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# Hello and Welcome!

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The theme selected for the Brant Summer Festival of 2022 is "HERO". Using this theme, we have prepared both our Summer Festival Display and Our News Journal. We hope you find both interesting and informative!

If one chooses to "Google" "what makes a Hero", they will find descriptions of various types of Heroes and Heroines as well as definitions of their characteristics. Who do YOU consider to be the hero or heroine in your own life? Your Parents or Grandparents? A Veteran, Policeman or Firefighter? A Teacher? Your neighbor or your friend? If you ask a child they will most likely give you the name of their favorite Super Hero or Sports Hero. We each have our own ideas about who we admire or who has made a positive impact in our lives and why.

There are Classical, Modern, Military, Local and Everyday Heroes. Each hero has characteristics worthy of admiration such as Bravery, Courage, Determination, and Honesty. they are Helpful, Selfless, Inspirational and persons with Moral Integrity.

With these thoughts in mind, we made the decision to focus on a common EVERYDAY HERO - THE FARMER. We have heard it said that "Farmer's Feed the World" and this is a fact. It was the farmers of our community who helped our town to grow and prosper - and they continue to do so to this day. Our Town of Brant flourished and grew because of the local Farmers and hard working Farm Families. The Strawberry Festival of the 1950's - 1970's was created to celebrate the delicious crop grown here in Brant. Those beloved

festival days are still remembered to this day. Although family farms are not as numerous as in the past, we still are fortunate that there are farmers willing and able to devote their time and energy EVERYDAY to keeping us and the world fed. It is not a 5 day a week, 9-5 job as many are aware. It truly is an EVERYDAY / ALL DAY job.

Along with recognizing our Farmers as the Heroes today, we also believe it is important to honor our Military Veterans. As in past issues, our journal continues to include our Military section. The sacrifices made by our Veterans and the families of our Veterans, most certainly can be defined as Heroic. For this we pay tribute.

The Brant-Farnham Historical Society is doing its very best to record the activities, events and achievements of our historical society as well as our community during this past year. You will find the updates within the pages of this journal. We would like to highlight that the Town of Brant celebrated 183 years on March 25, 2022 and the Village of Farnham celebrated 130 years on June 15th, 2022!

As we close, please join us in honoring our Everyday Hero - The Farmer. Give thanks for all they do and provide. Ponder for a bit, what life would be like if we didn't have them...AND...be sure to celebrate your own hero / heroine...whoever they may be.

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

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

Josephine Battaglia 100 Years on July 6th 2022!!



Josephine (Spratz) Battaglia was on July 6, 1922 in Farnham, N.Y. 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 wonderful children, Ronald, Joyce and Russell.

Through the years, Josephine wore many different "hats": wife, mother, a cook at the Farnham School and she was also a Village of Farnham Historian for a number of years.

Even today she keeps busy with church, golf, 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!! She is our local sweetheart!



Jo and Russ Battaglia



Shown L-R: Ronald, Andrea, Linda, Theresa and Josephine Battaglia (Farnham's Oldest Citizen) with Mayor Jere Hoisington in 2017.



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



# 2021 Brant Festival Photos



The Brant Farnham Historical Society

Our historical display at the 2021 Brant Summer Festival focused on "FAMILY". The theme selected by the summer festival committee was well received by those in attendance. With items from our various collections, we were able to highlight the various families and "types of families" in our community: the Military Families, Business Families, Organization Families, Church and School Families as well as the "traditional" family units found in of our Village of Farnham and Town of Brant. We had plenty of information, display items and memorabilia for visitors to enjoy. Our 2021 Journal was also ready for distribution with the focus of course on "FAMILY".

## The Brant-Farnham Historical Society Display at the Brant Summer Festival

Western New York Heritage Magazine had a "SPECIAL" for the Brant Summer Festival attendees. Besides enjoying the FREE copies of their magazine, visitors also had the opportunity to get a deal on a magazine subscription!



Brothers Mike and Bill Graci enjoy reading the latest historical journal as well as spending some time in the historical display area.



Amanda Stadlmeir of Derby, N.Y. "Ford Tractor and an Amazing Bright Red Sky. Amanda won the First Place Blue Ribbon for her entry.



### "PEOPLE'S CHOICE" Photo Contest

The PEOPLE'S CHOICE Photo Contest WINNER'S were:

FIRST Place "Blue" Ribbon: Amanda Stadlmeir of Derby, N.Y. "Ford Tractor and an Amazing Bright Red Sky"

SECOND Place "Red" Ribbon: Elaine Ahrens of Angola, N.Y. "Gorgeous Yellow Sunset"

THIRD Place "White" Ribbon: Brendan Dillimouth of Derby, N.Y. "Spectacular Waterfall"

FORTH Place "Green" Ribbon: Mystery woman photographer! She collected her photo(s) and ribbon before we could find Out her name! "Captivating: Hummingbird"



Terry Buchwald arriving in style as "ELVIS" at the 2021 Brant Summer Festival. The festival crowd was more than ready to listen and dance to the music. Gotta hear that "Jail House Rock" One more time!!! Ha Ha!!



As we are located in Erie County, we were part of the 200 year celebration. The Historical Society participated in the EC200 Heritage Passport Project





Parade Judges (L-R): Lenny Pero, Shannon Shepherd, Sandy Finizio an Joanne Kaczmarek.

**18th Annual Brant Summer Festival announces the Parade Winners!**



Parade Winners (L-R); Bruce Barratt, David Agle, Ivan Lemke, Nick Burbige, Josephine Battaglia and Tracey O'Donnell.

The 18th Annual Brant Summer Festival parade was held on Saturday, June 19th, 2021. 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. This year's parade judges were: Past Town of Brant Supervisor Leonard K. Pero, Shannon Shepherd (Town of Evans Public Relations Assistant to Mary Hosler) and town of Brant residents Sandy Finizio and Joanne Kaczmarek.

**The four judges determined the winners to be as follows:**

- Community Spirit - "Brant Police Department leading the parade with Josephine Battaglia - Brant's Oldest Citizen"
- Most Unique - "Kenworth Truck" owned by David Agle
- Most Original - "Pero Farm's Brockway Truck" driven by Bruce Barratt
- Most Beautiful - "Seneca Nation Fire Truck"
- Honorable Mention (2) - Silver Creek Fire Truck and Brant Fire Truck
- Most Creative - "Gator" (Ivan Lemke)
- Best Tractor - Case Tractor owned by Nick Burbige
- Each of the categories mentioned were awarded a corresponding prize ribbon. The first four mentioned categories also won a monetary prize of \$50 each. (The Town of Brant Police returned their Each parade contestant received a 18th Annual Brant Summer Festival participation Ribbon. All ribbons are made in the USA.



Leading the parade was Patrolwoman Tracey O'Donnell with our Oldest Citizen Josephine Battaglia



Bruce Barratt - Most Original



David Agle - Most Unique



Seneca Fire -- Most Beautiful



Nick Burbige - Best Tractor

# 2021 Brant Festival Photos & 2022 Details



**Josephine Battaglia**  
Josephine was recognized as Brant and Farnham's Oldest Citizen in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and again in 2022!

## 2021 THE 18th ANNUAL BRANT SUMMER FESTIVAL

The HAMBURG KINGSMEN ALUMNI DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS once again performed at the Brant Summer Festival. You can see them in the far background if you look closely.



The Brant Volunteer Fire Department participated in the PARADE and also ran the FIREMAN'S WATER BALL COMPETITION. That is Marty Castle in the driver's seat.



The BOUNCE HOUSES are always a hit with the youngsters!



Brant Seniors hosted a BAKE SALE at the Summer Festival. Shown (L-R): Marlene McSkimming, Margie Pero, Jo Battaglia, Faith DeLong and Janet Bowman.

## \*\*\* The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual BRANT Summer Festival \*\*\* at the Brant Town Park 2022

June 17th, 2022 is opening night with music by Everett Lee and Underground Stampede

June 18, 2022 music by Terry Buchwald "Elvis", and Innocent Bystander

June 18th will also have: Local firemen Water Ball competition, FIREWORKS and FREE Bounce Houses for the kids!

Chicken BBQ, car show, tractors, Mechanical Bull-Ride, Kid's games,

Basket Raffle to benefit SHARE

Historical Display, Vendors, Gowanda Model Railroad display, strawberry shortcake,

"People's Choice" PHOTO CONTEST,

Corn Hole Tournament, Kids Drag Race with battery powered vehicles and much more!

1 1/2 days of fun and celebration!

**There will be TWO Hero's PARADES on Saturday June 18, 2022**



# The Farmer - Our Everyday Hero

The New Topographical Atlas of Erie County, printed by Stone and Stewart in 1866, gives us the following information about the Town of Brant during that time.

Improved Acreage.....	8,492
Unimproved acreage.....	3,727
Population.....	1,376
(710 males, 666 females)	
Frame houses.....	271
Families.....	293
Horses and colts.....	344
Meat cattle, other than cows.....	481
Cows.....	868
Swine.....	635
Sheep and Lambs .....	1,861

Bushels of winter grain.....	867
Bushels of spring grain.....	17,439
Tons of hay.....	1,976
Bushels of apples.....	16,673
Bushels of potatoes.....	16,075
Pounds of butter.....	37,505
Pounds of cheese.....	111,00
Pounds of wool.....	3,478
Yds. Domestic manufacture.....	1,299
Pounds of pork.....	55,772
No. miles of public road.....	47 1/2



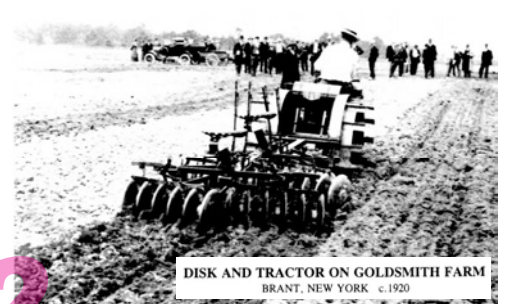
**Harold Voss** 1950 fitting ground with team "Dick and Molly".



Maryanne Militello in front of her Grandpa **Falzone's** garden, Perry Street, Farnham.



**John Giambrone** plowing ground **Giambrone Farm**, Ellis Rd., Brant.



DISK AND TRACTOR ON GOLDSMITH FARM BRANT, NEW YORK c.1920

**Edward F. Goldsmith** farmed in Brant from the late 1880's to about 1930. The farm was located on Milestrip Rd. and principle crops were fruit and vegetables with some dairy cattle and poultry. Possession of the farm was obtained by Martin J. and Lena Krull in 1932. **KFK Farms** operated here. (Krull-Falk-Krull)

## A TIME TO PLANT and A TIME TO HARVEST



HARVESTING TIME, BRANT, NY



Combining the rye on the **Charlie Arrigo Farm**, Milestrip Rd., Brant.



Fall 1981 **Bobby Sager** picking corn, Hammond Rd., Brant.



