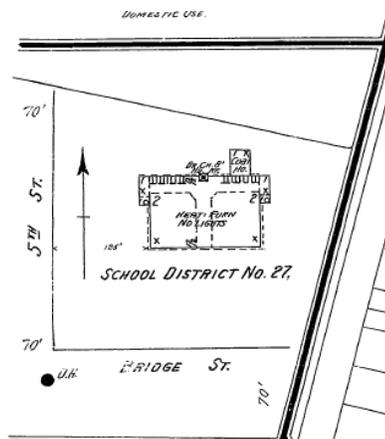


Carmichael Chronicles

Brighton City Museum

Brighton's Second School



It's fun to look back at some of the events from Brighton's past. In this edition of the Carmichael Chronicles, we take a look at a clipping from the Brighton Blade on "Brighton's second school". The photo depicts just that -- Brighton's second school which was located on Bridge between 5th and 6th Avenues. (Not to be confused with the High School on Bridge and 8th - though that is historic, too!) A clipping from the 1904 Sanborn Map is included here as well, showing the location and general building footprint of the school, aptly labeled "School District No. 27".

Here is an excerpt from the Brighton Blade clipping, which was written as a part of a Bicentennial celebration: "The new school was built and was dedicated on Jan. 11, 1898. A holiday was proclaimed, and all the students were let out of school for the occasion."

Later the article notes, "[t]he first school in the Brighton area was that built in 1870 about a mile and a half south of Brighton, on the old Frank Aichelman farm. The first teacher of that school was Mary Ross."

We have thousands of archive records and photos just like this one on our online Museum software, PastPerfect! Check it out here: <https://buff.ly/316zVpw>

Our Latest Exhibit



The exhibit, which is comprised of approximately fifty pictures, placards and over thirty historic artifacts, is located on the second floor of the Historic City Hall building.

Most of the of the exhibit artifacts are on loan from Barry Hilderbrandt, the curator from the National War Museum of the Rockies.

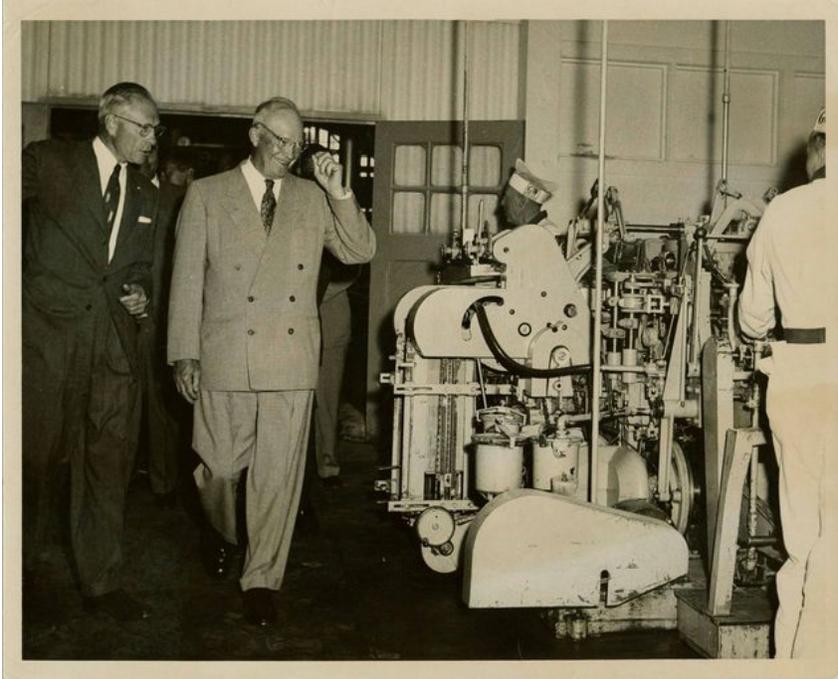
This past October, the Brighton City Museum, in conjunction with the National War Museum of the Rockies, created a new exhibit entitled “A Century of Service: Colorado’s Citizen Soldiers and Brighton’s Historic Armory.”

This exhibit features topics such as the Militia & the Origins of Service, Brighton’s Early Colorado National Guard Units, WWII and the American Legion, and much more.



You can check out more of Barry’s war artifacts by going to the NWMOTR Facebook page at [National War Museum of the Rockies | Facebook](#)

Did You Know?



In 1954, President Eisenhower visited the Great Western Sugar Factory here in Brighton! Frank A. Kemp, shown on the far left of the photo, and President Eisenhower, on Kemp's right, toured the Brighton factory.

President Eisenhower stopped at a number of places when visiting Colorado and included Brighton. This is likely because of the output and opulence of the Great Western Factory, which, according to the company's description, was built to be a "showplace" factory.

