after the Mohawk chief, Joseph Brant.



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The Erie County Bicentennial Passport Program to help celebrate the 200th year of Erie County!

THIS & THAT ABOUT FARNHAM & BRANT

The Historical Society and the Brant and Farnham Post Offices teamed up for a few events in 2018 and 2019



"Christmas Card Station" Postmark - Dec. 20th at the Brant, N.Y. Post Office. L-R: Postmaster David Tempestoso, Brant PSE Carrie McDonough and local postmark collector Ed Gerecki.



Karen Herc, PSE at the Farnham Post Office and Bob Kuhn holding his envelope, freshly stamped with the Farnham "Christmas Card Station" Postmark.

Pictorial Postmarks at Farnham and Brant

Christmas Card Station



Brant Post Office Celebrates 175 years!
PROOF 2
 May 25, 1844 - May 25, 2019

Carrie McDonough, PSE at the Brant PO is shown hand cancelling the anniversary envelopes with the local Brant postmark and date stamp.

These days, as most are aware, almost all of the area mail is transported to Buffalo or Rochester before the post office places a cancel on it. It is becoming rare to see a local post mark. However, on this anniversary date of May 25, 2019, those who requested it, received the hand-stamped round cancel on their envelopes. That means that the stamp of date and place gave credence and identity to one small town in America. A recognition of the significant fact that the letter began its journey at the Brant, N.Y. Post Office, Zip Code 14027.



Carrie (McDonough) Alderson



Sandy Fininzio is shown standing by the historical society's post office display. Sandy is holding the display photo of her husband Vince Fininzio. He was the Brant postmaster from 1993 to 2006 - in fact -Vince was postmaster when we celebrated the 150th Anniversary of the Brant PO in 2004! Both Sandy and Vince are Brant residents.



Brant resident Jerry Wittmeyer stopped in to collect the 175th Anniversary envelope of the Brant post office and the Brant, NY, 14027 date stamp.



Some folks read about the 175th anniversary of the Brant post office in the Angola and Eden-North Collins Pennysavers and decided to stop in!

THIS & THAT ABOUT FARNHAM & BRANT

BRANT-FARNHAM HISTORY CONTEST As posted in the Pennysaver March 2020

BRANT-FARNHAM HISTORY CONTEST *was held*

In honor of the Town of Brant's 181st Birthday on March 25th, 2020!!

The rules were:

HOW TO ENTER: SEND Name/Address/Phone/Email and ANSWERS #1-15 via U.S. Mail to: 181st ANNIVERSARY CONTEST, c/o HISTORIAN, PO Box 228, Brant, NY 14027. Entries must be postmarked by April 7th, 2020 to be eligible. Entries not accepted after that date.

RULES: One submission per person. All questions pertain to the history of the Town of Brant, N.Y. Answers 1-15 may be dates, numbers or more than one word in length. Submitted entries with ALL 15 answers correct have opportunity for TWO drawn winners to win a \$50.00 Amazon gift card. ALL submitted entries have opportunity for THREE drawn winners to win one \$25.00 Amazon gift card each. SIX drawn winners will win \$1.00 each. ELEVEN different winners in total. Prizes total \$181.00.

Town of Brant History QUESTIONS were:

- 1) The Town of Brant was incorporated on: _____
- 2) The Town of Brant was named after: _____
- 3) A private airport was once located on _____ Road.
- 4) The school at Milestrip and Mileblock Roads was # _____ school.
- 5) The Erie Preserving Company on Milestrip Road was also known as _____.
- 6) During the 1950's and 1960's the most "festive" crop in Brant was _____.
- 7) The Western most border of Brant is _____
- 8) The "Big Fire" on September 18th in Farnham occurred in what year? _____
- 9) Which U.S. President's Funeral Train passed through the Village of Farnham? _____
- 10) What park is 80% located within the Town of Brant's borders? _____
- 11) This famous Las Vegas singer-songwriter and entertainer was raised in Farnham NY and graduated from Lake Shore Central School. _____
- 12) The old Brant Red & White Store is today known as _____.
- 13) The current day Brant-Farnham Road was once known as _____.
- 14) The Soldier and Sailors Monument dedicated on May 30th, 1899 is a _____ and is located in the Brant Cemetery.
- 15) The Town of Brant's current Supervisor is _____.

The contest was held to help **CELBRATE OUR HISTORY AND
OUR TOWN OF BRANT'S 181st ANNIVERSARY!!**

*This contest was sponsored by the Brant-Farnham Historical Society
with donations specific to this contest*

Answers and contest results can be found at the end of the journal

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Expressing our sympathy to friends and family our community sadly misses:

August Militello (06/15/18)
 Nancy Orlando (7/04/18)
 Mildred Vacco (07/06/18)
 Laurie Egnor Ortel (5/24/18)
 Donald J. Walker (06/04/18)
 Mary Ann (Muffoletto) Toy (06/08/18)
 Patrick Dinsmore (08/09/18)
 Jean Rubeck Brunnelli (8/18/2018)
 Reva (Brinkman) MacDowell (10/03/18) (Her 99th Birth-
 day would have been Oct 7th)
 Donald Janik (11/04/18)
 Susan (Dole) Alessi (11/10/2018)
 John Renaldo (12/30/18)
 Marie Scalise (03/10/2019)
 Paul Schultz Sr (May 2019)
 Mrs. Evelyn Turnbull (99 years of age) June 2019
 Brenda (Bowman) Mayne (60) (06/12/19)
 Mrs. Joan Butlak (90), (06/19/19)
 Harold Welker (86), (06/23/19)
 Katherine Giambone (07/08/19)
 Steven R. Raczka (10/13/19)
 Justin (Judd) Granica (11/03/19)
 Jack Giangrasso (44) (12/04/19)
 Anthony (Sonny) Catalano (12/29/19)
 Phyllis Notaro (12/30/19)
 Rosella Morgano (01/04/20)
 Alphonso Butlak Jr. (01/06/20)
 Sherman Falk (01/08/20)
 Dan Carriero (01/10/20)
 Theresa Qualiano (01/10/20)
 Dr. Daniel B. Kujawinski (01/18/20)
 August Pingitore (05/2020)
 Theodore "Ted" Opie (05/17/20)
 Frannie Mae Furlano (05/29/20)
 Thomas G. Szymanski (07/21/20)
 James Spratz (07/29/20)
 Robert Depovelo (08/05/20)
 James Gearin (08/2020)
 Beverly Wasmund (08/20/20)
 Shirley Jones (08/22/20)
 Diana Jane Voss (08/25/20)
 Wilfred Barratt (08/30/20)
 Robert Saar (10/08/20)
 Jerzy R. Zieba (11/09/20)
 Karl E. Barge (01/09/21)
 Howard E. "Michael" Rathbun (01/11/21)
 Michael I. Rosen (01/21/21)
 John W. Alff Jr. (former Brant Code Enforcer) (01/27/21)
 Joan Reichart (02/05/21)
 Louis Guzzetta (02/07/21)
 Shirley Trask (04/07/21)
 Sam LoJacono (04/17/21)
 Rose F. Pinker (05/27/21)

And any we may have unknowingly omitted*

May they rest in peace

If you have names you would like mentioned in this section, please contact us.