**Gus Pingitore** (center)



**Sager Farm** 1944 Pete, Hayden, Sandy & Bobby



Tomato Fields of "Whisper Joe" Catalano, **Joseph & Helen Catalano Farm & Vineyard**.



Collecting Sap for Maple Syrup, **Friend Farm**, Hammond Road woods, Brant.

The Farmer - Our Everyday Hero



**Folts Dairy Farm,**  
Mileblock Rd., Brant.



**Phillips Family Dairy Farm,**  
Brant-North Collins Rd.,  
Brant



**Sager Farms, Dairy, Brant-**  
Farnham Rd., Brant. Entered a  
float at the Brant Strawberry  
Festival.



**Berns Dairy Farm,**  
Rte. 5, Farnham. Circa 1989.



**Wilson Grennell's Farm, was Dairy Farm,**  
Milestrip Rd., Brant.  
Currently owned by Fuchs Family.



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**Turnbull's Nursery,**  
Versailles Plank Rd., Brant



**Old Orchard Greenhouse**  
Railroad Ave., Farnham



**Concord Nurseries**  
Mileblock Rd., Brant



**Winters Farm, Brant-North**  
Collins Rd., Brant.  
Circa 1982



**William Nudd's Suffolk Sheep and Yorkshire Pig Farm,**  
Brant-Farnham, Rd., Brant. Photo circa 1982.



**Lawrence Beyer Egg Farm,**  
Old Lake Shore Rd., Brant.



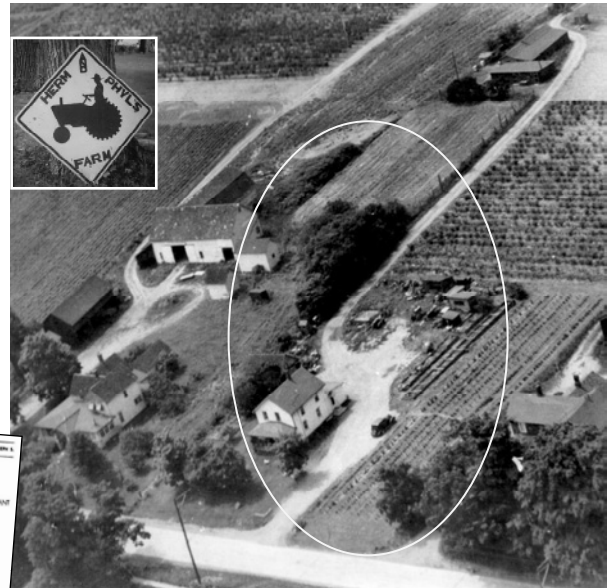
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**Fred J. Gugino and Sons Farm,**  
Brant-Angola Rd., Brant, 1982.



**MCR FARMS** aka **FARM THIS WAY** Brant-Reservation Rd., Brant. Fruits, Vegetables, Christmas Trees. Marty and Carolyn Rosiek, owners.



**Herman & Phyllis Muscato Farm,**  
Brant-Reservation Rd., Brant



**Chiavetta Farms,** Brant-Angola Rd., Brant

PHONE ANGOLA 8215		ANGOLA 1	
<b>Samuel J. Ellis &amp; Son</b>			
GROWERS OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES			
R.F.D. - BRANT - ANGOLA, N.Y.			
July 26th-27			
Dear Person -			
Picking Raspberries the week of July 26th-27			
2222	124	Raspberries	500.00
100			34.50
			5670.12
AG Camp Park			40.00
TUG Security			14.60
Competition			8087.70



**Catalano Brothers**  
Fruit and Vegetable Farm,  
Brant-North Collins Rd,  
Brant.



**Anthony C. Catalano Farm,**  
Versailles Plank Rd., Brant



**Bowman Farms,**  
Milestrip Rd., Brant



**Chiavetta's Potatoes and Greenhouse,** Brant-Angola Rd., Angola. Chiavetta's farm the family homestead on Milestrip Rd., Brant.

**William Krull Sr. Farm,**  
Milestrip Rd., Brant,  
circa 1880



**Vacco Farms,**  
Cain Rd., Brant



**Pero's Sons Farms,** Brant-Reservation Rd., Brant. Circa 1982



**Louis Catalano Farms LLC,**  
Brant-North Collins Rd., Brant



**Theodore Shaffer Farm,**  
Old Lake Shore Rd., Brant.

# The Farmer - Our Everyday Hero



The Beuzenburg Home - 1908;  
(L-R) Sarah, Jake (Jacob), Clarence, Anna, Jenny

## Jacob Beuzenburg, One of Brant's Earliest Farmers

Mr. Jacob Beuzenburg was regarded as a pioneer in the field of garden farming. He moved to Brant in 1880 after his marriage to Sarah (Miller) in June of that same year. His was known as "The Brant Center Fruit Farm". In our 1964 Town of Brant Quarto-Sesquicentennial History publication written by Carlton Winters, we find mention of other early farmers of Brant. "The first farmer to locate on the Milestrip Road was Levi Evans and his wife, Marilla, grandparents of Tennyson Mackey. Other early farmers were the Goldsmiths, William Krull, Sr., H.B. Christy, Ralph Evans in that area. Nearer Brant Center was Henry Curtis, Peter Reifel, Abraham Dimon, John Wetherbee, Jake Beuzenburg, John C. Winters, D.H. Odell and Oliver Ellsworth."

Jacob  
Beuzenburg,  
1892, Age 35



Sarah (Miller)  
Beuzenburg,  
1893, Age 33



Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Beuzenburg on their 50th Wedding Anniversary 1930, Brant, N.Y.

A few years back, town of Brant residents MaryEllen and Larry Beuzenburg shared with us a 1930 newspaper clipping regarding the 50th wedding anniversary of Larry's grandparents; Jacob and Sarah Beuzenburg. The couple were wed on June 17th in the year of 1880. We do not have the name of the news source, however, this almost 90 year old article provides us with the following information: "BRANT, N.Y., June 28 [1930] - Celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Beuzenburg took place at their home at Brant, New York, on Tuesday." "... the anniversary ceremony was solemnized by their son, Clarence Beuzenburg, who is justice of the peace, officiating."

The article continues with: "Mr. Beuzenburg was born in Holland in 1857, coming to this country when 16 years of age and settling at Dunkirk. Mrs. Beuzenburg (nee Sarah Miller), who is three years younger than her husband, was born at Sheridan where she resided until her marriage. For 50 years the couple have lived in the same town, where Mr. Beuzenburg is regarded as a pioneer in the field of garden farming. He tells of the day when wages of five dollars a month were given. He is one of the directors of the Evans National Bank at Angola and takes an active interest in its affairs. He retired some years ago and lives at the homestead at Brant. Mr. and Mrs. Beuzenburg have four children living and three dead and have four grandchildren."

Note: the photographer of the portrait photos of 1892 and 1893 was: B.R. Gifford at 223&225 Center Street in Dunkirk, N.Y.



# The Farmer - Our Everyday Hero



**The "Iconic poplars" offering shade at the Pingitore Farm and Home on Erie Road, Brant, N.Y.**

## **The Pingitore Farm on Erie Road, Brant, N.Y.**

The Pingitore family purchased property on Erie Road in the town of Brant in 1915. Prior to this, the property was known as the Isaac Belote Stage Coach Inn and was also referred to as Bonnybrook Farm.

In 2014, Sandra (Pingitore) Hooge wrote her family history for the historical society's published anniversary book. The following selection of that history, describes the family and some of their farming adventures. *"They began farming and farming they did. As on other farms in Brant, the Pingitores grew berries and grapes as well as moving into dairy with Holsteins for milk production. They added greenhouses which were built by Gus and Tony Pingitore. Eventually these greenhouses provided thousands of seedlings for the area growers as well as gardeners.*

*The Pingitore brothers Gus and Tony saw the potential for retail sales as they were located on Erie road. They began to sell produce from a table in front of the house. That table over the years developed in to a fairly large stand where no fewer than four were required to work on the weekends! The Pingitore stand became a destination for those seeking fresh, high quality vegetables and fruit. People came from areas both near and far. The "iconic poplars" that stood above the stand offered shade to all who came and as a welcome relief on hot summer days."*

Today in 2022, the property has long since been sold, the greenhouses, the stand and the home are gone. However, we do have a wonderful written history of the lovely farm that once was and many residents to this day, can still recall. The property is just North of the Evangola State Park entrance. Why not take a drive soon to take notice if the "iconic poplars" remain.



## **Apple Harvest Time in Brant, N.Y.- circa 1910**

Far left, closing the barrel lid with a hammer is Max Walters. Front and center of the photo, facing the camera and kneeling is Mike Walters. To Mike's right, inspecting the mountain of apples is his grandson Lynn and to the farthest right is Imogene (Colvin) Walters.



## **Picking Grapes in Brant, N.Y.- circa 1910**

A photo from the Lynn E. Walters collection donated to the historical society by Jeanne Treat. In this grape harvest photo we see (from the left) Ruthe (Walters) Miller with her dad Mike Walters. The third person is not known.

Mike and Imogene (Colvin) Walters lived on the Milestrip Road near the corner of Hammond Road, in Brant, N.Y. Their children were Max, Lynn and Ruthe. Lynn (born in Brant in 1891), became a photographer and these are two of his many photos. The photos are part of a collection of Lynn E. Walters photos which were donated to the historical society by Jeanne Treat.



# The Farmer - Our Everyday Hero

## From the Centennial Book of the Town of Brant 1939:

“Agriculture is still the main industry of Brant, but it has become more intensified. Huge crops of beans, strawberries, tomatoes and raspberries are produced here.

Individual farmers think nothing of raising from one hundred and fifty to two hundred acres of beans, tomatoes, or raspberries.

Individual farmers who might be mentioned here of raising those amounts of acreage are **George Leone, John C. Winters, Catalano Bros., Joseph Conti, Walden Krull.**

They ship to canning factories in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and some New England States and in large cities of our own State. Although today canning in the Town of Brant is on a small scale, the production of these vegetables is an immense project.”



Family fun picking Grapes on the **Friend Farm.**



**The Brant Apple Farm,** Brant-North Collins Rd.



**Peter Gugino Farms Inc.,** Brant-Angola Rd., Brant. Grower of Grapes and Strawberries.



**Russell L. Dispence Farm** strawberry harvest.



Ruth Walters working in the vineyards. **Walters Farm,** Milestrip Rd. and Hammond Rd. Brant. Circa 1910



**Walden Lietz of Overlook Farms,** Versailles Plank Rd., Brant



**Louis Chiavetta & Sons** Berry and Grape Growers, Brant. Circa 1911. Tony Chiavetta (Sam J. Chiavetta Sr.'s dad), Nunzio Chiavetta standing.



