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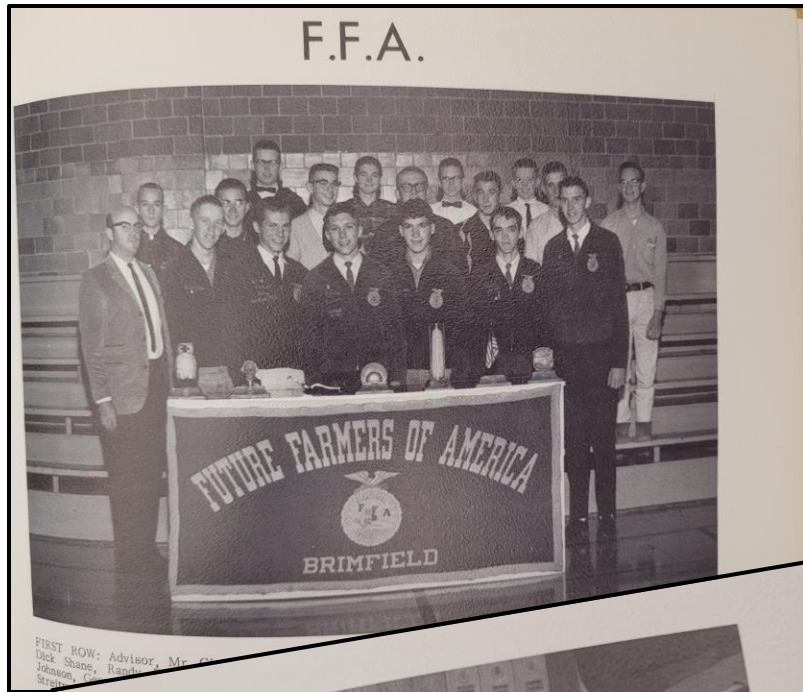
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Shirley (Lampkin) Cinnamon
Interviewed 5 April 2022

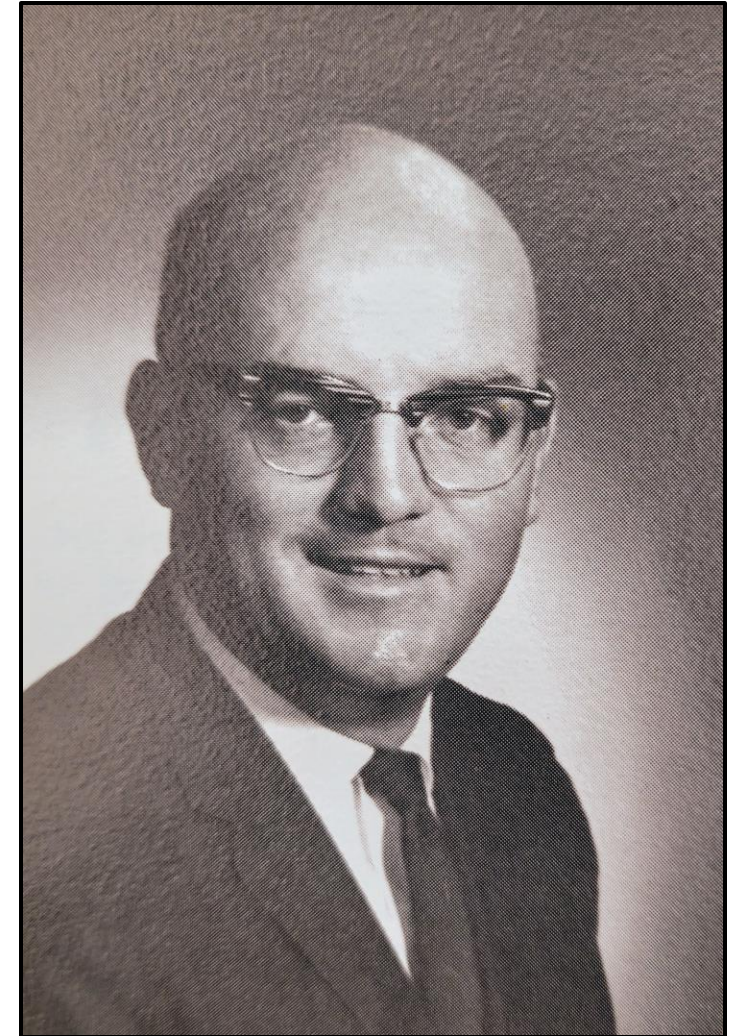


Cinnamon family about the time they arrived in
Brimfield. The kids called it "Beanfield".