The Evans Historical Society has been exhibiting in the historical building at the Erie County Fair for many years. In 2019, they graciously invited the Brant-Farnham Historical Society to join in the fun! The historical theme (set by the Erie County Fair) for this year was "What your community did to support the WWI and WWII war efforts". Both the Evans and Brant-Farnham historical societies provided the displayed items

The efforts of these two groups did not go unnoticed or unrewarded as this year's Erie County Fair historical display resulted in two awards - Honorable Mention (white ribbon) and the extremely coveted "BEST OF THEME" award. Yeah! "V"ictory! The folks from the Evans and Brant-Farnham historical societies had a grand time working together on this project.

Happy Birthday!!

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|-----------------------|--------------|
| David Berns | January 11 |
| Marian Berns | May 1 |
| Jo Battaglia (99) | July 6 |
| Josephine Friend (85) | August 7 |
| Josie Catalano | September 6 |
| Marilyn Cordia | September 7 |
| George Cordia | September 24 |

Congratulations!

- Marilyn and George Cordia celebrate 50 Years of marriage in June 2021!



ANNOUNCING!
 New Grandson for
 Maria Inglut Fetto
 and Mike Fetto:
 Anthony Verno IV
 born
 September 16,
 2020. First baby
 son of
 Anthony and
 Elizabeth (Inglut)
 Verno of
 Colorado Springs,
 Colorado.

Our Family



Herman and Phyllis
Muscato



Russell and Marie
Dispence



FOUR GENERATIONS L-R: Mary
Grace Falzone, Mary Ann (Militello)
Ball, Mary (Falzone) Militello and
baby Linda Ball (McFarland).



MEET THE MAYOR—Mayor and Mrs. Richard Hoisington and their children, Jere and Sue Ann, relax on the terrace of their attractive home in the village, the smallest of the 16 incorporated villages in the county.



Clockwise in photo: Ron,
Lynda, Randy,
David and Carol Mason



Wedding of Robert S. Russell and Mary T. Ferrino. November 12, 1955. Maid of Honor, Diane Pero, Best Man, James Ferrino. Bride's Maids: Rose Marie Catalano, Carol Gugino, Sue Hoisington. Groom's Ushers: Jack DeMaria, Richard Hoisington, Roy Wasmund.



L-R Front: Owen, Sam and Liam Friend. Back: Zach Davis, Ivan, Nora, Rusty and Jolene (Friend) Lemke, Katie Davis, Kayla, Ron, Amber (Kelly) and Shane Friend. 2020



Ernest & Augustus Falk



Bill and Rosalee "Tish"
Hill



Lenny Pero & sister Diane
(Pero) Chiavetta

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Mary and Angelo Militello Sr.'s wedding day. L-R Sitting: Laura Totaro, Mary (Totaro) Militello (bride), Lilly Totaro. Standing: Angelo Militello Sr. (groom) and Charlie Totaro.



Mary Louise Clark (seated) and granddaughter Edna Henry. Morgan Lewis Clark (seated) and granddaughter Florence Henry. To the far right standing is son Dorr Charles Clark and "old Bill" the horse.

Our Family



The John F. Winter's Family 983 Brant Farnham Road. Seated L-R Front: Edward Ahlers, Herbert Ahlers, Herbert Winters, Matilda Winters Jolls, Louis Winters, Josephine Ahlers.
 Seated in second row: Augusta Ahlers holding Adam Ahlers, John F. Winters, Frederica Winters, Minnie Middlemire (Grandma Winter's sister).
 Back Row: William Ahlers, Lavina Winters Stocker, Annie Winters, Charles White, William Winters, Louis Wasmund, Elizabeth Winters Wasmund, Harry Winters.



L- R: Angela, Frank, Peter III, Peter IV, Christine, Charles Pero. (Mom Lucille had passed.)



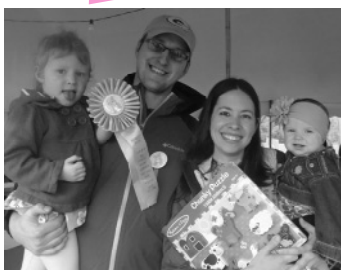
Angela (Ganci) Pero and Peter Pero



Mirusso siblings: Tony, Gary and Rosalee (Tish)



Craig Smith, wife Barbara and daughter Courtney. 2005



Raegan, Joseph, Erin and Iris McClure. 2019



Donna Marien and grandchildren Blake, Luke and Skylar. 2019



Belote / Small Family Reunion



James Frost, Anbua Frost and Carmelia Pizzolanti Frost



Sam and Janet Biando



Borngraber sisters Jean, Verna and Joyce

Our Family



Rose (Dispence) and Joe Trask



Morgan L. Clark (child, b.1845), Charles Smith Clark and Laura Butts Clark



Harold Voss with children Harold Voss Jr. Diana and Charles (Stevie). 1947 or 1948



Joseph and Phyllis Ellis



Grama Minnie (Heiden) Krull and her daughters: Louise (Lemmler), Martha (Mugridge), Hilda (Falk) and Christine (Carbeck).



Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Heiden

FAMILY



Josephine (Muscato) Kensy with children Doreen and John. 1946



Mary (Muscato) and Sam "Red" Cureo



William and Josephine (Spratz) Battaglia and daughter Joann Battaglia. 1986



The Herc Family L-R: Cory, Brecken, Cole, Krystle and Gatlin.



Eleanor Chiavetta with her son Paul Chiavetta



Annette and William Dispence



The Renaldo Family - 1914 Brant, N.Y. L-R: Donato, Lucy, Paul, Laura, Margarita (Mecca) and Kathryn Renaldo.

Our Family



Frank and Orazio LoGrasso Families who once lived in Brant on Ellis Road.



Alfred F. Borngraber and Alice (O. Clark) Borngraber



Marilyn (Spratz) and George Cordia



L-R: Mrs. Rose Perrello, Frank Perrello (son) and Diane Perrello (wife). 1953



Mary (Falzone) and Angelo Militello Jr.



Peter and Elizabeth (Marien) Czaster. 2016



L-R: Howard and MaryAnn (Muffoletto) Toy, Louise Muffoletto and Jim Muffoletto. 1975



Jacob and Sarah (Miller) Beuzenburg on their 50th Wedding Anniversary June 17, 1930



The Hill Siblings listed (but not pictured) in birth order; Donald, Doris, Donna, Carolyn, Catherine, William, Sandra and Rosemarie.



Joseph and Minnie (Lema) Muscato 1912



Llewellyn L. Walker and daughter Marie Louise. Circa 1933.