**Brothers Joe and "Sonny" Catalano**



**Peter Gugino's** crew picking Strawberries on **Friend Farm,** Milestrip Rd.



**John J. Perrello Farm 1953**  
Rose, Frank & Diane



**MARKETING** — At the Auction Block in Brant, Manager John Mirisso assists buyer Irving Cooper of Buffalo unload some berries purchased from Arrigo Farms of Brant.



**MARKETING** — Produce Broker N. F. Chiavetta checks over a load of Earldawn brought in by the 1963 Strawberry King, J. Walden Krull.



# The Farmer - Our Everyday Hero



**1962 Local ladies helping to prepare the strawberries for the Brant Summer Festival!**



**Rose Dispence with First Place Blue Ribbons at the Brant Strawberry Festival of 1966**

## Town of Brant Strawberries Festivals A delightful way to celebrate the “FRUITS” of our local farmer’s labor.



**This photo was taken approximately 1958. Pictured L-R are 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.!**

You know how much we enjoy sharing our Brant Strawberry Festival photos! The photo of Rose Dispence captures a display of First Place Blue Ribbons on the four strawberry crates labeled as: Red Coats, blank, Sure Crop and Earlidawn. Don't you just love the glimpse of the festival hustle and bustle in the photo background as well? We don't know if it was Rose or her husband Russell Dispence that had officially won the ribbons. Russell and Rose Dispence and family were involved in the Brant Strawberry Festival activities throughout the years, serving on a multitude of festival committees. Their farm and business (Brant Implement Service) was located on the Milestrip Road in Brant with descendants residing at the homestead and surrounding land area today. It was Rose and Russell's grandchildren who donated this photo to the historical society and many strawberry festival related items including pins, ribbons, trophies and miscellaneous paper items such as additional photos, strawberry shortcake tickets, postcards, festival parking permits and associated correspondence. We greatly appreciate the family sharing these items with us as they are on permanent display for those who visit our historical room.

From a 1964 Strawberry Festival booklet we found the following tidbits of information regarding the local strawberry crops...

*"Here in New York State, Erie County ranks as the largest Strawberry - producing area in the state and in the little Town of Brant, home of the home of the Strawberry Festival, we find the heart of this Strawberry-producing area. During the past five years, the Strawberry acreage in the Brant- North Collins area has remained quite constant. About 1200 acres of this red luscious fruit are planted annually, in comparison with the 1600 acres of six years ago. A shortage in the labor supply, which is so vital to the harvest of this crop, has necessitated a decrease in acreage. Types of Strawberries typically grown in the Brant-North Collins region are: Red Glow, Sure Crop, Earlidawn, Dixieland, Pocahontas, Sparkle, Midway and Jerseybelle. Many consumers sometime question why there are so many varieties grown here. The answer is simple. Every grower has a different type of soil on his farm and he may find one variety more adapted to his soil than another. Then, too, many growers prefer to plant four or five kinds in order to lengthen the harvesting season. By planting an early variety (Earlidawn), a midseason variety (Midway) and a late variety (Sparkle) and a very late variety (Jerseybelle), a grower can assure himself that he will harvest strawberries over a four-week period. This also reduces the problem of needing a large labor force at any specified time."*

The Farmer - Our Everyday Hero



Clifford Mayers at work inside of the Don-Cliff Greenhouse.



Don-Cliff Greenhouses on Cain Road, Brant, N.Y.



Donald Mayers' daughter Carol poses with her freshly made snowman at the Don-Cliff Greenhouses.

## DON-CLIFF GREENHOUSES, Cain Road, Brant, NY

In the 1959 DEWITTS TOWN DIRECTORY OF BRANT AND NORTH COLLINS we found the following entry: "Don-Cliff Greenhouses, (Donald and Mrs. Donald Mayers) ns of Cain Road, lw of Versailles Plank Rd. NC RD2 NC3377".

A few years back, Diane (Mayers) Hauck shared some photos with us of a greenhouse business once owned by her family. It was located on Cain Road in the town of Brant, N.Y., close to the section of Cain Road which borders four separate towns: Evans, Eden, Brant and North Collins.

Diane's father Donald A. Mayers, owned the greenhouses on Cain Road with her grandfather who was Clifford Mayers - thus the name "Don-Cliff Greenhouses". Diane's grandfather is shown in one photo and another photo includes Diane's sister, Carol (Mayers-Ognan). The family moved from the farm and greenhouses in 1962 or 1963.



Physically located in Brant, NY Brant-North Collins Rd.



Billy Giambrone, cultivating the farm crops with the family horse.



Joseph P. Morgano, Farm Labor Camp Brant-Reservation Rd.



Father Jim Fliss of St. Antony's Church, saying mass in the barn at the Friend Farm. Gloria, the family dairy cow, became an instant "star" when she decided to taste the Poinsettia plant!!



Walden Krull, Farm Labor Camp. Milestrip Rd.



# DONATIONS to the Brant-Farnham Historical Society

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

### 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** - Various plaques from the Senior Center

### JULY 2021

- **DONATION from Bill and Patty Friend** - Banners for the Brant Summer Festival (\$217.50), Adv. in Pennysaver for Summer Festival to promote EC200 Passport program (\$162.84) (2weeks/2Pennysavers). Adv. for St. Anthony's Church Bulletin for year (\$135.00).

### AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2021

- **DONATION from Brant Town Board** - Photo book of Senior Center Renovation
- **DONATION from Bill and Patty Friend** - Adv. in Pennysaver for Labor Day (30.00 )
- **DONATION from Bill and Patty Friend** - EC Bicentennial Book published by WNY Heritage
- **DONATION from Joyce Cureo** - April 2, 1978 Newspaper Article about the Village of Farnham
- **LOAN from Luann (Andolina) Snow** - Loan of 2 North Collins School photos to scan. We will share via email with North Collins Historian Georgianne Bowman. [x] photos were returned to Luann.

### OCTOBER 2021

- **DONATION from Bill and Patty Friend** - Adv. in Pennysaver for Cancer Awareness (\$30.00). Advertisements cancelling the October Meeting. (2 weeks classified adv. \$20.)
- **DONATION from Joyce Cureo** - Photo of Farnham Basketball team of 1952 with names!

### NOVEMBER 2021

- **DONATION from Jim and Cheryl Russell** - Reproduction of 1866 or 1868 Map of Brant

### JANUARY-MARCH 2022

- **DONATION from Bill and Patty Friend** - January 2022 - two Brant Fire Company BINGO dabbers.
- **DONATION from Don Hepkins** - 1989 Unopened bottle of Champagne from Brant's 150th Anniversary Celebration.



**December 2022** We were contacted by Geoffrey Wright via email. He is relative of the Berns Family and will share his family tree with us soon. He emailed us this wedding photo of **Charles H. Berns and Rose D. Sager**.

- **DONATION from Lenny Pero** - Listing of Lenny's Accomplishments as Town of Brant Supervisor, Planning Board Chairman and Town Councilman for historical records purposes.

### APRIL 2022

- **DONATION from Bill and Patty Friend** - Angola Pennysaver ADV for the 183rd Birthday of Brant. Value \$46.00
- **DONATION from Janice and Neil Ross** - Monetary donation of \$50.00. [x] Thank you sent.
- **DONATION from David Kozlowski** - Three photos of inside the Brant Store. One of Tony Gervas, one of Tony Gervas and "Jenny" the Genesee Beer Girl and one of Lottie Gervas. Also a used Brant Store pencil. He plans to donate more items as he comes across them. [x] Thank you sent.
- **DONATION from Steve and Eileen Lanza** - 12" x 24" framed photo of Camp Josiah Porter, Farnham, NY dated 1911. Their address is 1114 River St., Olean, NY 14760 [x] Thank you sent.

DONATIONS to the Brant-Farnham Historical Society



Photos of the Brant Supermarket donated by David Kozlowski. His Aunt Lottie and Uncle Tony Gervas were the owners of the Brant Super Market. Lottie is seen preparing the fresh meat for sale. "Jenny" the Genesee Beer Girl stopped by the store to pose for a photo during one of the Strawberry Festivals. The shelves had plenty of items for sale as you can see!

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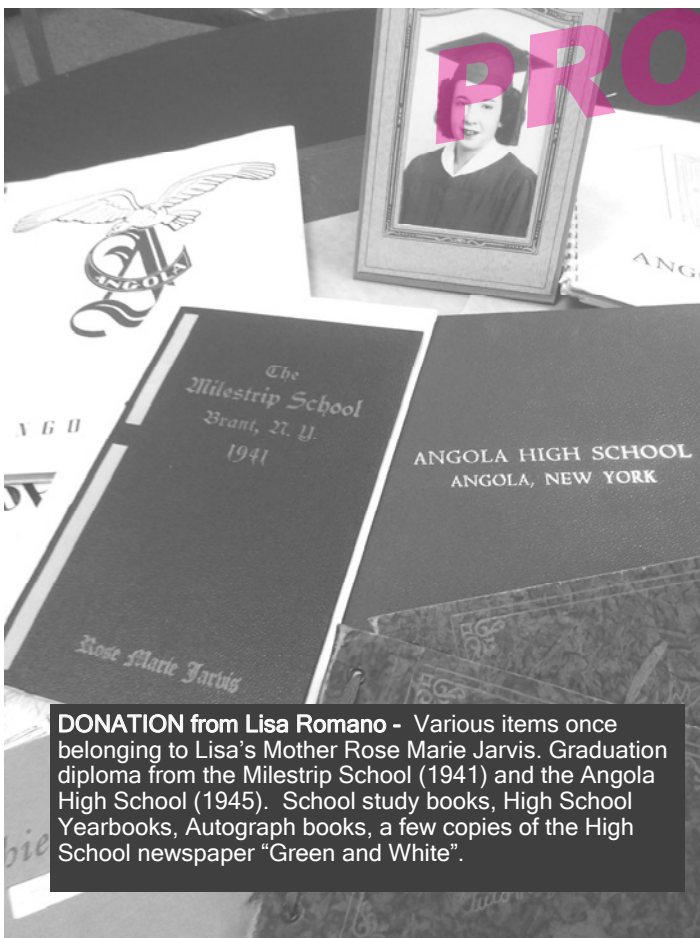


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**1964 Brant Recreation trip to Chrystal Beach.**

Mr. Reitz was the Brant Recreation Director and also a teacher at Lake Shore Schools. His son Bert Reitz is in the photo at front left wearing the striped shirt. We believe it is Jim Muffoletto standing behind him. It appears as though each of the younger children had an "older buddy" to help keep track of them at the amusement park. The photo was donated to the Historical Society by Bert and Laurie Reitz.



**DONATION from Lisa Romano** - Various items once belonging to Lisa's Mother Rose Marie Jarvis. Graduation diploma from the Milestrip School (1941) and the Angola High School (1945). School study books, High School Yearbooks, Autograph books, a few copies of the High School newspaper "Green and White".



