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NEXT MEETING/PROGRAM WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 7 PM, AT THE MAPLE COMMUNITY CENTER
**"HISTORY OF THE POPLAR PEA CANNING PLANT ROUND TABLE" WILL BE THE
PROGRAM FOR OUR MEETING.**

The "Taco Plant" site in Poplar has a long and interesting business history. Communities sprang up along the Northern Pacific Railroad after it was built through Douglas County in 1883. The sites of these new communities were often near a crossing of a waterway and the railroad grade. This was the case in Poplar where a farming community had already been started in the vicinity in the years just prior, mostly on government homestead lands. A dam was soon placed across the Poplar River just south of the railroad bridge and J. E. Chase erected his sawmill in 1886, located where Norman LaPole eventually built his house. Closer to our time starting in 1924, investors from Eau Claire became convinced that the region's density of enterprising farm families and local growing conditions made the old mill site a good place to locate a new pea canning factory. Farmers from throughout northern Douglas County would be enlisted to grow peas and beans for the endeavor. Several vineries would be established throughout the Old-Brule region as far as the Brule River Valley to the east with initially one located right at the plant site in Poplar. Under its first owners the business would succeed for a decade, but eventually in the Depression years the operations would struggle and change hands. Despite a series of untimely deaths within its management, the enterprise would survive under local ownership and the management of the LaPole family until 1950, shifting to the canning of pie fillings, and even (abortively) bean sprouts for Jenò Paulucci, when a major fire would destroy the facility. After intermediate use of the remaining facility for such things as Longyear diamond drilling regional operations, taco production would carry the business into the present, eventually under large corporate ownerships.

Our task will be to fill in the details of this rough sketch at our meeting. Norman "Bud" LaPole and his wife, LaVerne, will bring in family recollections and memorabilia. We will have a few slides to provide a background for the session, and we invite anyone with pictures, memorabilia and recollections to join our round table.

Our business meeting will follow. If inspired please bring a treat to share for our coffee break.

WELCOME EVERYONE!

From the President:

The Wisconsin State revenue deficits, which have led Governor McCallum to propose controversial cuts in shared revenue to local governments, seem to have also taken their toll at the Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS). From where we stand as a "local historical society" it appears the four decades old Office of Local History will be among the main casualties. Its budget was radically cut in Director George L. Vogt's recommendations to the Board of Curators. Debbie Kmetz, Local History Specialist, will lose her job and Tom McKay's job with the Society will be redefined. What will happen to the coming training session in Hayward and others like them in the future is not known.

As a newly created society we have just recently benefited directly from the expertise and support of Tom and his staff. The process by which we were incorporated was supported throughout by their direction and efforts. Their office had been the main interface of local organizations like ours with the State Historical Society. The meaning of "State affiliation" will have to be redefined in light of the changes that have been and are to be made. The training sessions which we have attended over the past few years have helped us "professionalize" our activities, but there remained so much more for us to absorb in future sessions.

More disturbing than these service losses is the potential disruption of the camaraderie which annual meetings and training sessions help cultivate among those dedicated to history locally and throughout our region.

Director Vogt has promised to replace in piecemeal fashion the services which were already present and skillfully coordinated by the Local History Office. Even from our position so far north of Madison these developments appear to be a painful setback for local history. I have written to our local State representatives in support of the Office of Local History and I would encourage others to do the same. However, I fear our distant voices will be drowned out by the rivaling cries of protest already echoing throughout the Capital. Still, we need to take the time to contact our legislators about what we are seeing and what we believe would be the best for our local needs.

I am confident that whatever happens, with the high level of private and local government support we have continued to receive, the Old-Brule Heritage Society will carry on despite diminished professional support from the State. We were fortunate to have their help at critical times, and thank you go out to Tom, Debbie, and the WHS (SHSW). We

wish Tom and Debbie, and the WHS well in whatever the future brings. Hopefully it is not too late to retain some continuity in these valuable services through new, dedicated, public or private support.