Mr. Bill Cinnamon, teacher at
Brimfield High School
Known for his many sayings:

*“You can race the train some
of the time and you may win,
but the train takes all ties.”*

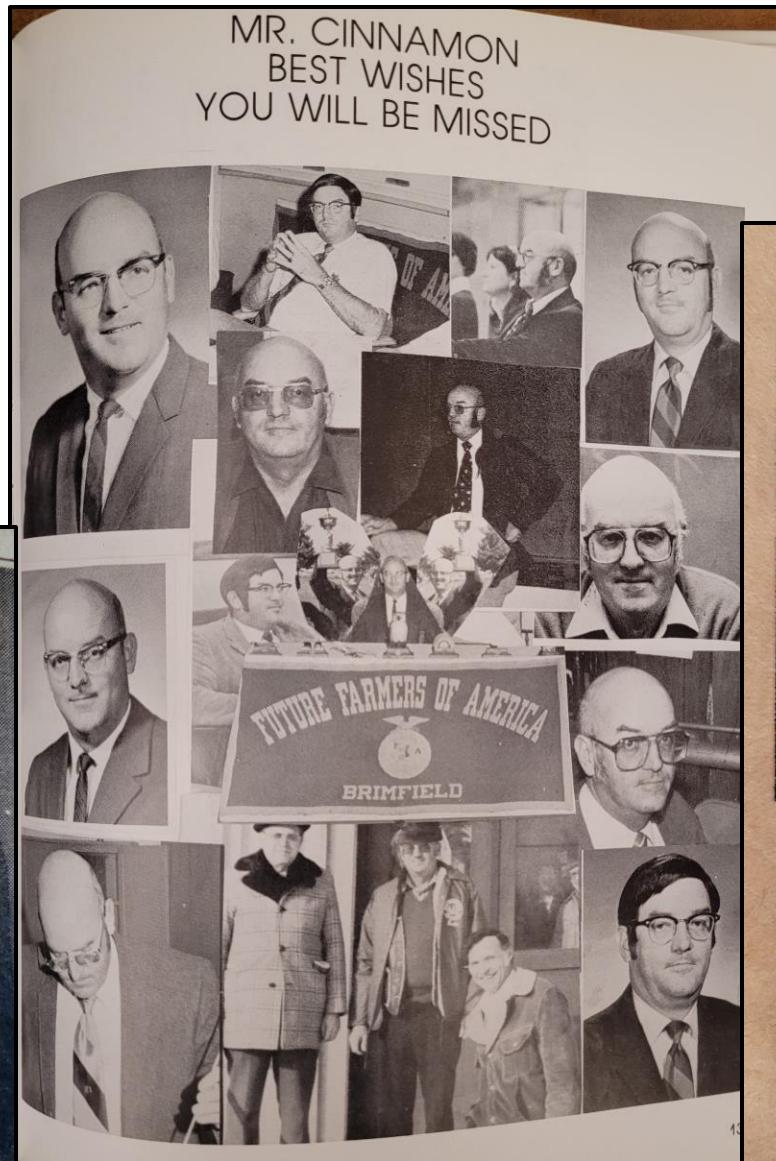


Bill Cinnamon. 1966 Brimfield Chieftain Yearbook.
Vocational Agriculture, Mechanics.