**Photo of The Brant Cornet Band** was donated by Vivian and Don Logsdon to the Brant Historical Society. In our archives, We do have the names to go with the photo which we happily supplied to Vivian and Don. Standing: Bill Gezett, Art Hammond, Harry Goldsmith, Chas. Remon, Milford Calkins, Ferris Beuzenburg, William Beuzenburg, Wesley Velzey. Front: Jack Ellis, Henry Dispence, Orley Velzey (kneeling), Martin Krull, Frank Lehley, Bill Weinburg, Howard Walters (kneeling), Ed Falk, George Beuzenburg. The photo was taken approximately 1910.

# DONATIONS to the Brant-Farnham Historical Society



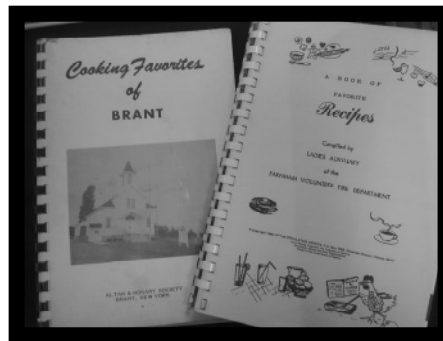
Eileen and Steve Lanza donated this 1911 Photo of Camp Josiah Porter\* to the historical society in March of 2022.

Learn more about \*Camp Porter in our Military Section.

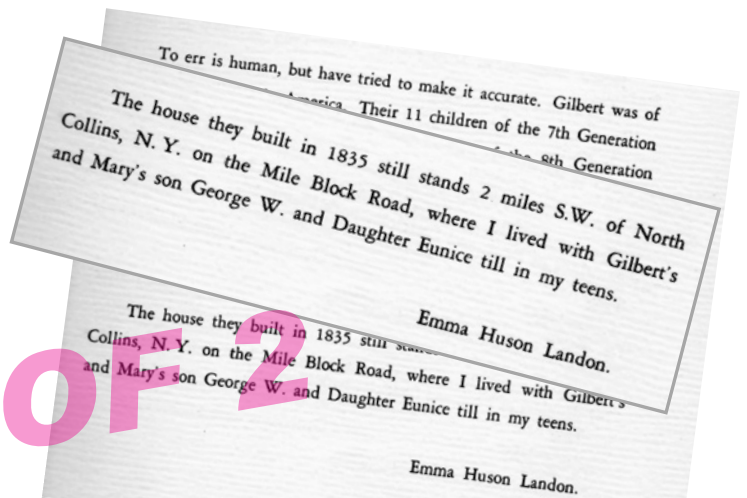
- **DONATION from Laurie and Burt Reitz** - Photo of the Brant Recreation kids taken at Chrystal Beach approximately 1964. Burt's dad had helped with the recreation program which included kids from Evans and Brant.

## MAY 2022

- **DONATION from Vivian and Don Logsdon** - a photo of the Brant Cornet Band
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- **DONATION from David Koszlowski** - a cookbook from Altar and Rosary Society of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and another cookbook from the Ladies Auxiliary of the Farnham Fire Department. Various political pens and pencils. A few pencils advertising the Brant Store
- **DONATION from Michelle and Mark DeCarlo** - via email. An early photo of their home on Mileblock Rd. and also via email pages from their search and survey. We are trying to find out the year that their home was built.
- **DONATION from Joseph F. Catalano Families** - 1965 Brant Strawberry Festival "King" Trophy awarded to J.F. Catalano Sons; "Joey and Tony"



David Koszlowski donated a cookbook from Altar and Rosary Society of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel as well as a cookbook from the Ladies Auxiliary of the Farnham Fire Department.



The Mark and Michelle DeCarlo home on Mileblock Rd, (according to a family genealogy written by Emma Huson Landon), was built in the year of 1835.





# American Heroes Day July 17th, 1942

OUR GOVERNMENT HAS DECLARED FRIDAY, JULY 17, AMERICAN HEROES DAY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUTTING OVER THE GREATEST DRIVE ON THE SALE OF WAR STAMPS AND BONDS THAT WE HAVE EVER KNOWN. SO LET EVERY PERSON GET BEHIND THIS DRIVE AND PUT THE TOWN OF EVANS OVER THE TOP.

WHEN MAKING A PURCHASE AT THE STORE, JUST SAY, "GIVE ME MY CHANGE IN WAR STAMPS."

LADIES ! GET BEHIND THE TIN CAN DRIVE! SEE PAGE AD. IN THIS ISSUE.

BOXHOLDER

JULY 16TH 1942

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## American HEROES DAY\*


Friday, July 17th

### WHAT WILL WIN THE WAR?



THERE ARE MANY STATEMENTS, LOOSELY CULATED, TO THE EFFECT THAT FOOD, FAITH, HOPE, COURAGE, PRODUCTION, UNITY, ETC., ETC., EACH IS THE ONE THING THAT WILL WIN THE WAR. HOWEVER THE TRUTH IS THAT **MILITARY MIGHT** WILL WIN---NOTHING ELSE. THE THINGS MENTIONED ABOVE, AND MANY OTHERS, ARE HIGHLY IMPORTANT, SOME VITALLY SO, BUT LET'S NOT BE DISTRACTED FROM THE FACT THAT **FORCE** IS WHAT WE MUST HAVE TO WIN. LET'S BEND OUR EVERY EFFORT TO BUILD THE GREATEST STRIKING FORCE OF ALL TIME AND STRENGTHEN OUR CIVILIAN DEFENSE BY VOLUNTEER SERVICE AND COOPERATION.

### Churchside Chickens



BROILERS.....	LB. 30c
ROASTERS.....	LB. 32c
FOWL.....	LB. 29c

NO DELIVERIES DURING JUL. & AUG.

CHIAVETTA'S  
**CHURCHSIDE FARM**  
PHONE 169-F-3 BRANT, N.Y.

## AMERICAN HEROES DAY

### FRIDAY, JULY 17

ARE YOU BUYING YOUR SHARE OF WAR STAMPS AND BONDS?  
IF NOT, START JULY 17 AND BUY AS MANY AS YOU CAN EACH PAY DAY.

### BOWL EVERY WEEK FOR PEP!

ALLEYS OPEN FRI. & SAT. ONLY

RESTAURANT (IN CONNECTION)



WE SPECIALIZE IN STEAK & CHICKEN-IN-THE-PAN

## PERO'S STEAK HOUSE

PHONE 143-F-21 BRANT, N. Y.

## YOUR DEFENSE JOB

IS TO KEEP YOUR CAR IN THE BEST POSSIBLE CONDITION.

HAS YOUR OIL BEEN CHANGED TO SUMMER GRADE?

KEEP YOUR CAR FIT. THAT'S THE WAY YOU CAN WIN!

BRING IT IN TO US FOR REGULAR LUBRICATION.

BATTERIES RECHARGED ALSO RENTALS.

### KURZ BROS.

PHONE 47-F-11 So. WEST. BLVD. BRANT



**MEMORIAL DAY** A day to remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in our behalf. Their lives for our freedom.



Memorial Day, at the Farnham Fire Hall, 2015

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.



**May they Rest in Peace**

**WWII**



Salvatore J. Battaglia KIA 1943



Pfc. Howard Nordblum and his wife (nee Dorothy Walker) of Farnham who was killed in action at Luzon on January 19, 1945. Pvt. Nordblum had been in the service since Jan. 9, 1941. He was married to Miss Walker, who is daughter of the Post Mistress of Farnham, on June 21, 1943.



Edward Stuehring KIA 1944

**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. Horward Nordblum; Corp. Michael Graci who was killed Oct. 25, 1944 in Leyte; and Pfc. Daniel Kibler who died while in service.

**WWI**

William Hoth, KIA 1917  
Max Grundkovski KIA 1918



Pvt. Herman T. Timmerman, KIA 1918

**VIETNAM**



David Ivan Briggs, KIA 1968, Vietnam



Military

2021 Memorial Day



Memorial Day May 2021 at the Farnham Veteran's Park. Above, our local Farnham and Brant Veterans are joined by the American Legion Newcomb-Long Post 928 Veterans for a group photo.

2021 Memorial Day

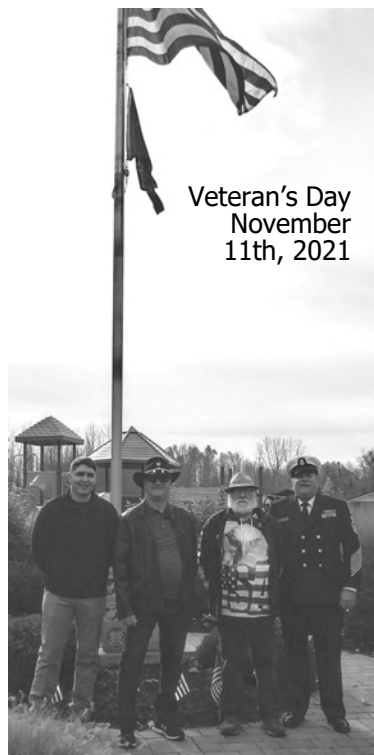


Memorial Day May 2021: (L-R) Vincent Finizio, Dennis Rubeck, Mike Graci, help with name please, Bartola Vaticano Jr., Don Munch, Neil I. Ross and David Berns.



Memorial Day Services at the Farnham Veteran's Park May 2021. (L-R) Kim and Don Munch, David and Marion Berns and Veterans of the American Legion Newcomb-Long Post 928.

Veteran's Day  
November  
11th, 2021



Veterans Day Nov. 2021 (L-R): Veterans; Cordaro Amaya, David Pruett, Dennis Rubeck and Neil I. Ross. Neil was also the guest speaker.





Memorial Day at Brant Center, 2022  
Members of the American Legion Newcomb-Long Post 928 Veterans pose for a group photo with Town of Brant Veterans.  
(L-R) Five veterans from Post 928 Ray Dunkel, Neil Ross, Bartola Vaticano Jr., Don Munch, David Berns, Dennis Rubeck, Vincent Finizio and Joseph Gardyjan.



**Memorial Day, Brant Center, May 30th, 2022**



The Town of Brant Veterans Memorial Stone being set into place at the Memorial Park, Brant Center. 1976

Memorial Day Services were held at Brant Center with opening remarks by Supervisor Mark DeCarlo and Farnham Mayor Jere Hoisington. Frank Broughton gave the opening prayer followed by the raising of the US Flag to The Star Spangled Banner. All in attendance then recited the Pledge of Allegiance, with hands over hearts.

The guest speaker was Sr. Neil I. Ross, US Navy Ret. Neil reminded us of the following: *"Today is not about all those who served in the military...that day comes in the fall. Today is the day we honor, give prayers, and offer tribute to those who have given the ultimate sacrifice...their lives for our freedom!"*

An Honor Guard from the American Legion Newcomb Long Post 928 performed the 21 Gun Salute. The flag was lowered to half staff as "TAPS" was played. As is tradition, a memorial wreath and five flags were placed at the base of the monument. Father Frank Kadryna gave the Benediction. Refreshments were provided following the services.