P.S. After I had written the above, letters arrived from the President of the State Historical Society, Patricia A. Boge, as well as other materials on the infighting going on over the historical budget in Madison, even in the press and on the internet. It appears the Historical Society Archives at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center in Ashland are also about to be lost. The ominous trend is toward more centralization of resources in the historical preservation efforts in the state. These are trends away from the "democratization" of historical memory, ostensibly driven by budgetary concerns. Our local, all volunteer, efforts become even more precious and essential.

—Jim Pellman (715) 363-2453,
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FUNDRAISING MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

The Society now has available regional history magnets, plus Davidson Windmill memorabilia: mugs, caps and tee shirts for sale. Magnets are going for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00, proceeds to our general fund. The Windmill mugs are \$8.00, caps, \$9.00 and tee shirts, any size, \$10, all proceeds going into the Windmill Fund.

A new order of shirts will go out shortly which will have a new enlarged design.

Available also are copies of a David Noah Seis photograph of the mill for sale. This improved image comes in three sizes: 4 by 5 inches, 5 by 7 inches, and 8 1/2 by 11 inches. The smaller reproductions can also be used as post cards as each has a brief historical description on half of its reverse side. Prices are \$1.00, \$2.00 and the largest one which has no printing on it \$3.00. All are laser reproductions on card stock suitable for framing. This same improved image is now available in our magnet series. Our thanks to Noah who donated the digital image to O-BHS.

Wisconsin tax is included in all our prices. Shipping and handling for mugs, caps and tee shirts is a \$4.00 minimum. All items will also be available for purchase at our meetings, or by contacting your President at 363-2453.

MAPLE COMMUNITY CENTER FIRE PROOF ARCHIVE ROOM

Construction of the fire proof room for storage of archives at the Maple Community Center is in its last stages. Time constraints and winter vacations have slowed the final projects. But the rooms are an impressive site as they are and show the promise of their near future use. At our coming meeting we will further organize our archive and history gathering committee. This group will gather, copy, transcribe, and catalog the many items we have in our growing collection which we will be placing in the files and on shelves there. Again, our thanks to the Town of Maple and to Chairman Gary Saari who has been putting in extra effort to bring the construction of the room to a close. Also thanks, too, to Maple Supervisor, Doug Montavon, Paul Hakkila, and Marvin Haukkala for their work, and to J. R. Jensen and Sons for use of their equipment for hanging gypsum board. Thanks, too, should go to Jackie Plunkett and to Alice Christensen who have offered filing cabinets for the space. Finally, thanks to Douglas County and to Supervisor Tony Coletta for the County support. We also want to thank Audrey Hakkila, Shirley Kankas and others who have volunteered for the committee. We welcome other volunteers to help in this important part of our efforts.

O-BHS NWHS SCHOLARSHIP

We again are sponsoring the O-BHS Northwestern High School Scholarship. The amount to be given this year remains at \$250. If you know a soon to be graduating senior, please encourage them to apply through the guidance office at Northwestern High School.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES**Old-Brule Heritage Society, Inc. Regular Meeting
February 13, 2002, Lakeside Town Hall**

Attendance: 31

I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:15 p.m.

Welcome and opening remarks by president, Jim Pellman.

II. PROGRAM. Paul Colby and Lakeside residents discussed the local history of Lakeside. Jim interested the group with various old maps of the town and a copy of Lakeside map as it is given today. Memorabilia and census records were on display. Several Lakeside members discussed recollections about Lakeside and the farming and schools in Lakeside; the Davidson Windmill and various ethnic groups and settlement patterns. Important personalities were mentioned as part of Lakeside's past. Questions were given from the floor.

Short break before the business meeting. Pot lunch was served.

III. BUSINESS MEETING.

A. MINUTES: (Hope Swenson) Secretary's minutes were printed in the latest *O-BHS News*. Marge Koskie moved the minutes be approved as printed. Mary Ann Gronquist seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. FINANCIAL REPORT: (Alice Christensen) Main checking account: \$1,840.80; Windmill Account in savings: \$3,646.03. Norma Lind moved we approve this financial report. Irene Parenteau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Heritage Park. No new action taken.