President	.....	Randy Bridson
Vice-President	.....	Richard Shane
Secretary	.....	Paul Herman
Treasurer	.....	Bill Savage
Reporter	.....	Steve Johnson
Sentinel	.....	Don Bridson

Mr. Cinnamon retires from
Brimfield High School in
Brimfield, IL in 1991. His family
honors him with a scholarship
each year for a Brimfield High
School student. Photos from 1991 Brimfield
High School yearbook Chieftain

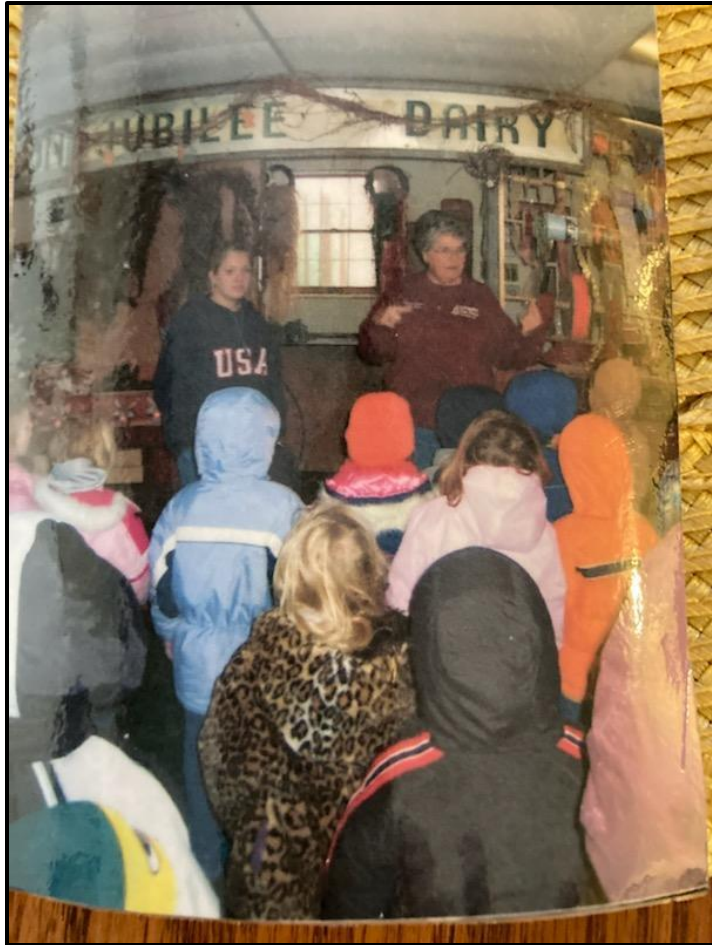


STUDENTS AT BRIMFIELD High School captured first, second, and third places in Section V, FFA, corn yield contest this year. They are shown above with their sponsor, vo-ag instructor at Brimfield. Left to right are: Wayne Howard, who placed third with 177.1 bushels per acre; Bob Snyder, second with 183.0 bushels, and the champion, Bernie Cluskey, whose test plot produced 184.1 bushels per acre. At the right is William Cinnamon, instructor. State winner in the annual contest was DeWayne Orr of Mendon High School, Adams County, who produced a yield of 265.5 bushels per acre. Section V, FFA, includes Stark, Marshall, Putnam, Peoria and Woodford counties. Nine high schools in the section had 82 entries in the 1967 Section V competition.



Mr. Cinnamon and Chuck Kellstadt c1979.
articles from Shirley Cinnamon

Cinnamon Tree Farm



Shirley Cinnamon teaches a class of children. Photo courtesy of Shirley Cinnamon



Bill Cinnamon plants a tree.
Photo courtesy of Shirley Cinnamon

Christmas trees lots of work

Brimfield family raises them close to home

By Tom Dermody
Catholic Post Staff Writer

BRIMFIELD — The Christmas trees strewn all over the yard, driveway and garage, Dec. 2, one had yet to grace the room of the William Cinnamon. "He hasn't even picked one yet," said Mrs. Shirley Cinnamon. That's not to say her husband, vocational agricultural teacher at Brimfield High School, had a chance to look. For the weeks the Cinnamon family has been sawing, trimming and moving over a hundred Christmas trees to their rural home. It's a business Cinnamon started in 1957, chiefly for the education of his four children. Now, however, son Mike at Arkansas State University and daughter Mary at the University of Arizona, only two sons, Mike and Monte, are around to help with the chores. And a chore it can be, as Cinnamon points out.