Dick Sager and nephew Bobby Sager. 1944



The Chiavetta homestead barn circa 1906
Joe, Tony, Nunzio, Louis (Luigi), Ida, Clara and Sam (facing barn)



Ron, Jolene, Sam, Patty and Bill Friend 1989



Roseanne and Dan Gernatt

Our Family



Russell and Josephine (Spratz) Battaglia



Anna, NF and Anthony Chiavetta



Mary (Muscato) Cureo with sister Josephine Muscato and Frances Muscato. 1934



Charlie Quagliana with his first wife Frances, and children George, Carmela and Frank (baby). 1908



May 1953 1) Russell Battaglia, 2) Therese Graci, 3) Cataldo Graci, 4) Steven Graci, 5) Diane Graci, 6) Betty (Christopher) Graci, 7) William Graci, 8) Rita Vacanti, 9) Anadiae (Graci) Vacanti, 10) Frank Vacanti, 11) Grace (Graci) Militello, 12) Donald Austin, 13) Laura (Graci) Austin, 14) Donna Lynn Graci



Cosmo Maley with his daughters Rose and Carolyn. 1942

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Kusior Family
Top: Stan Sr., Children: Daniel, Margie, Stan Jr. and Mary Lou



Adam and Mabel (Carbeck) Ahlers



Tamra, Corbin and Gerry Gonzalez



Josephine "Josie" and Anthony "Sonny" Catalano



Peter (Pietro) Villa family. From L-R: Isabella, Helen Alice, William, Stella, Anthony, Evangeline, Joseph, John, Salvatore, Nicholas, Josephine, Jennie, Charles, Concetta and Peter (Pietro) Villa. 1915



Francesco "Frank" and Crucifisca "Josephine" (Gugino) Muscato



Milford and Clara (Taylor) Calkins.

Our Family



Paulucci Family L-R: Seated Mildred Paulucci Shovlin, Lena Paulucci Abramo, Mary Paulucci, Rosalie Paulucci Mecca.
Back row: Samuel, Frank, Lucian, Stanley, Phillip, Joseph and Nicholas Paulucci.



Louis Asboth celebrating his 90th Birthday September 26, 2014
L-R: Betty, David, Benny, Billy, Louie Jr., Brian and Debbie.



George and Ehring Riefel



James Pizzolanti and son Mike 1919



Henry and Ruth (Walters) Miller



Wedding of David and Marion Berns married Nov. 19, 1955
L-R Back row: Vincent Brant, Frank Totaro, Jerry Swanson, Donald Stewart, Ellen Stewart, and Marilyn Emerson.
Front row: Cheryl Brant, David Berns, Marion Brant and Susan Berns.



June 30, 1920
L-R: Mae Winters, Charles Winters, Lettie Burgott, Emily Winters with son Frederick, Glenn Burgott, Edna Winters, Harry Burgott and Arthur Burgott.

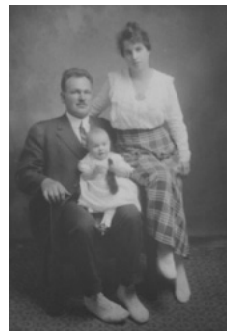
FAMILY



Baptism of Ella Elizabeth daughter of John and Krista Inglut. 2016



Cureo sisters: Geri 4, Joyce 6 and Judy 3. 1943



Winters Family: Frederick, baby Frederick and Emily



L-R: Rose Ciminesi (wife of Sam Ciminesi) (deceased), Don Aguglia, wife Sally seated, Frank and Mary Ciminesi, Mary Ciminesi and Joseph Ciminesi seated, Vincent and Sally Ciminesi, Jennie Cervola, Jessie and Herman Ciminesi. Not pictured Josephine and Nunzio Mogavero. 1995

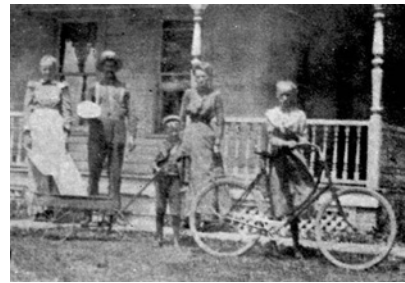
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Wedding of John Notaro and Margaret Monteleone April 11, 1920. L-R: Frank Nasca, Frank Notaro (Best Man), John Notaro, Margaret Notaro, Tina Nasca (Maid of Honor), Rose Notaro. Flower Girls: Margaret Zanghi, Nina Notaro and Josephine (Tillie) Notaro



Clark H. and Donna (Nearhoof) Borngaber



L-R: Sarah, Jake, Clarence, Anna and Jenny Beuzenburg. 1908



Ray and Lorraine Dunkel



Anthony and Leah Mirusso



Kathy and Linda Kusior



Phillip and Madeline Curo 1940



FIVE Generations of the Chiavetta Family



Muscato Family L-R: Row 1: Joseph, Minnie, Frank. Row 2: Charles, Josephine, Russell, Mary and Herman. 1933



Nordblum Family L-R 1st Row: Harry, Louis 2nd Row: Bertha, Joseph, Minnie and Frank. 3rd Row: Ernest, Amelia, Charles, Fred, Sabina and Bill. 1901



L-R: Back row: Jim Christopher, Jenny (Charmonte), Tom Christopher, Ed Christopher, Josephine (LoFredo), Sam (DiChristopher) Christopher. Sitting: Della (Leone), Grama Lena, Grampa Joe, Lizzi (Ursetti).

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Louis and Josephine DeMarco's Grandchildren L-R: Row 1 kneeling: Louie DeMarco, Sam Ralabate, Nunzio Chiavetta. Row 2: Louann DeMarco, Arlene Chiavetta, Paulie DeMarco, Michael DeMarco, Danny Chiavetta. Row 3: Linda Chiavetta, Paula DeMarco, Barbara Ralabate, Judy Chiavetta, Josephine DeMarco, Louis DeMarco, Gloria DeMarco, Wendy DeMarco Barone, Debbie DeMarco Wasmund and Geri Chiavetta.



Peter Pero Sr. and sons David, Peter Jr. and Lenny



Fred and Dorothy Brinkman

Our Church Family



The back of today's photo reads: "Ladies from Holy Cross Lutheran Church preparing for dinner at Schwert's Hall". The names listed are: Seated (L to R): Ida (Wasmund) Nordblum, Augusta Schwert, Clara Schrader, Lydia (Wasmund) Paul, Elizabeth Helwig-Betka. Standing (L to R): Mary Carbeck, _____, Marie (Paul) Sager, Matilda (Falk) Merow, Grace Berns, Irene Privettera. Schwert's Hall is the present day Butlak residence at 513 Commercial Street, Farnham, N.Y.