2. Davidson Windmill: Permanent road signs yet to be ordered. Site plan and improvement plans are yet to be drawn. Bob Aho of the committee presented his restoration estimate. Looking at the needs of about \$47,000 minimum estimate (work contracted out) to restore the mill. Median more extensive and probable repair estimate: about \$133,000, with a high estimate of \$340,000 which would include extensive and meticulous restoration practices that would restore much of the mill to historical standards. A meeting to address immediate issues and funding was to be called for within three weeks.

3. O-BHS Archives, Maple Community Center was discussed. In the next two weeks Jim hopes the painting will be completed with volunteer help. Eddie Walman, Margie Koskie, Paul Hakkila, Irene Parenteau and Jim Pellman were some of the members who volunteered or were suggested as workers. A floor was to be installed in the bottom story after initial painting. Once this was painted and the door was installed file cabinets and shelving could be moved in. Contact would be made with these volunteers for painting within two weeks.

4. Regional History Gathering Committee. This committee may be combined into a new archives committee. Audrey H. by phone had declined to chair this latter committee but volunteered to serve. A meeting would be called consistent with completion of the archive room (maybe in three weeks or so).

5. Centennial Homes/Farms: 2002 forms had not yet arrived. The director had been called. Jim will report on this at our next meeting. We will contact towns in O-B region.

6. Cloverland Community Club/King/Harvey School group. Jim called for a resolution of support (not financially at this time) of the group. Arnold Saari moved that we show support of their intentions. Bob Aho seconded the motion. Resolution motion passed without dissent.

7. Merchandise for sale. Nancy Moreland's cards were discussed, and Jim will discuss possible arrangements with Nancy and report. Alice C. will investigate the sale of Judy Carlson's cards. No motion made. Action will be taken at our next meeting when examples will be distributed.

8. Volunteer hours. Jim reminded members to keep a record of volunteer hours, including time of attendance at our meetings.

9. Brule History Research Group writing update. Jim reported on an upcoming deadline for submission of family histories and a March session. No members of the group were present to present specific details. No motion made.

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Next meeting program was discussed. Date of April 10th was given, location in Maple Community Center if available with Amnicon as backup. Tentative program will be another round table. Theme: the Poplar Pea Factory.

2. Eskolin home site was discussed. Eddie Walman had brought this to our attention. Eddie has offered Jim and others interested to look at the sites.

3. Local History Workshops will be on Saturday, May 4, 2002 in Hayward hosted by the Sawyer County Historical Society. Alice moved we pay 1/2 of the registration fee and mileage for one vehicle to attend this meeting. Several members expressed interest in going. Motion carried.

4. New “non-fund solicitation” brochures. Jim investigated procedures for placing brochures at the State operated tourist info site out of Superior. Their regulations prohibit any solicitation for funds in brochures. Our brochures not eligible for display. New brochures would have to be printed. The issue was tabled.

5. The Douglas County Sesquicentennial Planning Committee held a session at WITC. Jim attended representing O-BHS and informally BHRG. We will be asked to coordinate our historical events with those that will be on the calendar held throughout the county.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Davidson Windmill:** See Old-Business 2 above.

2. **Future Programs/Activities:** Pat Labadie has agreed to speak to our group late this year. [Also Lorrie Madden]

3. **O-BHS Archives,** Maple Community Center. This committee will work in conjunction with the Regional History Gathering Committee. Shelving yet to be purchased. Opening: see above. Jim thanked Jackie Plunkett and Alice Christensen for the files they plan to donate to the archives. See 12 below.

4. **Fundraising.** No interest in raffle at this time. Silent auction discussed, but an appropriate event to have with it needs to be identified. Web site and O-BHS News will offer items for sale.