Ray Dunkel at the Memorial Day services in Brant, NY on May 30th, 2022



# 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



Bartola 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



Veterans Banner in the town of Evans for David Berns!

# Military

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

Amaya, Cordaro	Carr, Guy D	Gerace, Samuel	Jumper, Ted
Anderson, Edward	Caruso, Joseph	Gervas, Thomas	Kaczmarek, Robert
Andolina, Carrie	Case, Fred	Giambrone, Frank	Kaczmarek, Scott
Arrigo Jr., Charles	Castillina, Tom	Giangrasso, Gina A	Kaczmarek, Todd
Arrigo, Russell	Castle, George	Giarriatano, Angelo	Kamens, Frederick A
Ashbacker, Roy	Chambers, George	Gielow, Arthur	Kennedy, Willard
Austin, Donald	Chaney, Glenn	Giglia, Samuel	Kennedy, William
Barefoot, Ray	Chapin, Elias	Goldsmith, Herber L	Kensy, John J
Barone, Vincent	Chiavetta, Carl S	Gomoka, James T.	Kibler, Daniel G+
Barone, Vincent A	Chido, Joseph	Gomoka, John E.	Kibler, Lawrence
Barreca, Larry L	Chido, Richard	Gomoka, Theodore A.	Kibler, Robert F
Basehart, Earl J	Ciminesi, Joseph	Graci, Michael A +	Kinderman, Martin A
Battaglia, Albert J	Ciminesi, Samuel	Graci, Michael T	Kirisits, Richard
Battaglia, Ronald R	Clark, Greg	Graci, William F	Kirwan, Robert A
Battaglia, Russell	Clark, Howard C	Granica, Judd	Knight, Paul
Battaglia, Russell A	Clark, Jessica	Grannelli, Clayton J	Koch, Chester
Battaglia, Salvatore +	Clark, Russell	Gregory, Edgar	Koch, Franklin
Battaglia, William	Cole, Howard T	Grennel, Lawrence	Koch, Herbert
Beach, Carl	Conklin, Carlton	Grennel, Stephen	Koch, Newton
Bellavia Jr., Charles W	Conklin, Henry E	Grennell, Robert L	Koch, Raymond +
Bearns, Harold B.	Conklin, Lyle	Griffith, Edward	Koepka, Grant N
Berns, David	Conklin, Ronald R	Grunder, Robert (Grundkovski)	Kreger, Claude M
Berns (Barne),	Cook, Arthur C	Grunder, Rodger (Grundkovski)	Krtanjek, Michael
Rosemary	Crampton, Lynn	Grundkovski, Max +	Krtanjek, Valentine
Beuzenburg, Earl	Crawford, Maurice	Gugino, Anthony	Kurucz, Krystina (Szarzarowicz)
Beyers, Lawrence	Crouse, Courtney	Gugino, Frank	Kusior, Daniel
Blanchard Sr.,	Cureo, Charles	Gugino, Thomas	Kusior Jr., Stanley
Charles R	Cureo, Joseph	Guleno, Joseph	Kuczka, Hank
Bliss, Anthony H	Dabrowski, Bronslaus	Hainer, Harlan	LaDuca, Joseph
Bliss, Gary R	Demshuk, Ralph	Hainer, Walter	LaPiana, Charles
Bliss, Robert L	Dickinson, Albert	Hammond, Milford	LaPiana, Joseph
Bliss, Robert S	Dickinson, Edward C	Hammond, Stanley G	LaPiana, Paul
Borosky, Richard	DiMarco, James	Hammond, Vern	Lawrence, Stephen P
Bowman, Thomas	Dimartino, Luigo	Hanmann, Henry J	Lemke, Ronald
Brant, Robert	Dispence, Vincent	Hanmann, Herman	Leone, George
Briggs, David I +	Dispence, William P	Heller, Larry L.	Lima, Sam
Briggs, Harold	Ditcher, Kenneth	Heller, Laverne	Littere Sr., Daniel
Briggs, Howard	Dunkel, Raymond	Hesser, George	Lomando, Anthony
Briggs, John	Durwar, Gordon	Hetsko, Joseph E.	Lomando, James
Briggs, Lawrence P	Ellis, Anthony	Hill, Robert A.	Lomando, Joseph
Briggs, Walter H	Ellis, Joe	Hoisington, Richard	Lomando, Samuel
Briggs, William	Falk, Sherman	Holmes, Clint	Lomanto, James
Brinkman, Ernest	Falzone, Charles	Holmes, Ed	Lomanto, Robert
Brinkman, Stanley	Falzone, Joseph	Holmes (Steele), Gayle	Long, William F
Browning, Rob	Farnham, Leroy	Hooper, Thomas F	Losi, Albert W
Brunelli, Lee	Fininzio Sr., Vincent	Hosler Sr., Ralph	Luongo, Nicholas
Bruno, Primo	Fricano, Joseph	Hoth, William C +	Mac, Thomas
Burgott, Harry	Fricano, Kevin W	Houghton, Dennis	MacDowell, Lawrence
Burgstrom, Pershing	Fricano, Marion	Huffnagle Sr., Joseph	MacDowell, Warren
Busch, Christopher	Frost, James E	Igielinski, Marian	Maiden, John
Busch, Edward L	Fuller, Samuel	Inglut, John	Mazur, Leonard P
Bush, Chester	Fullone, Anthony	Johengen, George A	McAuley, Michael
Butlak Jr., Alphonso	Galbraith, Harold	Jones, George	McGraw, John Joseph
Caber, Terry	George Sr., James V	Joy, Chuck	McIntyre, Chauncey W
Carbeck, Donald ("Doc")	George Jr., James V	Judson, Herbert	McNett, Andrew
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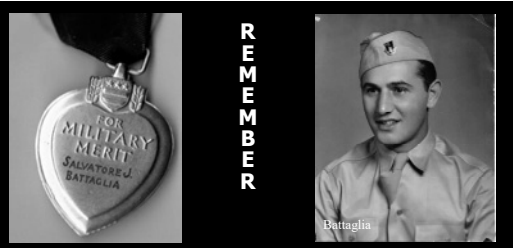
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Meller, Walter	Paternostro, Charles (Chuck)	Schwartz, Gary	Welker, Henry
Merta, Diane (Taylor)	Paul, Clarence L	Schultz Sr, Paul	Wheelock, Alton
Meyers, Ernie	Paul, Frederick J	Seiler, Paul	White, Maggie
Militello, Angelo	Paul, Herbert S	Shannon, Robert	Whiting, Roger Lee
Militello, Anthony	Paulucci, Joseph	Sicurella, Alfonso	Williams, Reid A
Militello Sr, Christian	Paulucci, Lucian	Sicurella, Joseph	Winters Jr., Frederick
Militello, Frank	Paulucci, Samuel	Sisson, Howell F	Winters, Louis
Militello, Joseph	Perrello, Joseph	Smith, Craig	Winters, Mark W.
Militello, Michael	Pfeffer, Ronald	Smith, Frank	Winters, Roger L
Militello, Richard	Pingitore, Anthony	Smith, Louis J	Wittmeyer, Jerry
Miller, Harry	Pingitore, August	Snyder, James	Wolfram, William W
Mineno, Frank	Pingitore, Frank	Spratz, Nicholas	Wood, Arthur
Mingle, Jay	Pingitore, Joseph	Staebell, James E	Woods, Stacie
Minor, Charles	Pingitore, Samuel	Stearns, James	Wooster, Wheelock W
Mirusso, Anthony J	Pitrotto, Jacob	Stearns, Woodrow	Wos, Peter
Mirusso, Anthony T	Pochopin, Donald	Stuehring, Edward +	Young, Louis
Mirusso, James	Porter, C. J	Swan, Walter J	Zeffiro, Anthony
Monteleone, Thomas	Powenski, Matthew T	Szarzarowicz Sr., Stanley	Zeffiro Sr., Frank
Morley, Kenneth W	Prince, Harry J	Szarzarowicz Jr., Stanley	Zeffiro, Vincent
Muffoletto Sr., James L	Pruett, David	Taylor, Kevin D	
Muffoletto Jr., James L	Puffer, Bertha	Taylor, Steven M	
Muffoletto, Joseph	Puffer, Richard	Thomas, Dan	
Muffoletto, Pasquale	Pultz, Harry F	Timmerman, Herman +	
Munch, Donald	Pys, Fred J	Tinklepaugh, Bruce M	
Murphy, Dennis	Ralabate, Angelo	Totaro, Carl S	
Muscarella, Donald	Ralabate, Samuel	Totaro, Franklyn S	
Muscarella, Peter	Rall, Norton Walter	Trask, Kenneth	
Muscarella, Peter J	Rauker, John	Tripi, Anthony	
Muscarella, Salvatore	Rauker, Steve	Tripi, Joseph	
Muscato, Frank J	Redman, Brian	Turnbull, Helen M	
Muscato, Frank V	Reed, George	Turnbull Jr., Robert	
Muscato, Joseph	Ross, Neil I	Twarozek, Steve	
Muscato, Russell	Rubeck, Albert D	Vacanti, Charles	
Muscato, Tony C	Rubeck, Dennis	Valucca, Joseph	
Nelson, Arthur	Rubeck, Donald	VanWie, Thomas M	
Noethling, Arnold	Rubeck, Wallace	Vaticano Jr., Bartola	
Nordblum, Howard +	Rusin Sr., Edward W	Vaticano Sr., Bartola	
Nordblum, Louis L	Rusin, Stanley	Villa, Anthony	
Nordblum, Richard	Russell, Robert	Villa, Nicholas J	
Nytz, John	Russell, William	Voss, Herman A.E.	
Nytz, Leonard	Ruun, Edward	Walker, Burt S	
Nytz, Raymond	Ryan, James	Walker, Dale	
Odell, Clarence	Sabio, Daniel	Wallace, Lester E	
O'Donnell, Bernard	Sabio, Thomas	Walsh, Joseph	
O'Donnell, John T	Sager, David	Walters, Lynn E	
Orlando, Nicholas J	Schifano, Angelo L	Washburn, Donald B	
Orlando, Paul	Schneider, George	Wasmund, Charles	
Orton Jr., Clayton	Schrader, Alfred W	Wasmund, David	
Panzica, Alphonso	Schrader, Donald	Wasmund, Harold	
Panzica, Ronald	Schrader, Edward C +	Wasmund, Richard	
Paternostro, Angelo	Schrader, Theodore	Wasmund, Raymond	
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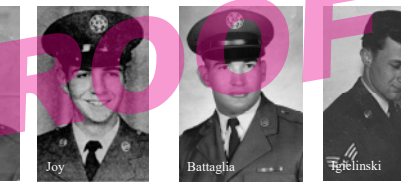
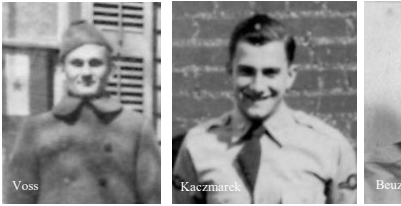
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# Military Veterans of Brant and Farnham



Please share your military photos with us!