St. Anthony's Church Farnham First Holy Communion May 24, 1959
L-R First Row: Margie Rinaldo, [?], Virginia Weaver, Marc Paternostro, Sabin Paternostro, Russell Battaglia, [?], Judy Muscato, Madelyn Puffer. 2nd Row: [?], Sharon Rinaldo, Donna Muscato, [?], [?], [?], Gloria DeMarco, Donna Graci, Carol Totaro. 3rd Row: Yvonne Puffer, Caroline Sicurella, Fr. Cuddihy, Joyce Battaglia, Sharon Militello.



Holy Cross Lutheran Church Confirmation Class 1930



1943 Confirmation Class of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Farnham, N.Y. (L-R) are - Back row: Jeanne Kuhlman, Jeanette Hamman, June Ham, Pastor Voss. Front row: Ralph Hosler Jr., Betty Schrader, Verna Borngaber.



MOTHER—DAUGHTER CHURCH GROUP from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Brant May 19, 1940
Priests: Father Carey and ?, Back Row, Virginia, Gugino, ?,?,?, Christine Muscato, Christine Tripi, Millie Catalano, Rose LaDuca, ___Mogavero, ?, Antoinette Guzzetta, Rose Muscato, Concetta Mogavero, Mary Chiavetta, Santina Mogavero. Front Row: Mrs. Carrie Gugino, ?,?, Frances Muscato, Alice Tripi, Mary Catalano; Mary Sinare, ___Mogavero, ?, Rose Guzzetta, Frances Muscato, Mrs. Chiavetta, ?

Our School Family



Brant Dist #3 School, Upper Room 1933-1934 Maime Renaldo, Josephine Sabea, Margaret Conti, Genevieve Domagalo, Shyretta Long, Carmella DeCarlo, Josephine DeCarlo, Ellen Gebhart, Henrietta Long, Marie Renaldo, Lena Paulucci, Millie Domagalo, Herman Fullone, Paul Renaldo, Frank Paulucci, Nick Rinaldo, Robert Algambrias, Sam Paulucci, Peter Eppolito, Vilas Gebhart, Mike Sabia, Anthony Carduce, Mr. Robert Beck (Teacher), Donald Gebhart, Sam Fullone, Peter Rinaldo



Farnham "New" School, Grade 6, 1959-1960



Farnham School Basket Ball team 1952

1944 Farnham School 8th Grade Boys standing in front of Fred Manguso's Farnham Garage on Erie Road and Commercial Street. From L-R: John Rauker, Ray Dunkel, Ray Dymont, Frank Pinker, Leonard Pinker (hidden behind L. Pinker is Richard Nordblum). Missing from photo is Anthony Paternostro.



May 29, 1936 - Brant District #5 Farnham School Band. 1st Row (L to R): Al Walker, Joe Pingitore, Charles Cureo, August Pingitore, Frank Militello, Ann Zeffiro, Harold Bears. 2nd Row (L to R): Russell Battaglia, Charles Paternostro, Charles Wasmund. 3rd Row (L to R): Maynard Wasmund, Mister Everhart, (Principal), Howard Nordblum, Sam Christopher, John Lauricello, Angelo Ralabate, Raymond Koch, Joseph Militello, Mary Louise Walker, Mr. Deneke (Band Leader)



Brant 1 School Faculty circa 1998 (L-R) Arlene Daniel, Carol Zeffiro, Nancy Stock, Mari Grennell, Pat McClatchey, MaryEllen Murphy, Sandy Fininzio and George Romanowski.



Brant I School Conservation Day tree planting May 5, 1978. (L-R) Peter Fuchs, Jeffery Hickin, Greg Niedermeier, Gina Gerace, Felicia Jones, Denise Ambruster and Jessica Gerace.



Brant School #2, Lower room 1935-1936 Teacher : Louisa Krull L-R: Front Row: Sally Scalise, Anthony Fricano, Virginia Estee, Marie DiPiazza, Clarabell Holth, Pauline DiPiazza, Marlyn Taylor, William Estee, Frankie Tallchief. Back Row: Norton Case, Carlton Stanley Conklin, Louis Scalise, Henry Earl Conklin, Robert Taylor, Charlie DiPiazza, Richard (or David) Reynolds.



The Farnham School February 21, 1951. (L-R) BACK ROW: Gladys Belko, Robert Grundkovski, Russell Everhart (Principal), Alfred Walker, Corinne Wykstra. MIDDLE ROW: Francis Militello, Elsie Hosler, Laura Totaro, Eileen Loze, Daisy Campbell. FRONT ROW: Dorothy Hauserman, Geraldine Scott, Delores Rinaldi, Margaret Nordblum. Mrs. Netherling was absent.

Our Community Organizations Family



"Grotesque Costume Parade" and the winners were: FUNNIEST - Cathy Ball, CUTEST - Mary Anne Christopher and Linda Ball won the coveted GROTESQUE category!



1957 Brant Den #5 Cub Pack #211 Angola and Brant. Cub Master Bob Mayor was not in attendance. Jennifer Blanchard is leading, Ronnie Lomanto is carrying the beautiful American Flag and Jamie Lomanto is carrying the Den #5 Flag. At the far left is Den Mother Gloria Lomanto. Chuckie Joy, Rickie Blanchard, Michael Corsi, Len Pero and David Ciminesi are shown marching close behind.



Farnham Girl Scouts troop 900



Alphonso Butlak IV and his grandfather Alphonso Butlak Jr. demonstrate their blacksmithing skills at the 15th Annual Brant Summer Fest.

FAMILY



Farnham Cub Scouts 398



Brantfest 2010 Herman Ciminesi, David Berns



A few Hamburg Kingsmen Alumni Band members visited with sisters Beverly (Ahlers) Wasmund (front) and Janet (Ahlers) Bowman (back.)



Brant Summer Festival 2007 or 2008. Zach and Alex Kaczmarek clowning around!



Farnham Drum Corp. 1960
Members in Full Uniforms
Row 1: Christine Carbeck, Mabel Ahlers, Elaine Hooley, Joanne Maley, Ann Kavko, Carol Gujano, Rosella Morziano, Beverly Wasmund (Drum Major), Mary Ann Manning, Jeanette Mirusso, Joanne Hostain, Dorothy Letta, Alice Marchuk
Row 2: Dolly Muscato, Lucy Nordblum, Dorcas Colvenbach, Esther Beuzenburg, Margaret Nordblum, Janet Bowman, Dorothy Lawrence, Ann Ahlers, Marilyn Russell, Gert Foss, Edith Walker
Row 3: Walter Rath (Instructor), Shirley Beardley, Shirley Fleuger, Marge Beck, Joyce Cullen, Jean Brunsell, Alice Borngaber, Verna Ditcher, Pat Chado, Dorothea Nordblum, Lavina Kahlman, Thelma Wasmund, Sophie Dunkel



Members of the Brant NY Cornet Band (circa 1910). L-R Standing: Bill Gezett, Art Hammond, Harry Goldsmith, Chas. Reymon, Milford Calkins, Ferris Beuzenburg, William Beuzenburg, Wesley Velzy. Front: Jack Ellis, Henry Dispenca, Orley Velzy (kneeling), Martin Krull, Frank Lehley, Bill Weinborg, Howard Walters (kneeling), Ed Falk, George Beuzenburg.



