

# THE CENTER PIECE



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## ISD 2908

### Brandon–Evansville Schools

For many years, the Brandon and Evansville Schools were separate school districts, with fierce rivalry between their sports teams. Even though rivalry is to be expected between neighboring towns, the communities were supportive of one another and enjoyed the friendly camaraderie at football, basketball, and baseball games.

Many of us graduates of Brandon and Evansville Schools remember the mascot names: The Evansville Tigers with blue and gold colors and the Brandon Warriors with maroon and gold colors.

What we don't often remember are the mascot logos that evolved over the years. From 1946 until 1988, an Indian image was the logo for the Brandon High School Warriors. Eleven different images were used.

There are three Evansville Tiger logos that were used through 1976, pictured on page 3.

In 1973, Rebecca Hall (pictured at right), a high school English teacher, painted the large wooden image of a young brave which hung in the Brandon HS Auditorium until 1979. The Slack Painting crew painted the auditorium, and the brave was never hung up again. Brandon Superintendent Les Anderson could see that some kind of pairing with Evansville was on the horizon. Dana Baker saved and stored this image for many years and then donated it to the Brandon History Center. The Warrior image is pictured on page 3.

This wooden image of the young brave has ridden on many floats in Brandon Summerfest parades.

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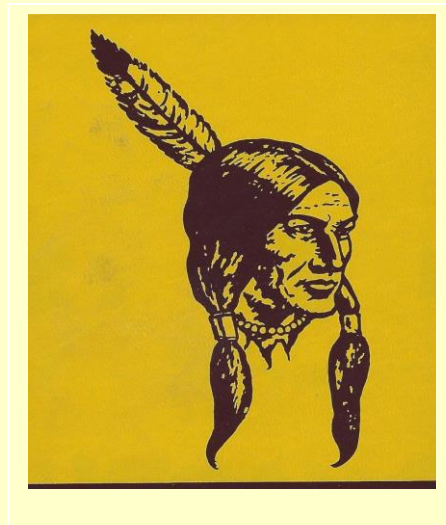
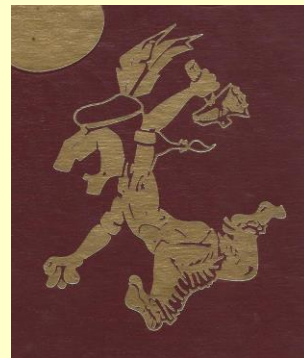
In 1982, a contest to create a new logo for the paired B/E Charger athletics was won by Peter Shea and David Anderson. The winners received free admission to all Charger athletic activities for the year 1985.

In 1983, the Brandon and Evansville football teams combined to form an eleven-man team. At this time, the B/E Chargers' name and logo was used for the football team only. By 1991, all of the sports were combined.

On page 2–3 are the various logos used on year-books and the two most recent Charger logos.



# Brandon Yearbook Logos - 1946 - 1988



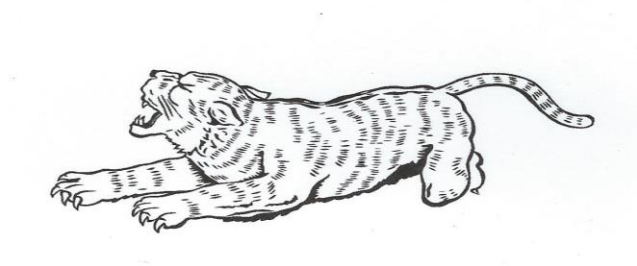
Brandon Image by R. Hall



Recent B-E School Logos



Evansville Logos



## Veterans' Corner



**Donald Francis Byrne**

In 1944, Don Byrne enlisted in the US Army spending his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday in basic training. After basic training, he was sent to Manila, Philippines. While on his way there, he contracted Tropical Fever and was hospitalized upon arrival. During his hospital stay, his platoon was sent out on maneuvers into the jungle, from which many of the men did not make it back.

Don spent the remaining days of the war in the Philippines supervising construction of storage sheds for the Army. His Filipino liaison was a man by the name of Marcos. Not until decades later, while hearing this man's voice on television, did he realize that the man being exiled from his country was the man he worked with during the war. His full name was Ferdinand Marcos, president of the Philippines. After his discharge, and after working in the Twin Cities, he returned to rural Millerville with his family.

Don Byrne, age 90, died September 10, 2014. He was a member of Millerville Legion Post 527.



**Leroy Anthony Suchy**

Leroy Suchy enlisted in the Army National Guard on January 16, 1963, and was honorably discharged January 1, 1969.

Leroy's active duty training was at Fort Polk, Louisiana. He was decorated as an M-1 Rifle Sharpshooter. After his active service in Louisiana, PFC Suchy served the rest of his enlistment time in a medical battalion in West St. Paul. His main duty was a Lt Truck Driver.

In 1983, he purchased a dairy farm and moved back to the Millerville area with his family.

Leroy died at the age of 71 on June 28, 2014.



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**Paul Lauthen**

Paul Lauthen served in the United States Army for two years. While on leave he was united in marriage to Margaret Thronson and then returned to active duty as a Military Policeman at Camp Zama, Japan. After being discharged, Paul returned to the Brandon area where he farmed with his wife Margaret until he passed away on November 22, 2014, at the age of 67 years.

Military honors were accorded by the American Legion Post 278 and the Minnesota National Guard.

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### In Memory, we thank you . . .

Thank you to Robert and David Jones for the generous gift of \$500 in memory of "Hap" and Rosemary Jones who lived in the Brandon area for many years. "Hap" managed Gardonville Telephone Cooperative; and he and his wife Rosemary operated a resort which is now owned by the Slack family.

### Thank you to . . .

#### Donations:

- Jean Johnson for her \$100 donation
- Class of 1964 for their \$125 donation
- Class of 1959 for their \$190 donation
- Class of 1947 \$70 donation
- Gabe Pipo for his \$72 donation

#### Memorials:

- John Anderson, \$100 in memory of Mark & Bernice Kelly family
- Kay Larson, \$100.00 In Memory of Charles Schelin
- Kay Larson, \$100.00 In Memory of Orville "Hap" & Rosemary Jones
- LaVina Larson, \$20 in Memory of Rosemary Jones
- Dennis & Barb Gulbranson, \$30 in Memory of Gertie Engel
- Joan Fjoslien, \$20 in Memory of Gertie Engel
- E. A. Hintzen, \$50 in Memory of Rosemary Jones
- Margaret Lauthen, \$100 in memory of Paul

#### Lifetime membership:

Kay Larson \$150 Lifetime membership

### Thank you for . . .



**Snow Suit donated by Karen Schjei. It dates to the early 1920s and belonged to Karen's aunt.**



**This old souvenir of Brandon came to BHC via Jill Wagner, who received it from the Barb Jern Clark family.**

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**Our 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.