"A LOT OF people think it's easy money," he said, "but the understanding there's work behind it years ahead."

Five to ten years ahead, it takes for the trees to mature into trees ready for sale. During that time, the trees have to be taken care of like any other crop.

"Our biggest problem is weeding," said Cinnamon, who said that trees also have to be sprayed to protect them from insects and diseases.

AND, OF COURSE, there's the pruning. It's no coincidence that the branches come out even. The trees are to be sheared and shaped each year in order to meet the desires of the consumer — a consumer that now has the choice of going to the department store to pick out a perfectly shaped tree.

Which brings up a touchy subject — a Christmas tree farmer. "I don't think they sacrifice



They grow Christmas trees

It's a hectic time of the year for the Christmas tree farming Cinnamon family of rural Brimfield, members of St. Joseph's Parish. Pictured with some of their trees and

wreaths are, from left, Mrs. Shirley Cinnamon, son Mark, and her husband, William, who began growing the trees in 1957. — Catholic Post photo by Tom Dermody

into wreaths by Mrs. Cinnamon. Perhaps she will save one to encircle the button of Pope John Paul which hangs on her dining room wall. (Mrs. Cinnamon's husband, William, is a part-time business, according to Cinnamon. "The good part of all this is that you

Article on left from the Catholic Post, no date, courtesy of Shirley Cinnamon. On right provided by Shirley Cinnamon

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF OUR CUSTOMERS FOR THEIR BUSINESS AND THE MANY CHERISHED HOLIDAY MEMORIES.

We are pleased to announce the sale of
CINNAMON TREE FARM
to the Rod and Kathy Stahl Family.

We are confident they will continue to provide the same down home customer service and the fond Christmas memories for your family.

We are honored that they have chosen to keep our Family name on the farm in memory of Bill. Through the years, Bill and Shirley always appreciated the support of the Stahl's help on the farm. We wish them much success as they start the first of many Holiday seasons to come.

All of Our Best Wishes
 From the entire Cinnamon Family

Shirley, Mark, Cindi, Mike, MaryAnn, Monte, Chris, Dan, Courtney, Cody, Chelsea, Erika, Jessi, Julian, Tyler.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Diocesan Council of
Catholic Women, CCD
teacher for 21 years, Altar
& Rosary Society, youth
outings

News clippings from
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ant extension adviser, gave the lesson I

ATTEND DIOCESAN COUNCIL
September 8 Shirley Cinnamon and
Genevieve Clark attended the 29th
annual meeting of the Diocesan Coun-
cil of Catholic Women in St. Philo-
mena's Parish in Peoria. The theme
was Women in the Church.

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ST. JOSEPH'S BRIMFIELD
ST. JAMES WILLIAMSFIELD
Rev. Patrick Brennan, Pastor
Mass every Saturday at 5:30 p.m.
at St. Joseph's
8 a.m. Mass Sunday Oct 2—St
Joseph's
10 a.m. Mass at St. James
Lector Saturday, Oct 1—Jim
Kelly. Servers: Pat O'Connell,
Jeff Challacombe, Randy LaFol-
lette.
Lector Sunday, Oct 2—Richard
O'Hein; Servers, Kam Keyt,
Tom McCoy, Mart Maher
The following ladies have vol-
unteered to teach CCD classes:
1st and 2nd - Ann Maher; 3rd,
Peg Miller; 4th - Barb Miller, 5th,
Janet Wyatt; 6th, Jeanne Challa-
combe, 7th, Fr. Pat. Sub teachers
are: June Schierer, Charlene
Megan, Shirley Cinnamon, Linda
Cluskey, Linda McCoy.
The Oct 9 has tour to House on
the Rocks has been canceled.