L-R: Sally Ciminesi, Herman Ciminesi, Frank Lorenz, Nunzio Chiavetta and Leah Mirusso as they promote the treasured (and of course most delicious) crop of Brant, N.Y. 1958



Our Community Organizations Family



Brant Little Loop Football



Lake Shore Youth Football at the Brant Town Park 2013



Brant Baseball 1998 Championship team, family, friends and trophy



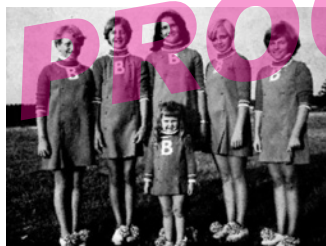
FUN TIMES

1954 Brant baseball team



The Brant Basketball Team;
1925-1926

(L-R) Seated: Rudy Mogavero, Emil Chiavetta. Standing: Carl Chiavetta, Frank Notaro, Tony Leone, Sam Chiavetta, Charles Drago.



RAIDERS CHEERLEADERS 1968

Donna Schlenker, Donna O'Connor, Jill Russell, Ruth Ann Ray, Cheryl O'Connor, Janie Mirusso



Pero's Ladies Bowling League: (Left-Right) Row 1 (sitting and kneeling in front): Delores Kubiak, Jean Kubiak, Irene Zmuda, unidentified, Vera Pachó Viggiano, Alice Gugino, Mary Cimesi, Sophie Catalano, Antoinette Guzzetta Kahn, Angela Pero, Millie Catalina, Mae Mecca, Fran Militello and Patti Militello. Row 2: The first 8 are unidentified, Grace Militello, Shirley Zeffiro and Anna Spratz. Row 3: The first 6 are unidentified, Beatrice Trippi, Eleanor Chiavetta, Rosella Leone, Mary Curoo, Mary Militello. Row 4: Unidentified, Patricia Dickinson LaDuca, next 4 are unidentified, Josephine Chiavetta, Ethel Morgan, Carrie DiCenzo, Millie Stone, __ Dunham, Leah Mirusso, Evelyn Chiavetta and Mary Chiavetta.



Buffalo Evening News hardball team Brant Bombers 1968 or 1971



Donkey Baseball (Farnham Fire Department Fund Raiser)

Our Local Government Family



Brant Police 1969 or 1970 Clark Borngaber, Paul Renaldo, Russell Battaglia, C.G. Fullone, Anthony Paterostro, James Mirusso



March 25, 2014 L-R: Janet Bowman and Farnham Historians: Josephine Battaglia and Beverly Wasmund



Cobin Gonzalez, winner of the Brant-Farnham Historical Society's Search for the Oldest Tree Contest and Brant Town Board Members. (L-R): Councilmen Don Clark, Mike Muffoletto, Corbin Gonzalez, Supervisor Mark DeCarlo and Councilwomen Donna Marien. May 8, 2018. Corbin is the son of Tamra (LaDuca) Gonzalez and Jerry "Taco" Gonzalez.



Town of Brant Supervisor receives recognition. L-R: Councilmen: Chad Kaczmarek, Mark DeCarlo, Mike Muffoletto, Supervisor Leonard Pero and Police Chief Don Hepkins. Supervisor Lenny Pero had served the town of Brant for the past fifteen years, and made a decision to not run for re-election.



2017 Village of Farnham Officials L-R sitting: Trustee Yvonne Heller, Trustee George Cordia, Mayor Jere R. Hoisington, Trustee Elizabeth "Dolly" Huffnagle, Trustee Vincent Rovnak. Standing: Water Dept./Dept. of Public Works Ellsworth Nolan, Village Clerk-Treasurer Jackie Hoisington



March 1990 Ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Historical room* once located in the old Town Hall. Front: NYS Assemblyman Francis J. Pordum, Supervisor Bill Fricano, Town Clerk Rose Marie eMaria, Back: Historian Ron Pfeffer, Councilmen: Walt Gier, Leah Mirusso and John Arrigo.



1988 Farnham Swearing in of Village Officials. LR: Bill Fricano, Ron Kobel, George Cordia, Gene Czyz, Mayor Martorana



The 1965 Town of Brant Police Department. L-R: Sam Fullone, Russell Battaglia, Wilfred Mackey, Acting Chief Joseph LaDuca, Clark Borngaber, James Mirusso, and Anthony Paternostro.



The Town of Brant Assessors on March 27, 1971 were L-R: John Walker, Lawrence McDowell and Walt Gier.

Our Fire Company Family



2017 Farnham Fire Department Members
From bottom row to top row, L-R: Ron Kobel, Phil Green, Peter Chiavetta, Bob Maurer, Ellsworth Nolan, Suzanne Russell, Gloria Maurer, Frank Zeffiro, Jere Hoisington, Jim Haley, Jason Hoisington, Aislin Rovnak, Lisa Richardson, Andrew Radwan, Cordaro Amaya, and George Cordia



The 1968 Brant Volunteer Fire Department Officers (L-R) are Dick Horwood, John Jacobs, Vince Leone, James Muffoletto, Jack Fox and Sam Muscato.



(L-R) TOP ROW: Margie Pero, Annette Dispence, Phyllis Muscato and Gail Blackmer.
MIDDLE ROW: Jennie Pero, Jean Carriero, Marie Dispence, RoseMarie DeMaria, Florence Grat, Rosemary Bedaske, Angela Pero and Mary Mancuso. And in the FRONT ROW Willa Fricano (she wasn't Rosenblatt at that time) and Sharon Catalano. 1976



Farnham Fire Dept. 1992 Standing L-R: Frank Zeffiro Sr., Bill Fricano, Fred W. Brinkman, Howard Maltbie, David Militello, Mark Green, Shelia Rauker, Ellsworth Nolan, Harold Green, Letha Zobrist, Peter Chiavetta, Jennifer Hamm, Ron Kobel, George Cordia. Kneeling L-R: Amy Hamm, Frank Zeffiro, Michael Green. "Smokey" the Dalmatian. Not in photo: Robert Brant, Jim Militello, Floyd Puffer, Jim George, Richard Borosky, Carl Militello, Herman Dorsey, Kevin Davis, Fred Ball, Ed Hamm, Leanne Decker, Bill Herb, Jamie Hamm, Diane Giangrosso, Jim Russell, Jim Porsley, Anne Zazycki.



Looking over the new Brant fire truck on December 1, 1966 are (L-R): Chester Grat and Ted Herc, Chief Pete Pero, Charlie Minor and David Pero Sr.



