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Points of Interest:

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Thanks to...
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• Ralph Steinberger, Larry Lawrence, Dick Weinre, Bob Knight, Mindy Kinsey, Harry Davis, Joe Collins, Nancy Fredenburg, Hank Winegar, Marianne Bair and Jim Vichich for volunteering at the ColBACH Center in January through April.
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• Muriel Armstrong and the Robert Knight family for contributions in memory of Mark McMacken.
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Dates to Remember

May 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30: 5pm-8pm
BAHS hosts at ColBACH Center on Sun and Wed during May

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: 5am-12pm
Archiving/Open House at Lyon School

May 23: 6pm
BAHS Board Meeting at ColBACH

May 21: 9:30am-4:30pm
The BAHS will sponsor a Grantstone Preservation Workshop at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church with field work done at the adjacent Old Village Cemetery. This hands-on training will focus on grantwriting and monument preservation, including appropriate repair methods. Free to members of any local historical society; nonmembers $20 donation. (see page 1)

May 5: 9am-1pm
Old Village Cemetery Fourth Annual Spring Cleanup. Reserve this date for a wonderful and rewarding opportunity. Your assistance will have these hallowed grounds looking sharp for Memorial Day, May 28. Over 35 Civil War veterans and veterans of other wars are buried here. This is Brighton’s oldest cemetery dating to an 1837 burial of Truman Worden. If you can participate in this community civic pride event, contact us to let us know that you can help.

May 8: 9am-2pm
Civil War Memorabilia Display at ColBACH Center. See two private collections (this day ONLY) featuring authentic uniforms, pistols, long guns, cannon balls and many other genuine artifacts. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to visit a local exhibit and learn about the War of Rebellion as we commemorate the 150th Anniversary of America’s Civil War. Don’t miss this awesome exhibit! Admission is FREE.

May 28: 10am
Brighton Memorial Day Parade. June 9: 1pm-2:30pm
When a Rose is Not a Rose will be presented by Judith Coebly. This special presentation focuses on women that disguised themselves to fight as men during the Civil War. Photos and personal stories of these courageous women will be highlighted during this one hour presentation. Admission is FREE.

July 21: 1:30pm-3:00pm
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This Month at ColBACH Through July 15
Tues-Sun, 5-8 pm also Sat 9am-12 noon
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• Patrick Financial Group
• Promax
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Thanks to our existing and new members for their annual memberships:

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Larry & Kate Lawrence

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Welcome to these new members
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