5. **Web Site:** New web site is not complete. We will have Donna Bergsten and Audrey Hakkila report at our next meeting to see if help is needed.

6. **Publicity:** Audrey continues her good work.

7. **CESA/NW School District:** Dormant. A digital camera that was ordered for the project should still be available for historical documentation. Nancy Moreland was going to investigate.

8. **Newsletter:** deadline for April 1st issue, March 25, 2002.

9. **Scholarship:** The secretary will write a letter to the NWHS Guidance Office with the information from us that we will again sponsor a senior scholarship of \$250 this year. Jim is to be notified who the recipient is and Alice Christensen when the check should be mailed to the guidance office.

10. **Collection:** Lakeside resident donations.

11. **Membership.** Alice C. reported good renewal and contacts being made.

12. **Archives and History Gathering:** Typists and other volunteers needed.

13. Jim thanked all who came and thanked the Lakeside Town Board for opening the building for our meeting. Jackie Plunkett urged us to get a PA system for the sake of such meeting program formats. Taken under advisement.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Jackie Plunkett moved we adjourn. Alice Christensen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Hope Swenson, Secretary

After the meeting Jim, Alice and Hope sold memorabilia and the Wisconsin History Pamphlets, magnets, etc. Alice, as treasurer, took the money to divide it into the general fund and Windmill fund.

THANK YOUS & RECOGNITIONS

Many thank yous are in order:

—To members **Harvey and Helen Johnson** and to **Jan and Bill Follis** who have provided a treasure trove of documents dealing with early Brule.

—To **All Members** who have renewed their memberships for 2002.

WE CANNOT THANK YOU ALL ENOUGH FOR YOUR MEASURES OF CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT.

—*We would like to acknowledge the passing in February of **John Davis** from Superior, Chair of the UWS Computer Science Department, and member of the Douglas County Historical Society Board. We extend our sympathy to his family and to his wife Laura. Douglas County history has lost an important advocate.*

—Belated congratulations to the **Town of Port Wing** on the construction of the “Port Wing Heritage Hall,” a brand new building which will help their community preserve and present the history of their community. The many volunteer hours put into the facility speaks volumes about the importance of retaining their past to the Port Wing locals. Opening is scheduled for May 1, 2002.

—*We would also like to recognize the passing of one of the small group of American scholars who have been vital in carrying forward the study of the Finnish experience in America. **Dr. Michael Gary Karni** of New Brighton, Minnesota, died mid-March of this year of cancer at the young age of 60. His “Sampo Press” brought forth important titles revealing Finnish-American life. Most wonderful for me personally was the book *A Young Finn on Cape Ann* by **Waino T. Ray (Rajaniemi)** which opened my understanding to the world my great-grandfather, John Pollari, entered upon his arrival in America in 1893.*

—Congratulations to member **Arnold O. Saari** who recently celebrated his 85 birthday with many friends at the Parkland Town Hall. We are fortunate to have his vital presence in our group.

—*Our sympathy to the Colby families and the Makela families who experienced losses recently. The Colbys have lost **Ron Colby, Irene Koski** and **Sandra Colby**, Sandra after long illness, and **Ellen Rankinson Makela** passed away abruptly in her sleep. Ellen’s maiden name will be recognizable to those who have visited the State Historical site, Old World in Eagle, where her great-grandparents’ log barn has been reassembled.*

—**and who have we forgotten?**

COMMITTEES ON HISTORIC SITES

The Davidson Windmill Committee met recently. We will need to paint the mill early this summer and do some careful repairs, awaiting a formal plan for the full site. May 4th was to be our tentative paint day. Judging by the dilly dallying winter this may have to be delayed. We will also be checking for presence of lead before we proceed. Members on this important committee are Bob Aho, Alice Christensen, Paul Colby, Paul Marvin Hakkila, Marvin Haukkala, Shirley Kankas, Larry Luostari, Jim Pellman, and Jackie Plunkett. Gene Davidson still provides input from his Twin Cities lair.