2017 Farnham Ladies Auxiliary Members Sitting L-R sitting: Marilyn Cordia, Faith DeLong, Jackie Hoisington. Standing: Sherry Radwan, Cheryl Russell, Mary Coia, Debbie Amaya.



Farnham Fire Department - 1926 or 1927 L-R: James Pizzolanti (on the fire truck), Jack Weir, John Carbeck (standing on back), Art Avey (no hat and behind flag), Fred Paul (with flag), Harmon Schwert, Luther Sager, Norman Schultz, Adam Ahlers, Mark Crawford, Henry Badka, Clarence Crawford, Charles Nordblum, Ray Hammond, Lynn Carbeck, Tom Walker, Lee Walker, Carl Kuhlman, Carl Cook, Ralph Hosler, Christ Berns, Clarence Kuhlman, Louis DiMarco, and Frank Pingitore.



Brant Fire Company Marching Unit of 1959. (L-R): Jack Fox, Herman Muscato, Peter Pero Jr., Charlie Minor, Bill Mackey, Unknown, David Pero, Vincent Ciminesi, Joseph Catalano, Vincent Ciminesi, Joseph Catalano, Frank Ciminesi, Sam Glietta and Joseph Muscato.



1959 planning fashion show, Lee Mirusso, Jessie Ciminesi, Toni Kajm, Lucy Guzzetta, Phyllis Blanchard, Angela Pero, Alice Gugino. Brant Fire Company Ladies Aux



Brant Fire Department Installation of officers. David Pero, X, Joe Giambro, John Herc, X,X,X, and Dick Horwood

Our Business Family



Union Hotel, Brant-Reservation Road, Brant. Circa 1911. William and August Ahlers were owners.



The Brant Red & White store, operated by Mrs. Florence Grat. Photo is from an old Christmas postcard "Greetings and Best wishes for the New year from Flo, Chet and family". 1964.



Spampinato's Brant Inn, Brant-Angola Road, Brant. 1920



Chiavetta's Catering, Brant-Angola Rd., Brant. L-R: Phil Pericak, Jonathan Pericak, Kathleen Chiavetta, Peter Chiavetta.



Pero Lanes, Brant, N.Y. Pictured (L-R) are Helen Greene (Team Captain), Pro-Bowler Phyllis Notaro, Angela Pero, Lenny Pero and two of Phyllis' sisters - Nina Notaro-Faltus and Bertha Notaro.



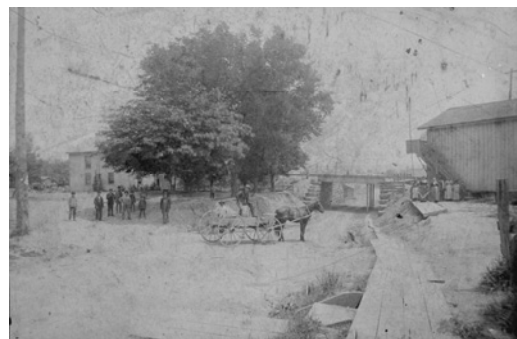
"Dad & Mom" Walker (inside Schwerts Store), Commercial Street, Farnham.



BRANT GARAGE, Brant — 1925
Marion Fricano on tricycle, John and Mary Fricano on either side of the gas pump.



Employees of D M & K Enterprises on August 30, 1986 are (L-R): Back: Unknown, Clark and Donna Borngraber (Owners), Harriet Fisher, David Hamm, Mark Gerwitz, Marty Castle, Allen Nolan, Matt Gerwitz. Front: Unknown, Jennifer Hock, Kevin Bogold.



Frederick Brinkman's Store (right side of Commercial Street) and home (on left). Late 1800s.



George Lehley's Hardware Store at Brant Center. George Lehley and son Frank Lehley



Willet and Wheelock Nursery. Farewell dinner given by J. Gaynor on December 28, 1910



Catalano Brother's Farm: Brant-North Collins Road. L-R: Pat Catalano, Tina Catalano, Sonny Catalano, Delores Catalano, Joe Catalano. Circa 1943



Employees of the Fenton Canning Company Milestrip Road, Brant, N.Y. Circa 1888

CORRESPONDENCE

Subject: Brant Historical Society
From: Gail Kolakowski
ggkolakowski@gmail.com
Date: Sat, March 24, 2018 12:35pm
To: historian@brantny.com

Dear Ms. Friend,
My grandmother, Edna Winters Burgott, was born in Brant and spent her life there. My mother Henrietta Burgott Gehshan died a few years ago and I have been going through boxes of her things. I have a number of items that I would be glad to donate to the Historical Society. When my sisters and I last visited in Brant our cousin Mark Winters showed us the wonderful museum room you have at the town hall. If you have room, here are a few things you might want me to send along to you:

--Brant school items. Edna taught in this school. I have a slate (about 8 x 10" with wood frame) that the kids used for their lessons and a McCall "speller" from 1925.

--Angola High School -- books (1913, 1915) and other school materials.

--Strawberry Festival cookbooks from cousin Carlton Winters.

--my grandfather Harry Burgott went off to WWI with the group from Western New York. I have some materials about that.

I will no doubt find more! Please let me know if any of this is of interest and where to send the box. Many thanks!

Gail Kolakowski
202-236-2468

April 2019

Email inquiry from Jay Kempton - requesting information regarding his ancestor George Washington Kempton, who was married to Maria Grannis. Georgianne Bowman has been helping us with this request. Patty did send Jay some information on the Grannis family which Georgianne had compiled in 2013 for the historical society. Jay emailed a copy of the 1925 marriage license of Fred Kempton (born in Brant, NY) to Cora Strang in Portville, N.Y. (Fred's parents were George Kempton and Maria Grannis.)

May 2019

Email inquiry from Fred Parker - looking for information on his ancestors who one lived in Brant, N.Y. and were early settlers in Erie County. Patty has sent Fred some information and will be sending more soon. Ancestors are: John K. Parker, born in PA in 1820, buried in Brant in 1899 and John's wife Mary who was born in 1822 and died in 1866. We found record of John K. Parker living in Lot 22 consisting of 83 acres in the 1878 assessment rolls (Cain and Morley Roads. The property was valued at \$2400.00 and his tax was \$12.90). The 1880 map shows the 83 acres in Lot 32, but the assessment records have it listed as Lot 22.

November 2019

Email inquiry from Chris S. in Germany, wondering if we have any information on his Hoffman (Hovman) relative who, as the family story is told, was run over by Oxen in the Town of Brant in 1840. We are hoping that Georgianne Bowman can help us with this. His wife's maiden name was "Kern". We did find mention of this Oxen tragedy in the 2002 North Collins History book. The page was scanned and emailed to Chris S early March. He is still looking for the marriage certificate of Frederick Hoffman and Catherine Kern,

January 2020

Email inquiry from Michael Duggan, wondering if we have a 1970 photo of his wife as Strawberry Festival Queen. Her name was Kathy Culligan, now Kathy Duggan. We have not yet found one. We contacted him to see who her sponsor was. It was Bob Beck, so Patty called Bob. Bob had thrown away the old photos about 4 years ago. He will try to contact some of the other people who may have photos and then get back to us. Bob said the sponsor was actually the Shoreliners who were a Drum Corp out of Lakeview Fire Hall.