## HONORING OUR MILITARY



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!





# Military Veterans of Brant and Farnham

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



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



Farnham Memorial Day Services 2019 (L-R) Daniel Rubeck, Dennis Rubeck, 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, 58th 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, Harold—1st-class Pvt., Headquarters Co., 336th Field Artillery. WA October, 1918, Metz.  
Briggs, Howard—Sgt., Co. M, 74th Regiment.

Briggs, John—Wagoner, Supply Co., 309th Infantry. WA August, 1918, St. Mihiel.  
Briggs, Lawrence P.—Cook, 311th Ambulance Co. WA August and October, 1918, St. Mihiel and Argonne.

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BRANT—CON.

Briggs, William—Pvt., Co. M, 74th Regiment.  
Briggs, Walter H.—Pvt., Co. A, 111th Infantry. WA September 17, 1918, France.  
Bruno, Primo.  
Carr, Glenn S.—Pvt., Battery B, 310th Field Artillery.  
Carr, Guy D.—1st-class Pvt., 303d Aux. Remt. Depot.  
Chambers, George—Pvt., Co. I, 11th Regiment.  
Clark, Howard C.—Pvt., Co. E, 307th Infantry.  
Cook, Arthur C.—Pvt., 45th Co., 12th Bn. 153d D. B.  
Dimartino, Luigo.—Pvt., Utility Detachment, Q. M. C.  
Durwar, Gordon—Mechanic, Battery D, 106th F. A.  
Ellis, Anthony—1st Sgt., Co. M, 309th Infantry.  
Giarratano, Angelo—Pvt., Q. L., Camp Forrest, Ga.  
Goldsmith, Herber L.—Dis., Camp Dix.  
Gugino, Thomas—1st-class Pvt., 2d Co., Air Service.  
Guleno, Joseph—2d-class Seaman, U. S. S. "Comfort."  
Hainer, Harlan—Pvt., Co. A, 108th Infantry.  
Hainer, Walter—Pvt., Co. D, 108th Infantry: WA September 29, 1918, St. Quentin.  
Hammond, Stanley G.—Sgt., Co. K, 311th Infantry.  
Hanmann, Henry J.—224th Military Police. WA November 3, 1917, France.  
Hoth, William C.—Sgt., Co. M, 309th Infantry. DD. December 11, 1917, Camp Dix.  
Juhl, Charles, Jr.—Pvt., Co. A, 304th Machine Gun Bn.  
Kamens, Frederick A.  
Kinderman, Martin A.  
Kreger, Claude M.—Sgt., 26th Aero Squadron. Lima, Sam.  
Long, William F.—Pvt., Co. H, 305th Infantry.  
Luongo, Nicholas—Pvt.

McIntyre, Chauncey W.—Lieut., U. S. Infantry.  
Miller, Harry.  
Muscatto, Tony C.—304th Machine Gun.  
Nelson, Arthur—Pvt., 1st Engineers.  
Norblum, Louis L.—Pvt., 361st Aero Squadron.  
Odell, Clarence—7th Regiment, Battery C, F. A.  
Paul, Clarence L.—1st-class Pvt., Battery D, 106th F. A.  
Paul, Frederick J.—Sgt., Battery F, 304th F. A.  
Paul, Herbert S.—Pvt., Battery B, 304th Field Artillery.  
Pitrotto, Jacob—Pvt., Co. C, 17th Regiment.  
Pultz, Harry F.—Pvt., Co. L, 309th Infantry. WA. September 24, 1918, France.  
Schraeder, Alfred W.—Corp., Co. L, 309th Infantry.  
Sisson, Howel F.—Pvt., Air Service.  
Sicurella, Alfonso—Pvt., 306th Machine Gun Battalion.  
Smith, Frank—Pvt., Co. K, 311th Infantry.  
Smith, Louis J.—Pvt., Co. F, 11th Reg't, U. S. M. C.  
Tataro, Carl S.—Cook, Co. L, 302d Infantry.  
Vacanti, Charles—Pvt., 5th Ammunition Train.  
Valucca, Joseph—1st-class Pvt., Co. K, 311th Infantry.  
Villa, Anthony—Pvt., Co. B, 348th Infantry.  
Villa, Nicholas J.—Corp., Co. K, 326th Infantry. WA. France.  
Voss, Herman A. E.—Pvt., Co. L, 305th Infantry.  
Walker, Burt S.—2d-class Seaman, Seaman Guard.  
Walters, Lynn E.—Squadron E, 229th Aero Squadron. Winters, Louis.  
Nerthling, Arnold—Sgt., Co. C, 308th Battalion Tank Corps. *Non-joining*  
Williams, Reid A.—1st-class Seaman, U.S.S. "DeKalb."  
Wooster, Wheelock W.—S. A. T. C.



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



CAMP PORTER



Color Guard of the 65th Regiment en route to the camp at Farnham, N. Y.  
Newspaper clipping of 65th Regiment, Farnham, N.Y., circa 1909 or 1916

117th Infantry Supply Wagon, Camp Porter, Farnham NY

### Camp Porter, Farnham NY

Documented by our town of Brant and village of Farnham history books and photographs, Brant was directly involved in World War I when a National Guard training camp was established on the shore of Lake Erie, principally on the property belonging to J. Kelderhouse. According to the 1909 *New Century Atlas of Erie County*, the J. Kelderhouse land was located in lots 89 & 87 and consisted of approximately 112 acres, bordered on the West by Lake Erie and the North by the Town of Evans.

The National Guard regiments arrived via special train on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad. (L.S. & M.S.R.R.) Uniformed National Guard troops and the Headquarter's Band were discharged from the L.S. & M.S.R.R train station on Railroad Avenue in the village of Farnham and marched in full uniform to "Camp Josiah Porter", which was named so in respectful memory of Major-General Josiah Porter. As per the Annual Report of Brigadier-General Lauren W. Pettibone, Commanding Fourth Brigade of N.G.N.Y., the 65th Regiment performed field service from July 31st to August 7th, 1909 and the 74th Regiment performed field service from August 7th to August 14th, 1909, near Farnham, Erie County, N.Y. The report also states: "the respective commanding officers, 65th and 74th Regiments, will each detail a wagon guard consisting of one quartermaster, one lieutenant, one regimental or post quartermaster sergeant, one sergeant, three corporals, one musician, one hospital corps man, two cooks and twenty-four privates to accompany the baggage train of his command from its armory to camp." It is written that "upon arrival at Farnham, commanding officers will march their troops to Kelderhouse's farm, three miles distant on the lake shore, where they will report to the Adjutant-General, 4th Brigade, and camp site will be assigned. The entire camp was laid out into company streets by Major George J. Metzger, Corps of Engineers." Each day of camp began with reveille at 6:00AM, followed by a full day of drills, assemblies, school, formations, mess calls and to mark the day's end, the playing of Taps at 11:00PM. The musician was busy as he had to "call to assemble" each of the activities. On Sundays, drills were omitted, but there was a Church Service at 10:30AM.

Today, the Evangola State Park is situated in part on the J. Kelderhouse's property, with over 80% of the Evangola State Park located within the town of Brant boundaries. Sometime after 1909, the Kelderhouse property was owned by Mr. William Shaw, who sold it to the Messina Lumber Co. The land was also used as a park called "Moonlight Bay". This same property was also owned by the Doyle sisters, prior to NYS taking ownership.

Some information for this article was found at this link: [https://dmna.ny.gov/historic/research/AG\\_Reports/AG\\_Report\\_1909\\_v1.pdf](https://dmna.ny.gov/historic/research/AG_Reports/AG_Report_1909_v1.pdf)  
REPORT OF COMMANDING OFFICE, NATIONAL GUARD 62



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# 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.

2021



Twin Pine, Farnham, N.Y. Above and Below:  
Dalton Heath and Sam Sicurella Jr.



D & H, Enterprise Group, Brant, N.Y.



Some may recall the year our Historical Display and News Journal focused on our local businesses. We titled it "MINDING OUR BUSINESS". At that time we took photos of local trucks that had their logos painted on the doors. Well, as we find more, we take their photos. In 2021 we found TWIN PINE, Farnham, N.Y. and D&H, Brant, N.Y. We love it when they have the names of our Village and Town included!

**May 18, 2021** School Board Vote. Kathleen Chivetta and Arlene DeJoy Meckes running for election. Five candidates for two seats. Congratulations to Kathleen who was re-elected.

**May 25th** The Brant Post Office celebrates 177 years.

**May 31st** 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 15th** The village of Farnham will celebrate 129 years

**June 18th and 19th** The 17th Annual Brant Summer Festival.

The historical society themes will revolve around "Family" and "Military". We created five new banners for the Summer Festival. Three remaining of the five had FAMILY theme. Allen Nolan will hang all four of newest banners in the hallway of the Town Hall. Kristen Biondi at the Angola Pennysaver helped us with the final designs. We published our an "Annual" Journal, which spanned the time frame of June 26, 2019 - June 25, 2021. There are plenty of Family Album picture pages!! 200 copies were printed and it was ready for distribution at the Brant Summer Festival. Copies are available for those interested. Free but keep in mind donations are accepted! Cost from Evenhouse printing \$942.94. A check will be issued in July 2021.

The theme for the historical display at the Summer Festival was "FAMILY".

**June 18th and 19th** A reminder that we are participating 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. We began our passport project at the Brant Summer Festival Historical Display on June 18, 2021. We stamped approximately 5 books for participants. The historical society visiting days are set as the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:30—Noon. Allen Nolan and Amanda Palmer mounted the EC Bicentennial Flag to the Brant Town Hall sign, to show our participation in the project.

**June** Doug DeCroix from WNY Heritage Magazine continues to have a special offer for anyone who would like to subscribe to the magazine. We will have a display near our historical room of

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past issues - they will be available to anyone interested in picking up a copy. (Located in Brant Town Hall.) A reminder that there will be Town of Brant/Village of Farnham history information included in the WNY Heritage book soon to be published on Erie County and it's 200th Anniversary.

**June** New time for historical meetings will be 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:30 - Noon.

**July 6th** HAPPY 99TH BIRTHDAY TO JOSEPHINE BATTAGLIA !

**October 3rd** The Brant-Farnham Historical Society participated in the first Annual 'FALL ARTISANS FESTIVAL". It was hosted by Veronica's Village Bistro in Angola, NY.. It was organized by Brant resident and local artisan Pamela Perrello. A rainy day, but yet plenty of visitors attended the event - including more than a few from our town of Brant (Sandy & Vince Finizio, Josephine Friend, Bill Friend and Larry and Anita Lowell.)

