

The Center Piece

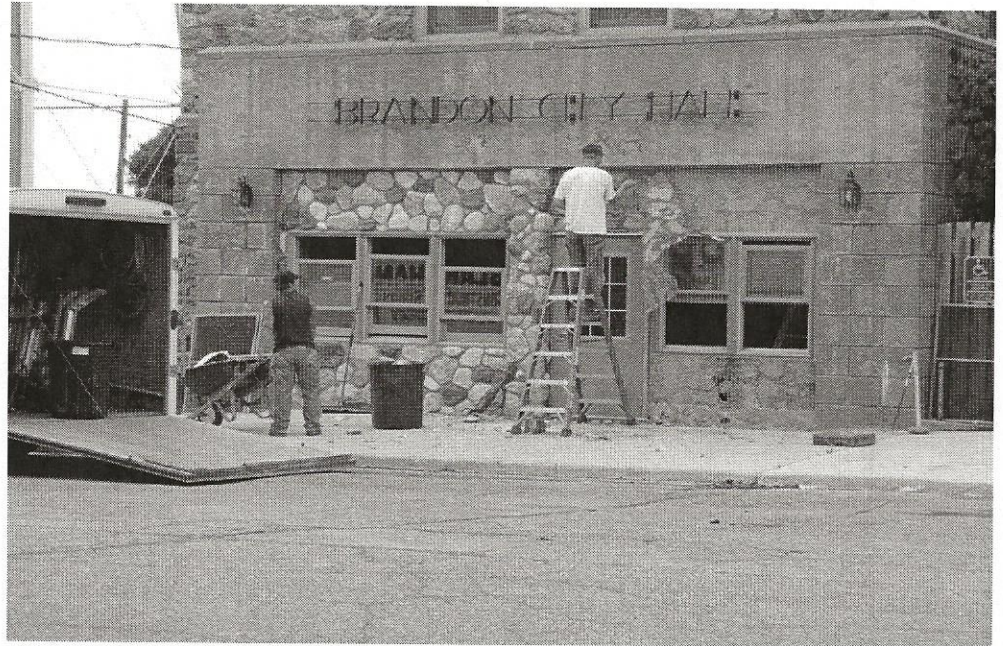
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Brandon History Center



And the Restoration Begins!

Excitement is in the air at 105 Holmes Avenue in the City of Brandon!

At its June meeting, the City Council awarded contracts for the restoration:

Concrete – Bitzan-Ouren
Masonry – Building Restoration Corp.

Carpentry - BCS, Inc.

Roofing – Membrane Roofing – Roof I

Finishes – Beers Painting

Electrical – Lennes Bros.

Total projected cost for Phase I - \$254,390

Renovations began on Monday, June 14.

As we all know, 75 years have taken a huge toll on the building, and the need to make repairs is apparent. Fundraising efforts by the community and funds appropriated by the City of Brandon have made it possible to begin Phase I of the project.

Phase I is expected to be finished in time for our Summerfest.

You will be able to follow the progress of the project on the ORB Management web site at:

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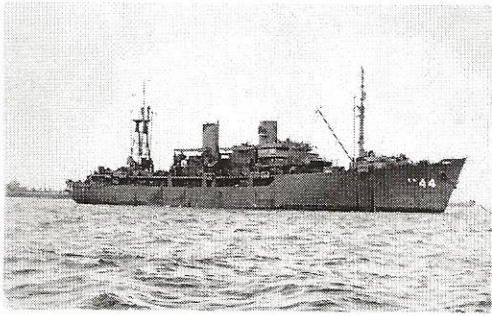
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BCS, Inc. is pictured above in the process of demolishing the east entrance to the current History Center (old Fire Hall/City Hall entrance) which will be totally restored to its original design.

Page 4 of this newsletter shows the old, the current, and future designs.

Arnie J. Auel



The USS Sylvania AKA-44, on which Arnie Auel served during WWII.

Arnold J. Auel, a veteran of the U.S. Navy, World War II, died on March 9, 2010.

Arnie entered the U.S. Navy in 1943 at the U.S. Naval Training Center at Great Lakes, IL. He served on the USS Sylvania AKA-44. His tour of duty took him to the South Pacific, Japan, and the Philippines and he was discharged June 7, 1946.



Ralph Ostlund



Ralph Ostlund, also a veteran of the U.S. Navy, World War II, died on October 20, 2009.

After graduating from high school, Ralph joined the U.S. Navy and served as an avionics electrician. His tour of duty found him in many locations, including the Great Lakes Naval Station, Baltimore, Washington D.C. and St. Louis. He was discharged in September of 1948.