Email inquiry from Fred Parker regarding Ansel Smith. He wonders if there is any record of any daughters Ansel Smith had. His 4th great-grandfather married a woman with the maiden name Smith and named one of his sons, Ansel. Wondering if it is a coincidence or a relation.

Email inquiry from James T. Bucki, regarding the exact 20 acre grove and air strip once located near Southwestern Blvd and Hardpan Roads.

Email inquiry regarding "Hurricane Hall" somewhere near Milestrip Road and bordering the Cattaraugus Reservation. (Contacted the Assessors of Brant to see if they have any records pertaining to this.) May have been located in Lot 26 or Lot 19. Email received 10/12/20 confirming that Lot 26 was where "Hurricane Hall" was located. Closest to western border of Lot 26. Brant's "Haunted" house was located here. We had shared entries of Frank and Carol Zeffiro's search and survey (which they had donated a copy to us in December 2020) with Patti in December 2020. We had contacted the Zeffiro's as well as Sue and Carl Falk to see if they recalled a home on the reservation end of their properties. A day ago, we came across a small notation of the Hickey Farm being sold in an Angola Record Newspaper (5/28/1928). Shared this piece of information with Patti Unvericht 02/07/2021.

January 2021

Email received from Luke Walczak; he has items from his Uncle Carlton Winters that he dropped off to the historical room in December 2020. On 2020-12-21 13:29, Luke Walczyk wrote: "Hello -I am writing because I have 2 boxes of what I am told are historical documents that need to go to the town of Brant or The Historical Society. I have been helping my uncle clean out his basement and I would like to honor his request to have these delivered to your office. I truly have no additional information on the contents or relevance of the documents but I have included a couple pictures. These documents are located in Lackawanna."

Email from Deputy Clerk Amanda: "I had a lady call this morning asking you to call her. I guess you had been in contact with her via email but she said she no longer has access to her email account and she was wondering if there was any update on the Strawberry Festival queen. Her name is Maryann Conrad." **Maryann Conrad** looking for photo of strawberry festival. Hoping we have one that is of her friend. We are keeping watch. If we come across photo she may be interested in we will contact her again via phone or email.

Email from Maria Inglut Fetto: with news for the next journal. (New Baby)

February 2021

Emails from Vince Martonis and Nancy Barton.

Nancy's relative is Chauncey Stone who has ties to Brant and to Angola, N.Y. We have sent Nancy various items (news clippings and "Stone Family" articles as found in the old Evans Journals.) She is pleased. She really is interested in the marriage certificate, but per Barb Daniels, our Brant Town Clerk records do not go back to 1843. Nancy Barton has shared photos with us as well.

February 2021

Email from Vince Martonis He has a tin type pho-

to of Laura Ann Dutton which we can purchase for \$5.00 He emailed: "I found a tintype of a woman in an old box I was sorting. I had it wrapped in paper. On the back somebody wrote: 'Laura Ann Dutton Brandt'. She looks to be about 20 years old. I bought it at an antique shop in Fredonia over 20 years ago. She's not buried in the Brant, Fuller or Huson cemeteries. I did a quick search and only found a Laura A. Dutton in Eastern NY born in 1835, later moving to IL and IA." We will arrange purchase from Vince in the near future.

Email from Cynthia Small Taylor requesting a copy of the Belote Family Reunion. She would also like to plan a visit to the historical room in April on a Saturday morning. She listed her ancestors: "Smiths held the first Brant meeting in their home where officers were elected in forming the town. Jacob and Catherine (Miller) Small homesteaded in Angola in early 1880's, Eleanor Belote was born in Brant in 1853, Frank and Crucifissa Totaro settled in the house next to the water tower in Farnham on Lotus Bay Point Road and Route 5. Leslie B. Smith of Ban, was my great-grandfather." cynthiasmalltaylor7@gmail.com

PROOF 2

Memorial Day



The inscription on the base of the Civil War Cannon monument which resides in the Brant Cemetery

The Civil War cannon, a gift from the Federal Government, had been transported by a horse drawn wagon from Angola, N.Y. to the Brant Cemetery in 1897.

On May 10, 1899, several G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic) veterans, led by Elbridge G. Fenton and Morgan L. Clark (both of Brant, N.Y.), met at the Brant Cemetery to build a base for the civil war cannon. The cost to build the base was recorded at \$45. Ten days later the cannon was mounted on the base. Then on May 30, 1899 - **Memorial Day** - the James Ayer Post No. 202 hosted dedication services at the site. The inscription on the cannon base reads as follows: *"Erected in memory of soldiers and sailors of the war of 1861-5."*

Both Elbridge and Morgan fought in the Civil War, with each first enlisting in May of 1861. Elbridge Fenton was a Sergeant in Company B of the 21st New York Infantry and for his second enlistment a Private of the 9th Battalion of the 33rd Light Artillery Battery.

Morgan L. Clark was a Private with Company D of the 8th Illinois Calvary. He later enlisted as a Private, Company C of the 67th Regiment, New York Infantry (National Guard).



CONTEST ANSWERS

BRANT-FARNHAM HISTORY CONTEST OF MARCH 2020

Town of Brant History questions and [ANSWERS] ARE:

- 1) The Town of Brant was incorporated on: [March 25, 1839]
- 2) The Town of Brant was named after: [Chief Joseph Brant]
- 3) A private airport was once located on [Hardpan] Road.
- 4) The school at Milestrip and Mileblock Roads was # [3] school.
- 5) The Erie Preserving Company on Milestrip Road was also known as [Fenton or Fenton Canning Co.].
- 6) During the 1950's and 1960's the most "festive" crop in Brant was [Strawberries].
- 7) The Western most border of Brant is [Lake Erie].
- 8) The "Big Fire" on September 18th in Farnham occurred in what year? [1899]
- 9) Which U.S. President's Funeral Train passed through the Village of Farnham? [President Lincoln]
- 10) What park is 80% located within the Town of Brant's borders? [Evangola State Park]
- 11) This famous Las Vegas singer-songwriter and entertainer was raised in Farnham NY and graduated from Lake Shore Central School. [Clint Holmes]
- 12) The old Brant Red & White Store is today known as [Brant Post Office].
- 13) The current day Brant-Farnham Road was once known as [Mud Street].
- 14) The Soldier and Sailors Monument dedicated on May 30th, 1899 is a [cannon] and is located in the Brant Cemetery.
- 15) The Town of Brant's current Supervisor is [Mark DeCarlo].

Please note: Of the entries submitted, we did not receive any with all 15 answers correct, therefore, we will hold those two first place prizes (total value \$100) for a different time/activity. There were nine possible prizes remaining to be drawn/awarded with a total value \$81.00. The 9 winners will be notified very soon!!