Photo courtesy of the Colorado State University Libraries: <https://buff.ly/3c0vnVC>

Our Dairy Industry

The dairy industry was one of Brighton's best assets because of its year-round payroll to the farmers and the company's employees. The Brighton Dairy Association was formed on April 9, 1895. Eventually, the Northern Dairy received milk from over 250 milk producers when it worked in wholesale milk products . The store in front of the dairy sold milk, cheese, butter, cottage cheese, 20 flavors of ice cream, and sherbets. Around the mid-1950s, the Northern Dairy Factory processed between 70,000 and 80,000 gallons of milk per day.





Shining Star of the Quarter



In a world filled with news of conflicts and challenges, there exists a shining beacon of hope – volunteers!

This quarter we would like to highlight the contributions of Barb Heumann. Barb is a retired Educational Administrative Assistant, from Brighton's own 27J School District. Barb started volunteering with the Brighton City Museum in November 2022. She currently has over 175 hours of volunteer service with our museum.

Since coming to the museum, Barb has been busy with various museum projects. Some of these include cataloging our document collection and arranging various museum events throughout the year. In addition to assisting in the stacks, Barb is always willing to serve as docent for patrons visting the museum.

Congratulations Barb! Your dedication and outstanding contributions have earned you the title of "Shining Star of the Quarter."

2023: Looking Back & Ahead

Wow, what a year we had at the museum! Besides a year of organizational improvements with our collection, we added to it in many significant ways. We received several impactful donations from a single Brighton family whose male members fought in WWI and WWII respectively. This donation also included photographs and documentation regarding the family's service as linemen for the power company during the 1920s and 1930s.

Additionally, we are proud of our cooperation with the BJAA (Brighton Japanese American Association). These dedicated volunteers have been busy scanning, identifying, and cataloging photographs of our Japanese American citizens. Two of their dedicated members have worked hard to identify everyone in the photos and build a much-needed database of the materials.

The "Brighton Memory Project," our newly re-energized oral history program, captured two oral histories with a new "podcast" interview like format. As we grow this resource, we will continue to enhance the overall knowledge base held at our facility. We look forward to capturing more ethnic histories in the coming year.

You never know who will walk into the museum. We were fortunate to cultivate a new partnership with the National Military Museum of The Rockies; a private collection housed right here in Brighton. This museum focuses on a lifetime of collecting and has provided us with a loan of many original artifacts for our new 3rd floor exhibit. In 2024, we will be featuring a new exhibit with additional uniforms focusing on the U. S. 442nd Infantry Regiment.

We were proud to be awarded a \$4500 grant from the Brighton Cultural Arts Council. I can't say enough how this changed the dynamics of museum programs. Additionally, we have cultivated and enjoyed new partnerships with the Chamber of Commerce, and the Brighton High School Culinary Department. These relationships were instrumental in providing new "grant funded" programs and events throughout the year.

By far, the most impactful events were our community holiday celebrations and our informative lecture series. This year, we introduced featured foods as part of a few of the presentations. If you missed the "frontier Foods" and "Holidays of the Past" lectures, you missed a real chance to taste samples of historic foods prepared by the BHS team and hosted at the historic Chamber depot. The best part is that the grant made it possible to be free to the public!

What lies ahead? Rich, the volunteers, and I are looking to take a look at more of Brighton's past in 2024. Our programs and exhibits will specifically focus on life 100 years ago. We will continue to partner with local establishments and hopefully focus on more public events. Some of our plans include talks on the history of early Hollywood films, and a look at the prohibition era.

Watch the City's website, Brighton Standard Blade, and Facebook for more information on BCM events. Also, please follow us on social media! It is our wish that you will join us for our new programs and annual theme as we expand the museum and its educational mission of fun and interesting experiences throughout the community.

We always welcome, for consideration, any partnerships, donations of artifacts or funds, and of course volunteers. Let's make it another great year!

Sincerely,

Bill Armstrong

Museum Online

Did you know that you can view many of the museum's artifacts online? Just visit brightonco.pastperfectonline.com.

We are currently working on re-cataloguing our items. Please be patient with us if you are unable to find an item that was in a previous catalogue.

Available Resources at the Museum

- Brighton Blade newspapers 1903 – 2016
- City Directories 1923-1981
- Adams County Register newspapers - various dates
- Japanese American News 1941 - 1958
- The Nichi Bei newspapers - various 1940s
- Colorado Times newspapers - various 1940s
- The Rocky Nippon newspapers - various 1940s
- The Rocky Shimpo newspapers -various 1940s
- 1916 Willits Farm Map
- Other City Aerials and regional maps