Historical Society member Joyce Cureo was scheduled to help, but sadly she fell and broke her ankle the day before. When we were deciding what to put on display, Joyce had the great idea to include memorabilia of Phyllis Notaro; Brant's Bowling Hall of Famer! Many are aware that Veronica's Village Bistro was once "The Old Ford Lanes" bowling alleys. The Notaro family had been owner's of the lanes at one time and also life-long town of Brant residents. Quite a few people commented how they remembered Phyllis, so it proved to be an excellent selection for display. We also included Lake Shore High School, Intermediate and Middle School year books, Strawberry Festival photos and program books and our new military poster. In addition we had on display information on President Lincoln's funeral train and it's travel through Angola and Farnham via the railroad. We chose various photos and documents from our archives related to Evans and Angola, such as early 1900's photos taken by Brant photographer Lynn Walters, old letters/envelopes from early Evans and Angola Business's correspondence that once belonged to Brant resident Herman Ciminesi), a wonderful book about the B&E Trolley by James E. Greene (the trolley lines ran through Angola and Farnham), locally published history books of Brant, Farnham, Evans and Angola, previously mentioned Lake Shore Central year books and a 1947 High School photo of the class trip to Washington, D.C. Mr. Bill Houston was one of the students in the photo! Bill had been Superintendent of the LSC Schools for many, many years and also Mayor of the village of Angola. We had various historical society newsletters available at no charge, and plenty more. As always, we were happy for the opportunity to promote our local history. It was a pleasure to chat with all those who stopped by! While at the Display held on October 3rd in Angola, our Historical Society donated one of our duplicate photos to the Evans Historical Society. We gave it to Evans Historical Society member Caryl Youngers, who happened to be visiting our display. The photo was of the B&E Trolley in front of the old Bank of Angola on Commercial Street. It is one of the photos taken by Lynn Walters (of Brant, N.Y.) in early 1900. The photos were printed from glass plate negatives. The collection of Lynn Walters's photos were donated to the historical society by Lynn Treat.

**October 31st** Town of Brant sponsored a Trunk or Treat at the Brant Town Hall.



Councilwoman Donna Marian's car was decorated as the Cookie Monster for the Brant Trunk or Treat.

## TRUNK OR TREAT!

The Brant Police helped out with the Trunk or Treat!



**November 11th** Veteran's Day Ceremonies at the Farnham Memorial Park. The speeches prepared and given by Mayor Jere Hoisington and Veteran Neil Ross, as well as the opening and closing prayers lead by Deacon Lynn Whitworth of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, helped those of us in attendance to take a few moments out of our day to reflect upon the freedoms we enjoy. To remember that we enjoy these freedoms because of the sacrifices of our Veterans. Refreshments were available at the Village Clerks office following the very patriotic service.



## Veterans Day November 11, 2021

At the Veterans Day Services; Brant Police Chief Donald Hepkins and Officer John Lopez



# THIS & THAT ABOUT FARNHAM & BRANT

Local WWII vets honored for service



Joyce Ellis, of Brant, receives the American flag.

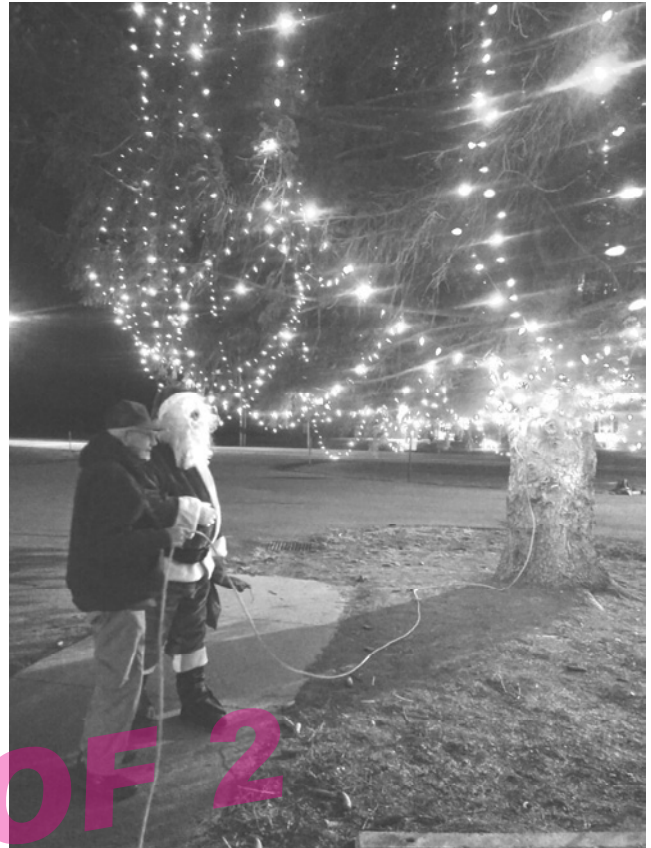
Contributed photos

**November 13, 2021** Joyce Ellis, of Brant, NY is shown accepting the American Flag in behalf of her three brothers who served in the WWII. The three brothers from WNY were honored at the Museum of the Pacific Wars in Fredericksburg, Texas. A plaque which honors the three brothers is mounted on the stone wall in the courtyard of the Museum. Photo is from "The Sun"

**December 4th** 3rd Annual Town of Brant Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Brant Town Hall. David Berns was the "official" tree lighter. Twin Pines had decorated the tree with many strands of lights and a beautiful star on the tippy top. Santa was there! Hot cocoa was available and a wagon ride took Christmas carolers all around the town and village. The tree looks gorgeous!



A day or so prior, Twin Pines, Farnham, N.Y. used their buck truck to decorate the not so small tree at the Brant Town Hall. As it turned out, the truck was called back on the actual tree lighting day to make a few last minute adjustments.



David Berns of Brant, N.Y. was the guest person of honor "officially" turning on the Christmas lights with Santa there to help. The remaining hardy souls in attendance were invited to take a wagon ride around the town of Brant and Village of Farnham. The jolly group continue to brave the cold, singing Christmas Carols along the entire route!

## 2022

**February 27th** Olivia White of Brant is named to Adelphi University Fall 2021 Semester Dean's List.

### March

Congratulations to the Lake Shore Students from the Town of Brant who participated in the AWESOME musical production of Disney's "Frozen Jr." on March 3, 4th and 5th. WOW!

**March 5th** Met with the Brant Summer Festival Committee. The chosen theme this year from Summer Festival Chairwoman Giancarlo is: Heros.

**March 6th** Notice in Pennysaver regarding the Village of Farnham General Election for two Trustee Positions; Four Candidates listed are: Kevin Burkley, Elizabeth Huffnagle, Robert Maurer, and Dennis Rubeck.

**March 22nd** Elizabeth Huffnagle and Dennis Rubeck are sworn in as Village of Farnham Trustees.

**March 25th** Hector Wilson's Birthday

**March 25th** The Town of Brant celebrates 183 years.

**March 29th** Visit from Steve and Eileen Lanza at the Brant Town Hall. They had days earlier contacted Amanda Palmer, who let

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us know the phone number of Steve. Once we contacted him, Steve explained that he had a 12" x 24" framed photo of Camp Josiah Porter, Farnham, NY dated 1911 that he wished to donate to the Historical Society. He and his wife Eileen were coming to town for another errand and so decided to personally deliver this wonderful photo to us! He had originally purchased the photo at a sale in the Veteran's Legion in Olean about five years ago. They are now downsizing and decided to bring the photo to it's rightful "home". Their address is 1114 River St., Olean, N.Y. 14760. We gave them two of our most recent journals as a thank you, and after reading them, Steve discovered someone he knew from Brant/Farnham - Ray Dunkel! Steve had worked with Ray a number of years back and looks forward to re-connecting. Steve and Eileen are hoping to attend Brant Summer Festival in June.

**April 9th** Second Annual Town of Brant Easter Egg Hunt at the Brant Town Park

**April 26th** Lake Shore Music Department hosts a District Jazz Guest Artist Concert featuring special guest; 2008 Lake Shore Graduate and Freelance Jazz Pianist in NYC, Michael Zeffiro.



Lake Shore High School Jazz Ensemble Guest Artist Concert, featured Michael Zeffiro (Town of Brant Native and graduate of Lake Shore Central Schools) on the Keyboards.



Town of Brant Native MICHAEL ZEFFIRO performs for his hometown at the District Jazz Guest Artist Concert. In addition to being a Pianist, Michael also plays the saxophone!



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**May 1st** the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2021 for the Town of Brant Water District #1, is available for viewing on line at [villageoffarnham.com](http://villageoffarnham.com)

**May 1st** Old Orchard Greenhouse and Nursery, Farnham, NY is opening for the spring with Vegetable Plants, Flowers, Evergreens and Hanging Baskets.

**May 1st** Arlene DeJoy-Meckes is running for school board. Arlene lives in the town of Brant with her family.

**May 8th** The Schwartz Farm Greenhouse in Farnham is opening for the Spring with Flower and Vegetable Plants, Hanging Baskets, Big Potted Tomatoes, Geraniums and Cemetery Pots.

**May 14th** Advertisements for Brant Summer Recreation are placed in the local Pennysavers. Recreation will begin on July 5th and will end on August 12th.

**May 14th** The Brant Town Clerk's office announces a change in office hours. Saturdays will be by appointment only.

**May 17th** School Board Elections. Arlene DeJoy-Meckes of Brant received the greatest number of votes. 542 for a 3 Year term.

**May 25th** The Brant Post Office celebrates 178 Years.

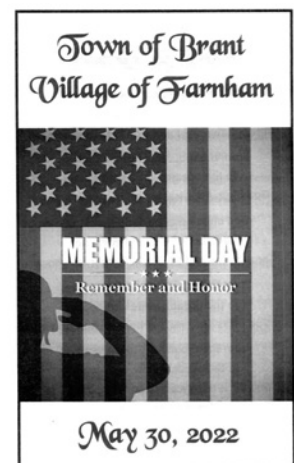
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**June 15th** The Village of Farnham celebrates 130 Years.

**June 17th and 18th** The 19th Annual Brant Summer Festival at the Brant Town Park. The Theme for this year is Heros. Two Parades; one in Farnham and one in Brant directly following the one in Farnham. New this year is a Mechanical Bull Riding and a Burn Pit for hot rod cars.

**June 18th** Early voting begins through June 26th at the Brant Town Hall.

**June 28th** Primary Election Day





# THIS & THAT ABOUT FARNHAM & BRANT

## Expressing our sympathy to friends and family

### our community sadly misses:

Ryan Rauker (06/18/21)  
 Mr. William Houston (07/03/21)\*\* although Mr. Houston was not a resident of Brant or Farnham, he had great influence on many of us as Superintendent of the Lake Shore Central Schools and his community endeavors.