Altar and Rosary officers
New officers of St. Joseph's
Altar & Rosary Society are:
Charlene Megan and Florence
Ryan, co-presidents; Ann Maher,
secretary and Shirley Cinnamon,
treasurer. A very big thanks to
the officers who served so faith-
fully during 1976: Margaret Coyle
and Frances Carroll, co-presi-
dents; Gertrude Maher, treas-
urer, and Betty Despins, secre-
tary.

**Group Enjoys
Swim Party At
Ramada Halloween**

Halloween night was a fun night
for 15 young people from St. Joseph's.
Father Pat Brennan, with help
from Joyce Harmon, Shirley Cinnamon,
and Shirley Colgan, took the
all Hi-Schoolers swimming in the Ra-
mada and then to Shakes for pizza.
Mrs. Linda Wood very graciously
agreed to go along and act as life
guard for the party. Father O'Shea
said the church is helping, also join-
ed the group.
The evening began with mass at
5:30, and all were home by 11.
Those attending were Bill and
Laurie Duffy, Mike and Mary Maher,
Bill, Tom, and Greg Harmon, and
Challacombe, Mark Harmon, Debbie
Colgan, Kathy Oppé, Joe Arnold, Tom
Sjodin, Paul Stanley, and Anders

ST. JOSEPH'S BRIMFIELD
ST. JAMES WILLIAMSFIELD
Fr. Patrick Brennan, pastor
Saturday, mass at 5:30 p.m. in
Brimfield.
Saturday mass in Brimfield at 5:30
p.m.
Sunday—8 a.m. mass in Brimfield
and 10 a.m. mass in Williamsfield.
The Catholic Widows and Widowers
club will meet January 19 at 8 p.m.
in St. Thomas church basement. For
more information call Lee Miller, 691-
9054, or Carolyn Yuhas, 267-0754.
Religion classes Wednesdays at 7
p.m.
The Thomas Oppé family will serve
coffee and donuts in Harrison Hall
after 8 mass Sunday.
The newly elected officers for the
Altar & Rosary society are president,
Mrs. Cora Antonacci; vice president,
Mrs. Judy Maher; secretary, Mrs.
Shirley Cinnamon; and treasurer,
Mrs.—Genevieve Clark.

Ladies Ball Team Loses Two Games

The Brimfield Ladies ball team played Trivoli in Brimfield and were beaten 11-10 Friday night. They also played Sunday evening in Galesburg and were beaten there, too. Harriett Peters hit a home run in the Trivoli game. The ladies' next game is Thursday, July 18, in Brimfield at 6:30. They are playing Farmington.

Bev Clark, catcher; Etna Lane, pitcher; Pam Cahill, first base, Mary Miars, second base; Lois Jazo, short stop, Shirley Cinnamon, third base, Candie Blackwell, right field; Harriett Peters, center field; Barb Perkins, left field; and Ann Munstedt, left field.

Brimfield Ladies In Softball League

The Brimfield Ladies ball team belongs to the Central Illinois Southwest Division of the Women's Softball League. Members of the league are Trivoli, Farmington, Williamsfield, Lewistown, Galesburg, Abingdon and Brimfield. To be eligible the girls have to be 12 years of age by July 1

Lionel Blackwell manages the team and Jerome Stenger is his assistant.

The ladies playing from the Brimfield area this year are Brenda Wagner, Denise Wagner, Debbie Gettner, Candie Blackwell, Lois Jazo, Cheryl Fletcher, Nancy Fletcher, Harriett Peters, Debbie Doering, Cindy Doering, Shirley Cinnamon, Janice Carroll, Diane Moke, Sheri Moke, Carol Harding, Sue Harding, Louise Cheney, Gail Cheney, Beverly Cheney, Karen Moran and Enta Lane

Their schedule is listed in the Coming Events.



