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APRIL O-BHS REGULAR MEETING/KATHY LAAKSO TO SPEAK

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11TH, 6:00 P. M.

AT THE CLOVERLAND TOWN HALL.

OUR MEETING WILL BEGIN OUR SPEAKER, DOUGLAS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY DIRECTOR, KATHY LAAKSO, WHO WILL TENTATIVELY TALK ON THE HISTORY OF FINNISH-AMERICAN LABOR ACTIVITIES IN SUPERIOR. AFTER A BREAK FOR COFFEE AND LUNCH OUR REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING WILL FOLLOW.

ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS ARE WELCOME!

Thanks to the Town of Cloverland for use of their hall, and to Jackie Plunkett who made arrangements, to all who serve us in the kitchen, and to those who bring refreshments to share.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Some thoughts after winter: After early snowless months this winter the snow finally did come (and plenty), but it was interesting to see how little it seemed to affect us with the snow removal equipment that we have today. Our parents and grandparents lives were affected much more by a snow storm. One wonders too whether our grandparents were fully prepared for the land they were coming to, to start a new life, for many found only small trees and big stumps that the lumber companies had left. Now they had the problems of clearing this land for spring planting and for building their homes, schools and churches.

With spring here the committees are actively preparing for the summer activities. Please review the newsletters for the what they are doing and where you may help, and please contact the committee chairmen, committee members and/or the president about where you may help. We depend on your volunteer efforts.

Advertising (Publicity) Committee - Jim Pellman, Chairman (Board Liaison)

- Audrey Hakkila, Member, - Mary Ann Gronquist, Member

Windmill Committee, - Jim Pellman, Chairman, Harry Wester, Sub-Chair, Eddie Walman, Sub-Chair

Mid-Summer Committee - Alice Christensen, Chairperson, - Mary Ann Gronquist, Co-Chairperson

Archives Committee- Jim Pellman, Chairman (Board Liaison),- Members: Audrey Hakkila, Irene Brazill, Elvie Agacki, Shirley Kankas-Rouleau, Harry Wester, Jackie Plunkett, Delores Pellman, Earl Granroth, Irene Parenteau and others.

A new committee, the "Web Site Committee" will presently be made up of the Archives committee members and the Society President. This committee will review the materials put into the Web site, and any and all changes.

Please check out the "www.oldbrule.org" Web site as your president is presently updating the site on a regular basis. The computer program "FrontPage" used to build, modify and add information to the web site, is new to me, and it has been and will continue to be a learning experience. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to exercise my brain. They say it is beneficial for those of us who are older.

Respectfully,
Earl Granroth

FROM THE EDITOR:

The spring elections will be here this Tuesday, April 3rd. Hopefully most of you will get this reminder in time. This year we may see a larger turnout with an historic referendum proposition calling for shrinking the Douglas County Board from 28 members to seven. But it is important to also study the local town, village and school board races to replace those who in your judgement have not been doing their job, or to reward with your vote those who have done well. Because turnout is traditionally low, the strength of your vote is at its highest. Vote!

I would like to also draw your attention to our May "Trek" to the Copper Creek Mining site. This is our second visit there, in partnership with the Northern Lakes Archaeological Society, and we have received permission from adjacent landowners, the Willoughby's, to cross their property, shortening the walk into the site by two-thirds. The desire for a repeat visit is a sign of how interesting this remote area is, from the standpoints of both history and geology, and natural beauty. We will again have a lengthy handout to help interpret the site.

Finally, this year marks the Centennial of the first town meeting of the Town of Maple, and the first village meeting of the Village of Lake Nebagamon. Nebagamon celebrated its Centennial over the course of last year. Maple is celebrating this year with special gatherings throughout the year starting with a "Centennial Luncheon" to be held after the Annual Meeting on April 14th. There is a cost of \$5.00 in advance, but this will be refunded at the door. Contact a board member to get tickets. Here is a chance to meet new neighbors on the heels of participating in the town annual meeting, considered the most democratic of political gatherings. -Jim Pellman

**2007 OLD-BRULE HISTORY PHOTO CALENDARS FOR SALE.
2006 CALENDARS STILL AVAILABLE.**

The Brule History Research Group, organized in 1995, produced its eighth and final calendar in 2005 with more pictures of Brule's past. Proceeds of these annual calendar sales since 1998, when the first one was produced, are being used for the publication of the history of Brule, hopefully to be completed soon. Limited numbers of the 2005 calendar and earlier issues are still available. To order any of these calendars by mail, please write or call Janet Follis, P. O. Box 114, Brule, WI 54820 (715) 372-4948.

Continuing in the BHRG calendar tradition, the *2007 Old-Brule Heritage Society History Photo Calendar* is still available at \$6.00 each. Our 2006 calendar is also available at \$5.00 in limited numbers. They are available from O-BHS members or at limited local business outlets. An e-mail address for more info: musketeer6@cheqnet.net, and phone: 715-363-2549, or check our Web site at www.oldbrule.org. Shipping and handling costs are \$3.50each.

OPINIONS EXPRESSED IN THE O-BHS NEWS ARE THOSE OF THE WRITERS ALONE AND ARE NOT INTENDED TO REPRESENT OFFICIAL POSITIONS OF THE O-BHS ORGANIZATION.

ARCHIVES/COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE.

