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CoBACH volunteers: Joe Collins, Nancy Fredenburg, Mindy Kinsey, Norma Jean Pless, Jane Tomlinson, Larry Lawrence, Hank Winiger, Sheryl Vignostad, Ralph Steinberger and Jim Vichich.

Mindy Kinsey for gathering the exhibit materials and setting up the Mother's Day Exhibit at the CoBACH Center. This exhibit runs through May 24. If you would like to display a photo of your mother, there is wall space where you can tack a photo. Please put your name and contact information on the back of the photo. Also thank you to Marieanna Bair for a loaning items for the Mother's Day Exhibit display.

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One of the goals of this spring clean up is to have the Old Village Cemetery in respectful condition for the veterans buried there by Memorial Day, May 27. Veterans of the Blackhawk, Civil, Spanish-American Wars, WWI and WWII are part of the rich Brighton History.

The Brighton Area Historical Society recognizes the contributions that our service men and women have made to preserve the freedoms we experience. Please join the working teams as we revitalize these grounds and provide a respectful setting. Workers with grass/leaf rakes, shovels, trash/brush shears and work gloves are needed.

We are guaranteed a spring day that will provide fellowship to all participants while experiencing the beauty of Old Village Cemetery. Everyone will leave with a feeling, emanating deep from within their hearts that their donation of four hours is one small thank you to our veterans that have served this great country.

Please call me to sign up so that I can plan work accordingly.
Thank you in advance.

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