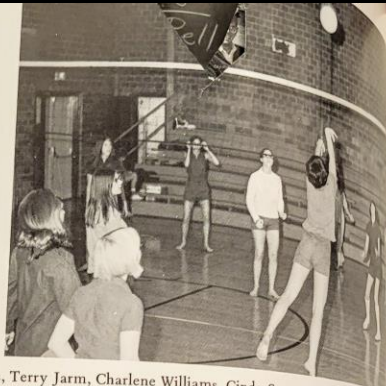
Shirley Cinnamon coaches ASA Brimfield JRs in 1978. Photo courtesy of Shirley Cinnamon

Softball Player & Coach

Central IL SW Division of Women's Softball League
Brimfield Ladies ball team (1968)

News clippings from
brimfield.advantage-
preservation.com online. The
Princeville Telephone above page 5
18 July 1968, right page 5 2 July
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FRONT: (Left to right) Sue Gilles, Terry Jarm, Charlene Williams, Cindy Stenger, Barb Beard, Debbie Kingdon, Peggy Jarm. SECOND: Dianne Harding, Betty Elgin, Desiree Tennerly, Carol Harding, Sue Schaefer, Norma Kingdon. THIRD: Sue Harding, Bobbie West, Gail Cheney, Theresa Oppe, Patty Kingdon, Rickey, Becky Lemke, Corney.



Officers



- Pres. Mary Frank
- Treas. Karen Stenger
- Sec. Rose Johnson
- Sportsheads Linda West
- Cheryl Fletcher
- Sandy Risberg
- Brenda Wagner
- V. Pres. Denise Wagner
- Pts. Chairman Sonia Streitmatter
- Hist. Cheryl Pacey
- Student Council Nancy Fletcher
- Adv. Mrs. Jones

FRONT: (Left to right) Laurel Kingdon, Arlene Williams, Sherry Staley, Cindy Doering, Marsha McDonough, Diane Moke, Lynn Gilles. SECOND: Gail Gavin, Wanda Lewis, Debbie Kingdon, Cheri Moke, Rae Lynn Smith, Linda Mangus, Debbie Beard, Bernie Beaver. THIRD: Jo Ann Foster, Linda Kroesen, Susan Ekhoff, Laura Getner, Charlene Kiddy, Jill Heinz, Lonye Berkley, Becky Gilles.



1971 BHS GAA Chieftain Yearbook showed GAA until 1975. Note the officers photo. All the girls are wearing dresses. Girls Athletic Association allowed girls to play different kinds of athletic games, sometimes with teams outside of Brimfield.

Title IX 1972 was a federal civil rights law which protected students from sexual discrimination. It took many years for policies to be written and laws to be interpreted.

73-74 TRACK

GIRLS JOIN THE STARTING LINE



COACH FORTH
LAURIE ARNOLD
DAVE COOK



JEFF MANGUS
LINDA HARDING
DAN FISHEL



TOM MOULTON
MARIANNE
MOULTON
MARK
HERRMANN



FAW LANE
PEGGY JARM
ANTHONY
ANTONACCI



KEN FISHEL
SUE EKHOFF
MARK HOPKINS



73-74 Girls Join the Starting Line: **Peggy Jarm Hannel** stated that this was her Senior year and there was no girls' track program. Her father Bob Jarm approached the boys' coach (Forth) and asked if the girls could join and he agreed. Peggy said girls weren't really expected to play sports back then. As a freshman, girls weren't even allowed to wear pants to school. They had to wear dresses. Eventually they were permitted to wear pant suits and by her senior year the girls could wear blue jeans. I love this quote by Peggy: "Things don't move in a linear progression in this world...I lived through a big lurch forward for women's rights. And am SO PROUD of the Lady Indians' outstanding accomplishments now! My kids had no idea what it meant to NOT have equal access or equal rights for women. (message to Kim Hanks 28 March 2022)



STANDING: From left to right: Diane Moke, Susan Ekhoﬀ, Joann Clark, Cindy Doering, Peggy Jarm.
KNEELING: Marianne Moulton, Maura Moulton, Marsha Geitner, Karen Reishart