The Heritage Park Site (the first Old-Brule Town Hall site, located in Maple) Committee will continue a quiet insistence on recognizing this corner lot site which is owned by the Maple School District but is surrounded by private lands and is inaccessible by road directly from Highways 2 and F. Jackie Plunkett and Jim Pellman serve on this project’s committee.

After our last meeting in February Jim Pellman and Eddie Walman toured several sites with buildings erected by early settlers in the northern Maple area of the Old-Brule region. We looked at the Eskolin house owned by Don and Julie Anderson, the Hakkala/Wirtanen homestead, and the Silta/Nelson barn now owned by Bob and Gayle Erchul. All of these buildings are in danger of being lost. The Anderson have said they would be happy to dedicate the Eskolin house, once the home of Great Lakes Ore Boat Captain, George Eskolin. Within a year or two the Erchul’s will have to take down their old barn which is half log. It is starting to fail on its north side. The Hakkala/Wirtanen house, probably built by Ed (Makela) Hill, is still salvageable, but other structures on the site, a barn and horsebarn, have collapsed in recent years. Logs might be salvaged. Our thanks to Board Member Eddie Walman who brought these sites to our attention.

Because these buildings might be lost unless removed from their sites this is a case where moving them is the best option. One prospect would be the Davidson Windmill Site. Gene has already endorsed our discussion to tentatively bring a log building there. We will need tremendous help to save any of these structures.

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A LETTER FROM DR. ALEXIS POGORELSKIN

UMD/March 7, 2002

Dear Jim,

I read with interest your summary of my work and of the comments by Mrs. Sevander and Mr. Hudelson made at my presentation to the Old-Brule Heritage Society in December (“Karelian Fever Research: An Assessment”). I must, though, correct your account of some of my conclusions.

I do not argue that Finnish nationalism encouraged the decision to immigrate to Karelia in the early 1930s. Rather a strong sense of Finnish identity and ethnicity were very powerful components impelling the decision to heed the recruitment message which was couched in those very terms, i.e., Karelia would be a homeland for the Finns, people of Finnish ethnicity were wanted, those recruited could use the Finnish language. Finnish identity in this country was so bound up with radical politics that for many the two were probably impossible to separate.

I would also emphasize that there were, in the end, probably as many reasons for going as those who chose to leave. There was, however, one reason and one reason only why North American Finns were recruited: They were of Finnish ethnicity. The archival record on this point is irrefutable. Gylling and Rovio were creating a Finnish homeland out of Karelia and in a secret directive to the North American recruitment agencies stated the requirement of Finnish ethnicity. No other criteria, whether political or occupational, mattered.

Mrs. Sevander mentioned her use of the work of Markku Kangaspuro, holding a copy of his doctoral dissertation aloft. I have since corresponded with Dr. Kangaspuro and read a lengthy work of his in Russian. He insists even more strongly than I do that Gylling and Rovio were Finnish nationalists and sought to make Karelia a homeland for the Finns.

I very much appreciated the invitation to speak at the Old-Brule Heritage Society. As you said, the pot luck would be “to die for.” It was. As you might imagine, I did not always appreciate the rude and unpalatable comments of Mr. Hudelson and Mrs. Sevander. But I believe the animus of their personal attacks stems from Mr. Hudelson’s painful awareness of his ignorance of archival sources and in Mrs. Sevander’s case, the threat to her father’s reputation by the statement (also made by Karlo Tuomi) that Corgan defected and was not arrested and shot. I have also come to believe that financial motivation played a significant role in Corgan’s work as a recruiter.

I would be happy to return to Brule and present my video documentary “Show Me the Way to Go Home: the Story of Karelian Fever,” that is assuming that in northern Wisconsin you cook as well in the summer as you do in December.

—Alexis Pogorelskin

A REPLY

Maple, WI/March 18, 2002

Dear Alexis,

Thanks for your note and letter for the *O-BHS News*.