Military Honors – Remember our Veterans Always



It is the soldier, not the President, who gives us Democracy.

It is the soldier, not the Congress, who takes care of us.

It is the soldier, not a Reporter, who has given us Freedom of the Press.

It is the soldier, not the Poet, who has given us Freedom of Speech.

It is the soldier, not the Campus Organizer, who has given us the Freedom to Demonstrate.

It is the soldier who

salutes the flag and who serves beneath the flag and whose coffin is draped by the flag that allows the protester to burn the flag.

We thank Father Dennis O'Brien, U.S. Marine Corp. Chaplin for this beautiful tribute.

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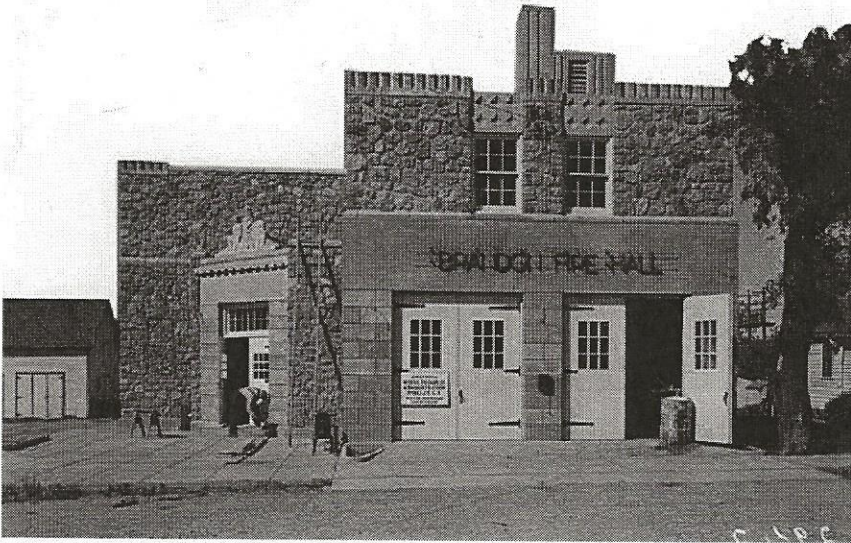


American Legion Inspiration Peak Post #527 and Auxiliary - Millerville

On June 9, 2010, Christella Korkowski and Joan Haak, representing the Brandon History Center, visited with the Millerville Legion and Auxiliary during their monthly meeting about providing the History Center with information about their organization. Both the Brandon and Millerville Legion organizations have been and will continue to be featured in The Center Piece.

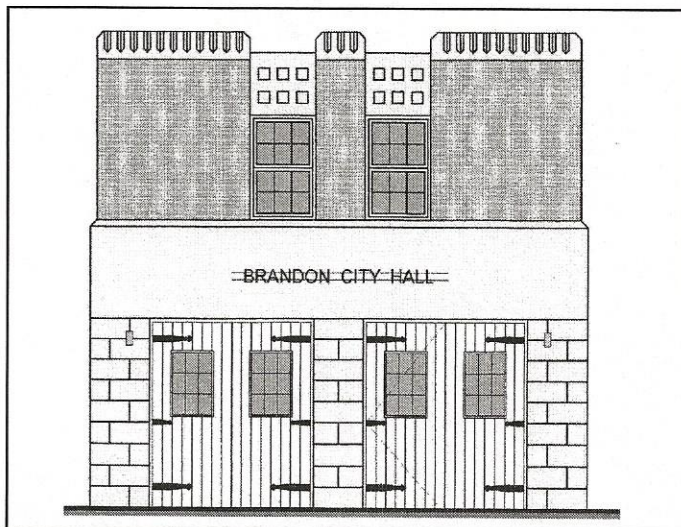
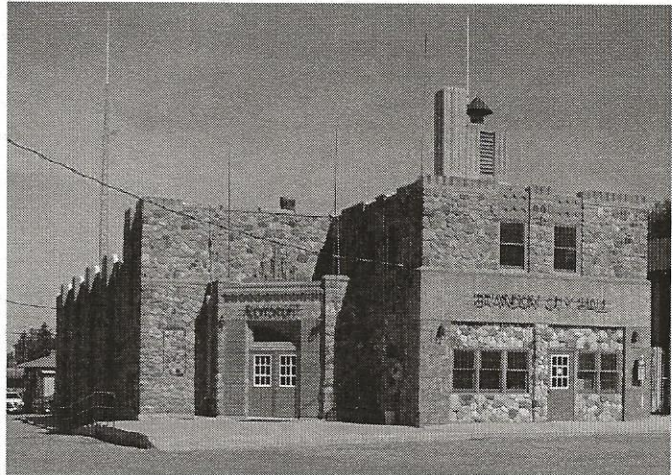


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Pictured at left is the original Brandon Auditorium which included the original fire hall

Pictured at right is the current Brandon Auditorium which includes the original fire hall converted to the City Hall, which is now occupied by the History Center. Notice that when the Fire Hall was moved next door, the east entry to the City Hall was changed from its original design.