Girls' Basketball



Manager: Mrs. Linda Wood

1974 Yearbook BHS Girls' Basketball Coach Mrs. Wood

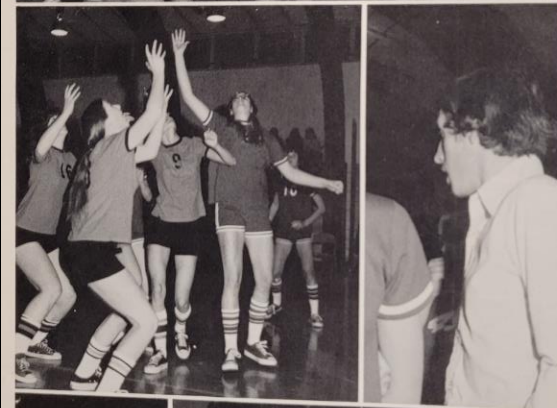
BHS Now Has Girls Softball Team

Marsha Martinie accepted the task of coaching the **First** high school **Girls Softball Team** with enthusiasm. The girls played seven games, winning three. (Sometimes it was hard telling whether they were a softball team or a cheering section!) Many of this year's games were canceled because of rain, but when the sun was shining so were the girls. Mary Ann Cinnamon(2) looks out to see how her team was keeping up while Cindy Scovil and Amy Powers (3) wait for their turns to bat. The members of the **First Girls Softball Team** were (1): **top row:** Mary Lee Boland, Pam Edwards, Joyce Harmon, Amy Powers, Shelley Humphrey, Mary Ann Cinnamon, Julie Gilles. **bottom row:** Cindy Scovil, Mary Mathews, Kim Claybaugh, Cindy Humphrey, and Denise Scovil.



Despite years of girls playing summer softball leagues and having BHS boys' baseball teams, girls finally got a BHS Softball team in 1978. Photo from 1978 Chieftain Yearbook, left

Right, 1975 Yearbook Coach Terry Hart begins a long tenure of building a girls' basketball program



HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL

COACH HART
MAURA MOULTON
JANETTE MANGUS
KAREN REINHART
JILL TREHEARNE
BEV HIBBERT
DENISE SCOVIL
TERI DOERING
KAREN HOPKINS
JOANN CLARK
BRENDA PETERS

VARSITY RECORD (3-3)

Peoria Central	53	Brimfield
Elmwood	43	Brimfield
Illini Bluffs	29	Brimfield
Peoria Manual	61	Brimfield
Morton JV	31	Brimfield
Farmington	25	Brimfield

JUNIOR VARSITY RECORD (3-1)

Elmwood	27	Brimfield
Illini Bluffs	22	Brimfield
Peoria Manual	51	Brimfield
Farmington	29	Brimfield



October 1986 Esther Rogers, Wilma Young-librarian, Velma Clark, Shirley Cinnamon. Below: Al Arnold, _ McLouth, Melva LaFollette, Henrietta Memler, Arnold girl, Earl Foster, Bernice Blundy, Carol Arnold, Elizabeth Miller



Brimfield Area Historical Society, the Beginning



Above: October 1986 Sue Satterfield, __, __, Ed Hasselbacher, Melva LaFollette, __, __, Velma Clark Back _ Chris Karl, Shirley Cinnamon.



Left: April 1987 Genevieve Clark, Karen Lou Lightbody, Al Arnold, Henrietta Member, Willard Hasselbacher

Moving Day LL Guyer Log Cabin 6 October 1987





L.L. Guyer Log Cabin
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Activities in the LL Guyer Cabin by Brimfield Area Historical Society members



Shirley Cinnamon,
Brimfield Area
Historical Society
volunteer top left,
right, and bottom
left, far left with
unknown and Velma
Clark c1993





LL Guyer Cabin and new donated plaque 2022



Brimfield Cemetery Stone Restoration c. 2004-2009.

Two books of labeled photos from this project are in the Brimfield Public Library's local history section donated by the Brimfield Area Historical Society



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w/o DANIEL KEENEEN
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