I would be happy to give further thoughts on *toiskielinen*. As this “thesis” relates to the Karelian migration it is part of the much broader and diverse picture of the adjustment of Finnish settlers to the American milieu and to the modern world in general. In my view this Finnish adjustment is not understandable without an understanding of the variety of Christian Lutheran religious world views pervasive within the Finnish-American “community.” I put “community” in quotes because of the sharp divisions within the Finnish speaking group, religious and political. Despite (false) impressions to the contrary, one makes a grave error in believing that Finnish identity at any time was so bound up with radical politics as to be indistinguishable, except to those grossly ignorant of Finnish interior life, or interested in advancing a political view. Please allow me to elaborate on this fact.

The Finnish settlers as a whole cannot be lumped together into one group except linguistically, and even here the Finns themselves were very sensitive to *murre* or dialects which easily allowed them to detect the distinct home region of others of Finnish origin. Another factor extremely important to consider is time of arrival in America. Those who arrived earlier were clearly more “conservative” and agrarian (and naturally communal).

I would like to relate a story my grandfather John Pellinen/Pellman told me about 1975 when he was over 80 years of age (he lived to be a lucid 91). We were discussing early family politics, and the topic was his father’s political beliefs. His father, Jacob, died in 1915 in his early 50s after farming in Maple for 27 years. Grandpa John told me that as a teen he already had gone off to the logging camps, I believe to the Mellen area. Here he encountered men of other ethnic groups in the camps with various political views. He could even speak a few words in Polish as a result. Grandpa told me that he liked the color red, and that when he had finally come home from the season’s days in camp he proudly wore a new red tie. His father immediately ordered him to get rid of it because of the political associations of the color red. This was early, from before 1915.

Jacob had arrived in America in 1887 and had worked on the just opening Vermilion Iron Range in the Winton, Minnesota, area, logging in support of iron mining in the Tower area. Due to severe injury he eventually sought a homestead in the Maple, Wisconsin area coming with other Finns with origins in the Lappajärvi area (many actually homesteaded under the Homestead Act), and he perfected his claim in 1896.

He and his wife were very religious. Soon several other members of his family and neighbors from the Lappajärvi area also arrived and settled for a time in Maple, forming a distinct colony. This Lappajärvi group tended to be members of the group that eventually formed the Finnish National Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Maple, served for decades by Rev. E. V. Niemi of Thomson, Carlton County, Minnesota.

A rival religious fellowship of Laestadian (Apostolic Lutheran) origin centering around the preaching of Rev. John Pollari, another of my great-grandfathers, and other itinerant lay ministers, formed about the same time. A group with Finnish origins with similar beliefs had been in this region during the earliest days of the City of Superior behind the leadership of John Lake, not to be confused with a later John Lake (Ruuhi-järvi) and Douglas County Board member from the Lakeside area. The Pollari group settled on purchased cutover land, and most arrived in Maple (then still Old-Brule) at the end of the Nineteenth Century, some from Massachusetts, but also from the mining areas of Upper Michigan. These people were mostly not from Lappajärvi, but more from the region around Kaustinen and Veteli, the home of Pollari, and from Ikalinen and from Haaparanta in Sweden. Pollari had been pressured out of Lanesville, Massachusetts, where he first settled in 1893 because his religious practices were offensive to the followers of more traditional Finnish Lutheran worship. I should also point out that there were many exclusive factions within the Apostolic Lutheran tradition as well.

And there were other attitudes toward the Faith in Maple, those settlers coming later perhaps bringing a more liberal attitude, among these members of the Suomi Synod who fellowshipped outside of Maple. Without this background of the factiousness of the Finns it becomes too easy to stereotype the Finnish experience and attitude toward such things as the cooperative movement and Karelian recruitment. The bias in the literature on Finnish immigrants, even among those with a religious world view, has been liberal, saying maybe more about our educational system and its biases than providing a clear understanding of complex local Finnish experience over time. *Toiskielinen* as a concept takes on fuller meaning then when we begin to ask such questions as whether this was more an attitude of those speaking from a radical political (or religious) perspective or from a more accommodating religiously or politically conservative position.