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR HELPING US CELEBRATE OUR HISTORY AND OUR TOWN OF
BRANT'S 181st ANNIVERSARY!!

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11) This famous Las Vegas singer-songwriter and entertainer was raised in Farnham NY and graduated from Lake Shore Central School.

[Clint Holmes]



3) A private airport was once located on [Hardpan] Road.
Photo is circa 1929

CONTEST RESULTS

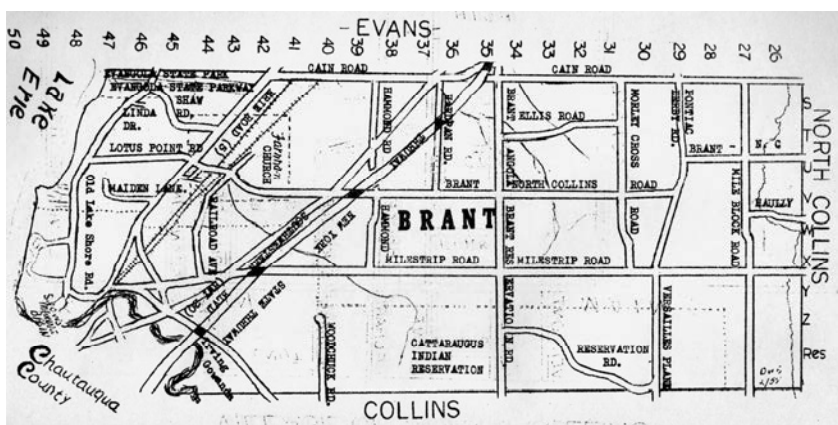
The Results of the Brant-Farnham 181st Anniversary Contest HELD IN MARCH 2020

The results are in! A contest consisting of fifteen questions regarding the history of the Town of Brant and Village of Farnham was listed in the local Pennysavers to help celebrate the 181st Anniversary of the town of Brant. The original date of incorporation was March 25, 1839. The contest rules were set as follows: *“One submission per person. All questions pertain to the history of the Town of Brant, N.Y. Answers 1-15 may be dates, numbers or more than one word in length. Submitted entries with ALL 15 answers correct have opportunity for TWO drawn winners to win a \$50.00 Amazon gift card. ALL submitted entries have opportunity for THREE drawn winners to win one \$25.00 Amazon gift card each. SIX drawn winners will win \$1.00 each. ELEVEN different winners in total. Prizes total \$181.00.”*

Entries from as far away as Fredonia, Hamburg, North Collins, Lakeview, Angola and Silver Creek were received during the two week period. The enthusiasm for local history was certainly encouraging! Unfortunately, none of the entries submitted had all 15 questions correct, so the “ultimate” prizes of (2) \$50.00 Amazon gift cards (total value \$100.00) could not be drawn at this time. Nonetheless, each of the submitted entries had the opportunity to win the remaining prizes (total value of \$81.00) no matter how many answers were correct or incorrect. The NINE drawn winners are: \$25.00 Amazon Gift card with 1 to each of THREE winners; Judy Driscoll, Katelynn Beavers and Pauline Masters. There were SIX \$1.00 monetary prizes issued to: Ashley Price, Robert Giannicchi, Kayla Friend, Sandra Heusinger, Katie Davis and Arlene Miller. An independent person drew each of the winner’s names.

We found that the top two questions stumping many of the entrants were questions #4 and #12: 4) The school at Milestrip and Mileblock Roads was # [3] school. 12) The old Brant Red & White Store is today known as [Brant Post Office].

We hope everyone enjoyed the “history test”! We were overwhelmed and delighted that so many participated. Again, because not one of the entries met the criteria to win the top TWO prizes, we do plan on having another contest in the near future, so please continue to read the local history articles as they appear in the Pennysavers!



7) The Western most border of Brant is [Lake Erie].

1959 Town of Brant Map found in the Dewitt Town Directory of Brant and North Collins, Erie County



6) During the 1950's and 1960's the most “festive” crop in Brant was [Strawberries].

Pictured: Rose Dispence at Brant Strawberry Festival in 1966 .

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Thank you!



The Strawberry Festival committee preparing our most famous crop during the beloved Strawberry Festival Days. The festival was most definitely a Brant "family" effort!

2018 Memorial Day Services held in Farnham, N.Y. Veterans of Brant and Farnham in attendance - pictured L-R: Neil Ross, Mike Graci, Dennis Rubeck, Ray Dunkel, David Berns, Joe Lomanto, Don Munch and Steve Raczka.



THE HISTORIAN'S NOTEBOOK

Hello! Here we are in a brand new year of 2021! YAY!

Since our last news journal of 2019 so many things have transpired. The year of 2020 went by with no events anywhere due to the pandemic of Covid 19. Everything was cancelled or had strict regulations such as weddings, fairs, athletic games, school, grocery shopping, church, and medical appointments. Defining "normal" will be up to each of us, as we all move forward.

Via email correspondence, we have received and collected many family histories, local organization stories and photos. Our historical files have continued to grow strong! THANK YOU to all who have been sharing local history with us.

A listing of the 2021 Historical Society related activities:

Celebrating the 182th Anniversary of the Town of Brant

- = ***Printing and distribution of our 2018 - 2021 Historical Journal with the focus on FAMILY***
- = ***17th annual Brant Summer Festival June 18th - 19th***
- = ***Special historical display at Brant Summer Festival, highlighting our Brant and Farnham Family as well as our Military***
- = ***Participating in the Erie County 200 a Bicentennial year passport program.***

Celebrating the 129th Anniversary of the Village of Farnham

General information on these events can be found inside this journal. Watch the local papers for more updates as well.

In order to make this journal a success, much help is needed. We are inviting anyone who has a story to tell or a photograph to share to please contact us. We welcome your ideas and suggestions. You may submit articles/photographs to historian@brantny.com or in person to Historians Yvonne Heller, Dolly Huffnagle, and Patty Friend. You may also bring them to the Town and Village Halls.

The BRANT-FARNHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

If you would like to help us collect and preserve the history of Brant Township, you can become a member of the Brant-Farnham Historical Society. Membership rates are \$10.00 - Individuals, \$15.00 - Families for January through December.

Our plan is to publish a journal yearly in June, or quarterly on the 25th of March, June, September and December. Articles for publication should be submitted no later than the last day of the month preceding each issue.

Historical Meetings are held the 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM at the Brant Town Hall. You are also welcome to visit the historical room during the Town Clerk's office hours.

APPOINTED HISTORIANS

Farnham: Dolly Huffnagle, Yvonne Heller
Brant: Patty Friend

Brant Township celebrating 182 Years of Incorporation

March 25, 1839-March 25, 2021

The village of Farnham 129 Years of Incorporation

June 15, 1892-June 15, 2021

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