At left is the architect's rendering of how the east entries will look after Phase I has been completed, bringing the Hall back to its original design.

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Thank You --

Thank you for donations to the History Center in memory of Justina Korkowski, Eldred "Bill" Lund, and Arnie Auel.

As a reminder to everyone, memorials totaling \$100 will be placed on our contributor plaques. These memorials are a wonderful way of remembering your loved ones.

We appreciate all donations to the History Center! Without contributions and gifts, the Center would not be a reality!

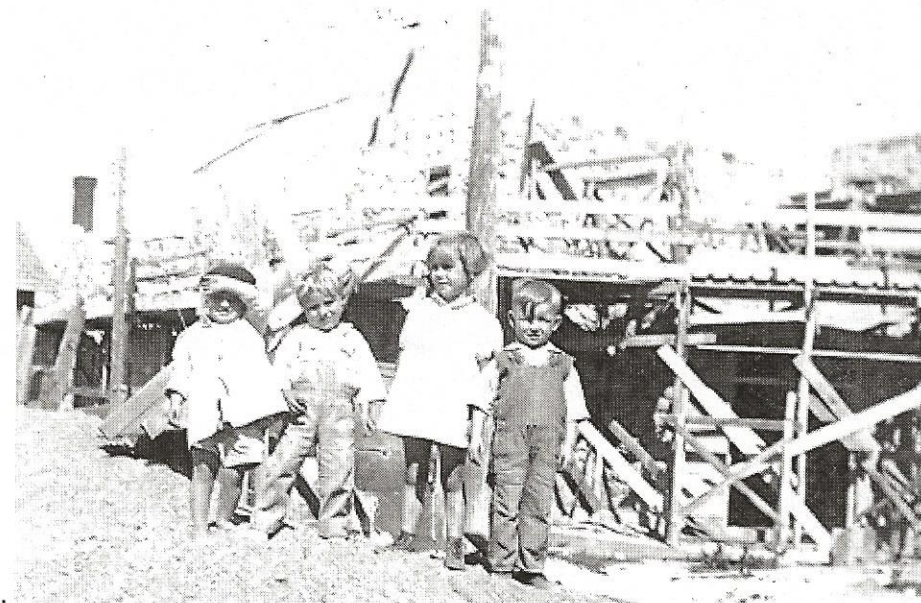
Special Thanks

Thanks to Leila Hanson who donated American Legion Membership cards that belonged to her brother-in-law, Harold S. Hanson. This 44-card collection includes cards from 1920 – 1964.

Thank you to Jeff Plaster, pictured at right, for building the base for the display for the History Center. He recycled an antique coat rack from the Brandon School.



Remembering Original Construction of Our "Hall"



Left to right: Betty Bolin, Duane Augdahl, Ardyce Anderson and Euaene Stene.

"Children at construction site of Brandon Auditorium

In 1935 these children played on the sand pile that was used to make cement and mortar for the construction of the Historic Brandon Auditorium. The children all lived within a couple of city blocks from the construction site. Ardyce Anderson was the daughter of Gust Anderson, the foreman of construction.

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Mission Statement

**To collect, preserve and display articles, pictures and memorabilia from
Brandon, Millerville, and the surrounding area for future generations.**

**To assist in the preservation of the Historic Brandon Auditorium and
other local historic sites**

Volunteers

Thank you to those who volunteer on a regular basis: Leila Hanson, Mae Eichelberger, Joan Haak, and Joanie Piotrowski.

We are always looking for additional volunteers. If students need community service hours, we'll gladly accommodate them.

About Our Organization...

The Brandon History Center changed from a dream to a reality on August 28, 2007, when it received its 501(c)(3) non-profit status.

Because we are a non-

Open by Appointment

If anyone would need to visit the History Center when we are not open, contact any of the Board members. Anyone visiting the area may have a special interest in what we have on display.

We do not have scheduled hours, so please call.

Notice:

The History Center will be staffed on Saturday, August 7, during Brandon Summerfest, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

profit organization, contributions are tax-deductible.

Consider making a contribution of \$100 or more. Your gift will be recognized by name on our contributor plaques.

Also make use of our three membership options: Individual or family one-year or single life memberships.

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