Jim P.

P.S. This discussion overlooks something which has been vital about the overall American experience for the Finns and other groups. Despite the heartfelt divisions in world view and in fundamental principles among our fellow Americans, we have to admire the civil structure, the freedom under law, and the respect for law, which have permitted (admittedly without perfection) these diverse communities on the whole to flourish, to have their time in the sun, for the most part, without the sickening breakdown of daily life we now witness daily in the Middle East. Even our voluntary departures have been peaceful. It is careful witness to and respect for the subtleties and foundational dynamics of the local past, their priceless history, that maintains our stability as a diverse people.

Calendar:

April 10, Wednesday, 7 p m, next regular bimonthly meeting. Maple Community Center. Round table on the Poplar Pea Cannery Site. Please bring a friend, and goodies to share! Tour new archives room.

April 14, Sunday, 2 p m, DCHS History Sunday: Matthew Golke talks on his research for his master's thesis video "Gales of Lake Superior, November 28, 1905", Parkland Town Hall,

April 28, Sunday, 2 p m., DCHS Annual Meeting, Barker's Island Inn.

May 4, Saturday, tentative painting day, Davidson Windmill.

May 5-11, Twin Ports Archaeology Week, evening programs at the Superior Public Library, Barnes and Noble, sponsored by Northern Lakes Archaeological Society. Details TBA.

May 7, Tuesday, 7 p m., Superior Public Library. Lorrie Madden on "Osaugie's Heritage." Lorrie is Osaugie's great-great-granddaughter. NLAS.

May 11, Sunday, Pat Dorin will talk about railroads and ore lines in Douglas County. Details TBA.

May 11-19, Historic Preservation and Archaeology Week (Wisconsin).

May 25, Saturday, deadline for contributions to the next issue of *O-BHS News*.

June 12, Wednesday, 7 p.m., O-BHS bimonthly meeting. Program: To be announced.

June 22-23, Saturday and Sunday, 6th Annual Chequamegon Bay Rendezvous "re-creation", Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, Ashland.

July 1, Monday, Brule History Research Group deadline for family materials to go into Brule's history.

July 4, Thursday, Independence Day.

July 12-14, Friday to Sunday, WHS History Fair & Annual Meeting, Milwaukee, (608) 264-6493 for more info.

August 7-11, FinnFest, U of M, Minneapolis.

August 15, Thursday, afternoon tour of Old-Brule by Finnish genealogists.

7 p m, O-BHS regular bimonthly meeting. Peace Lutheran Church, Poplar. Program: Lecture by Leif Mether, President of the Genealogical Society of Finland; Topic: The Bong Family Finnish Connection.

December 11, O-BHS meeting: Mr. C. Patrick Labadie has accepted our invitation to speak on a maritime historical topic, probably Capt. Alex McDougall, cabin owner on the Brule River, early fisherman there, and whaleback creator...

(Lorrie Madden has verbally agreed to speak to the O-BHS on her ancestor, Chief Osaugie; time and place to be announced later. She has been working on a soon to be released book on Osaugie.)

WEB SITE ON LINE

Again a reminder that computer volunteer, **Mr. Dave Short** of Poplar, designed our web site and long kept it running. **Donna Bergsten** has recently been working on site changes which will lead to a changed address and to our own independent site. Please have patience as we master these changes. **Thanks to Dave, Audrey, Jackie & Donna.**

Anyone interested in joining the Old-Brule Heritage Society is encouraged to attend any of our meetings and programs. To join they may contact any member or the President at the return address below, or call him at (715) 363-2453, our Secretary, Hope Swenson, at 364-2296, or our Treasurer, Alice Christensen, at 364-2535. Our annual dues are \$15.00 for individuals, and \$25.00 for families, payable at the time of our annual meeting in September. Higher levels of support are also available.

New Members and Visitors are WELCOME!

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