Catherine (Renaldo) Jumper (07/15/21)  
 Sandra L. Izzio (07/23/21)  
 Marie (Pingitore) Towlson (07/30/21)  
 Frances (Seggio) Paulucci (08/17/21)  
 Edward "Tex" Davis (08/22/21)  
 Charles R. Joy (09/13/2021)  
 Marilyn (Erick) Russell (10/17/2021)  
 Bernice (Janik) Twarozek (10/23/2021)  
 Patricia (Meier) Kobel (10/25/2021)  
 Anthony R. Andolina "Tony" (10/31/2021)  
 Mandy Kusior (11/01/2021)  
 Joseph E. Hetsko (11/13/2021)  
 Josephine Kern (10/28/21)  
 Rose Ann (Muffoletto) Sutter (12/25/21)  
 Joseph J. Huffnagle, Sr. (01/05/22)  
 Sharon Hopcus (01/19/22)  
 Matthew Leverenz (01/23/22)  
 Sally Giambrone. (02/12/22)  
 Margaret J. Bates (03/09/22)  
 Phyllis George (03/21/22)  
 Martin Crouse (03/21/22)  
 Edward Brant (03/21/22)  
 Charles Winters (04/07/22)  
 Patricia Granica (05/10/22)  
 Josephine Catalano (05/11/22)  
 Diana J. Szymanski (05/19/22)  
 Ronald N. Kobel (05/27/22)

And any we may have unknowingly omitted\*  
**May they rest in peace**

Gabe Iglienski, lives in Brant and attends school in the North Collins District. During the school trip to Washington, D.C. in May of this year (2022), Gabe was able to visit the Lincoln Memorial.



To the right is "Gabraham" Iglienski at the Brant Summer Festival Parade in 2016. We will guess that Abraham Lincoln is one of Gabe's Hero's!



In July of 2021, Kate and Karen visited our historical room to obtain their Erie County Museum Passport stamp! Our historical society was stamp #25. The Erie County Heritage Passport project ended in April 2022. The project (EC200) was created to celebrate the 200th Year of Erie County.

## 90 PLUS

We thought it was important to recognize our Brant and Farnham Seniors who are 90 plus as they too are the "HEROES" who helped to build our Town of Brant and Village of Farnham. David Berns, Joyce DeCarlo, Harold Leverenz, Catherine "Katie" Paternostro, Mary Rustowicz, Marie Smith, Betty Douglas, Howard Engleka, Joseph Furlano, John Montondo, Phyllis Sack, John Scalise, Lorraine Dunkel, Ray Dunkel, Ruth Marsh, Jeanette Mirusso, Frances Notaro, Ed Solmonson, Henry Forbes, Delores Stafford, Ray Barefoot, Betty Carson, Julia Muscato, Alma Taylor, Carmen Vacco, John Worthylake, Anton Troidl, and Josephine Battaglia.

## Happy Birthday!!

David Berns	January 11
Marian Berns	May 1
Jo Battaglia (100)	July 6
Josephine Friend (86)	August 7
Marilyn Cordia	September 7
George Cordia	September 24

## Congratulations!

- Marilyn and George Cordia celebrate 51 Years of marriage in June 2022!
- Phil Tremblay on his Retirement
- Chief Don Hepkins on his Retirement at the end of June

*Thank you to Lynda Ostrowski for supplying us with the names.*

# LOCAL HEROES



All Fire fighters and EMTs, Past, Present and Future. Farnham Fire Dept. checking on residents during the Snovember storm of 2014



Tracy Kaczmarek and Marcy Muffoletto, Brant Summer Festival Volunteers for many years



Marilyn and George Cordia, Good deed doers in countless ways.



Jessie and Herman Ciminesi. Herman holds record for serving as Town Supervisor for the most years. Both were volunteers for the Fire Company, church and Strawberry Festivals.



Members of the SHARE group presenting helpful funds to those in need. 2015



The Farnham and Brant Police



Mrs. Phyllis (Ellis) Kranz Willson, Teacher at Brant I School and Philanthropist



The cooks at School



Matilda Merow honored as Senior Citizen at the 1964 Brant Quarto Sequennial.



The 1996 Olympic Torch passing through Farnham, NY

Jack Fox carried the Olympic Torch. This is not him, but he did carry the torch.



Lenny Pero. It was his and his daughter Amanda's idea to have Brant Summer Festival. He was also instrumental in starting Parish of Our Lady.



Rural Transit volunteers through the years.

**Our Town of Brant and Village of Farnham have had their share of LOCAL HEROES through the years.**

**People whom we admire not only for their achievements, but for their sense of volunteerism, generosity of their time and talents towards the betterment of our community...**

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Santa Claus



Phyllis Blanchard, Head of Publicity for the Brant Strawberry Festivals



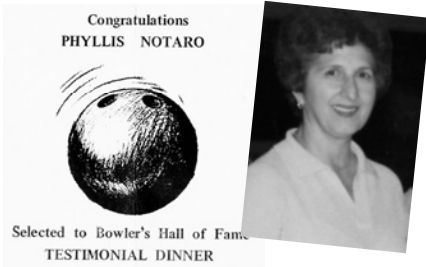
Fred Gugino Last Strawberry Festival King 1957



All Fire Fighters - Past, Present and Future Pictured: Bob Brant, Bill Fricano, Frank Zeffiro Jr., Dr. Anna Martorana, Jim Militello



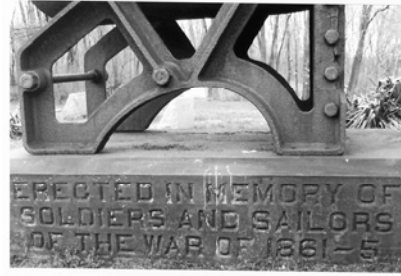
# LOCAL HEROES



Congratulations  
PHYLLIS NOTARO

Selected to Bowler's Hall of Fame  
TESTIMONIAL DINNER

Phyllis Notaro, Bowling Hall of Famer



Soldiers and Sailors of the CIVIL WAR



MARION FRICANO  
PHILADELPHIA ATHLETICS, AMERICAN LEAGUE

Marion Fricano,  
Major League  
Baseball Player



David and Marion Berns, Katie Paternostro, Scout leaders and all the Scout Leaders of Brant and Farnham.



May, 1982: Brant, N.Y. native and radio personality, Anthony Mirusso aka "Tony Magoo". He sat in over 80,000 seats at Rich Stadium to raise money for Cancer Society.



Brant School Faculty 1998; L-R; Arlene Danial, Carol Zeffiro, Nancy Stock, Mari Grennell, Pat McClatchey, Mary Ellen Murphy, Sandy Fininzio and George Romanowski. And all the Brant and Farnham school teachers and Faculty through the years.



Entertainer, returned to his hometown to do a benefit to raise funds for the Farnham Playground



L-R FIRST Fireman's Queen Gloria Roll Tagliarino, seated Joyce Stearns Mackey, AND FIRST Brant Fire Chief Peter Pero Sr. [1959]



Farnham Ladies Aux. 1992 Officers Evelyn Schwartz, Marilyn Cordia, Faith DeLong and Esther Beyer. And all the Past and Present Members.



1959 Planning Fashion Show, Lee Mirusso, Jessie Ciminesi, Toni Kajm, Lucy Guzzetta, Phyllis Blanchard, Angela Pero, Alice Gugino. Members of the Brant Fire Company Aux. And all the Past and Present Members.



1998 Base Ball Champs! Brant Fire Co. THE BRANT BOMBERS  
From Left: Top Row: Vince Fininzio Jr., Vince Fininzio Sr., Lou Catalano, Stan Starzanowicz, Brian Richards, Jeff Lipowicz, and David Pero.  
Bottom Row: John Adimey, William Hill, Wayne Falk, Joe Paternostro, John Wilson, and Jeff Renaldo.

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- Helen Watts and Gert Fose** for organizing the Farnham Ladies Drum Corp.
- Nina Notaro Faltus** for documenting so many things for the Historical Society.
- Mark Winters** for taking care of Brant Cemetery.
- Carlton Winters** for writing the 1964 Brant History Book and documenting information regarding Brant and Farnham Civil War Veterans.
- Annette Dispense** for initiating the 4 way stop at the Milestrip and Brant-Reservation intersection.
- Lynn Walters and Lee Walker** for documenting early Brant and Farnham life through photography.
- Ellsworth Nolan** for saving the life of a three year old.
- John Chiavetta** for taking care of Parish of Our Lady Church and of Mt. Carmel Cemetery.
- Mary Muscato** for being Treasurer of Brant Farnham Historical Society in years past.
- Marlene and Elmer McSkimming** for their behind the scenes help.
- Lynda Ostrowski** for her help on the many committees.

- Gloria Lomanto and Marie Smith** for documenting Brant and Farnham life for the Evans Journal.
- Sue Ross** for Organizing and producing the Brant I School Plays.
- Jean Brunelli and Marion Berns** for delivering meals at Meals on Wheels.
- Twila Nitch** for sharing of Native American Ancestry and Wisdom
- Sam Sicurella Jr.** for putting all the lights on the Christmas Tree for tree lighting ceremonies
- Lee Brunelli** for his many years of volunteering at Rural Transit.
- Chad Kaczmarek** for his volunteering at Lake Shore Youth Football and Town Events.
- Betty O'Donnell** for volunteering and managing Operation Good Neighbor.
- Donna Borngaber** for helping youth groups at Holy Cross and for her leadership in the SHARE organization.
- Sharon Catalano and Margie Pero** for their commitment to the Senior Citizens Group as well as the Brant Ladies Aux.
- Peter Pero Sr. and Samuel Butts** for donating the land for the Brant Fire Company and Brant School respectively.
- Ellen George** for heading the Funeral Breakfasts at St. Anthony's Church

# AND LASTLY.....



Combining rye on the **Charlie Arrigo Farm**, Milestrip Rd.  
Our EVERYDAY HERO - THE FARMER

## THE HISTORIAN'S NOTEBOOK

Hello!

*Unbelievable!! 2022 is half way finished already! Since this same time last year, our historical files have continued to grow strong! THANK YOU to all who have been sharing and continued to share local history with us.*

### **Celebrating the 183rd Anniversary of the Town of Brant**

- ⇒ **Printing and distribution** of our 2022 Historical Journal with the focus on HEROES
- ⇒ **19th annual Brant Summer Festival** June 17th & 18th
- ⇒ **Special historical display** at Brant Summer Festival, highlighting our Brant and Farnham Everyday Heroes

### **Celebrating the 130th 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](mailto: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.*

Copies of the Anniversary History Books are still available at a cost of \$25.00 each. Checks should be made payable to: **Brant-Farnham Historical Society**, PO Box 228, Brant, N.Y. 14027. PLEASE add \$10.00 for UPS shipping or \$5.00 for mail, or you can pick up a copy in the Clerk's office at the Brant Town Hall or Farnham Village Hall. **Thank you!**



**LOCAL HEROES**  
Relaxing after a day's work.  
Marion and David Berns

## **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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 183 Years of Incorporation

March 25, 1839-March 25, 2022

The village of Farnham 130 Years of Incorporation

June 15, 1892-June 15, 2022

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