The Archives Committee would welcome other volunteers to help us in this important part of the O-BHS mission. Our continuing project is learning to use the computer in support of our work, scanning documents and photos, storing records and creating data bases. Our thanks to our loyal committee members and contributors, and to the Town of Maple for archives space. **We note that the Town of Maple has recently installed hot water heating radiators in the storage rooms which will provide even better storage conditions. Our thanks to the Town.** If you enjoy exacting work please join us at 1 p.m. at the Pellmans' some Monday afternoon. Next meetings: April 2, 2007 followed by April 16th, 2007. Please call 363-2549 to confirm meeting time and place.

**Unapproved Minutes, REGULAR MEETING
OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.
February 14th, 2007, Lake Nebagamon Auditorium**

Attendance: 30

Pot Luck Supper: Earl called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Starting with the pot luck dinner at 6:50 p.m. Jim then introduced David Maki, our speaker for the evening. He showed slides and explained about what the slides were. David's roots go back to Oulu. He spoke on his current research projects, including the work he has been doing on the old abandoned Knuutila homestead in the Town of Lakeside. David uses ground resistance readings and magnetometer

readings taken over a grid array, then processed by computer program to yield the interesting views beneath the surface. His main purpose is to locate features which merit further examination by thorough excavation. Several people asked questions from him. He mentioned about most of the Finns and Swedes settled up north near Lake Superior. They logged and farmed. Among early homesteads: Ketola (in Oulu), Anttila (in Maple), Rautio (in Lakeside).

Business Meeting

A. Call to Order:

After lunch the business meeting was called to order by President Earl Granroth.

B. Minutes: Approval of the minutes of the December 13th, 2006 meeting at the Maple Community Center. Motion made by Mary Ann to approve as printed in *O-BHS News*. Second by Audrey. Motion carried.

C. Treasurer's Report: Jackie gave the Treasurer's Report:

Checking Account Balance:	\$ 1,783.60
Davidson Windmill Funds:	\$ 6,201.60
Total:	\$ 7,985.20
CD's: NBC (from checking)	\$ 2,500.00
NBC (from Mill Fund)	\$ 5,000.00
Total:	\$ 7,500.00
Sales since last report to date:	
Merchandise	\$ 42.50
Sisu & Sauna (20) (proceeds to be divided)	\$ 400.00
Wisconsin Far Northwest (8@ \$15)	\$ 120.00
Calendars (17-2007) (1-2006)	\$ 137.00
Total	\$ 699.50
5 Membership dues:	\$ 105.00

Jim mentioned that we don't have many of our own books left, (some of *Wisconsin Far Northwest*, order in progress,)

Alice moved that we accept the Treasurer's Report. Second by Irene Parenteau. Motion carried.

Jackie, Jim and Earl filed the State Historical Society Annual Report & the State Sales Taxes were filed.

D. Old Business:

1. Davidson Windmill Committee (Jim P., Chair, Harry and Eddie Sub-Chairs, Alice, Midsummer Chair):

Jim reported on the windmill committee activities. He explained how we would proceed as soon as we get some responses from the letters that were sent out to different companies to roof the windmill. Paul has contacts with an electrical engineer on the specs for us on the electrical. Paul is looking into a grant to cover the electrical installation costs through ConocoPhillips, his place of work. The Committee also recommended purchase of the button making equipment.

The next Windmill Committee meeting will be at Alice Christensen's on March 7th, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Fund-raising Committee (Jackie P., Chair):

We will buy the button making machine and also the dies for it. Shirley moved to order the button machine and also key chains/fobs from Superior Trophy. Jackie seconded the motion. Motion carried. A letter went out to Murphy Oil Company requesting a grant. Murphy donated \$500 in response. Our thanks to them.

3. Archives Committee (Jim P., Chair):

The next meeting will be at Pellman's home on Monday, February 26th, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. More volunteers are needed. Erland Ukkola made a donation to the archives. Maple Photo Album Accessioning is ongoing. Follis papers scanning is nearing completion. Harry has been doing a lot of scans at home.

4. Web site Committee (Earl G., Chair):

There has been excellent progress made to the site. Earl has made contact with Jon Winter and Paul Colby and we now have the programs ready to modify the site. Check out our Web site at www.oldbrule.org. More work is needed on the site's market portion and Davidson Windmill history. Thanks to Earl for taking over the Web site updates. Earl mentioned there are several keys for access to the site. More training is needed.

5. Pollari Memorial Fund (Hope & Minerva, co-Chairs): Nothing new to report at this time.

6. Publicity/Advertising (Jim P., Chair):

Articles are being submitted to the *Evening Telegram* and the *Connection* paper by Audrey Hakkila. The Windmill Committee has given Mary Ann dates for the Mill events in 2007 for her contacts. Earl thanked Audrey and Mary Ann for all their work being done on advertising.

7. Publications Committee (Jim P. Chair):

Heritage Map remains on hold for now. Calendars sell for \$5.00 for 2006 edition and \$6.00 for 2007. Work

will begin soon on the 2008 calendars. *Wisconsin Far Northwest* reprint preparation is ongoing. Books sold to date: almost 600. Lakeside *Sisu & Sauna* books are selling well. This year marks the actual centennial of Lake Nebagamon, the Town of Maple, and the Brule River State Forest which are being (or have been) recognized. Jim Pellman's *History of Maple* is in progress with completion scheduled for this year.

8. Membership Committee (Jackie P. Chair):

Dues are still being collected for 2007. Members were encouraged to please keep track of volunteer hours on the blue forms, and turn in last year's if they haven't yet

9. Brule History Research Group (Laila Magnuson, Chair):

Publication slated for this year. OBHS ISBN reserved.

10. David Maki Activities: The night's talk brought us up to date.

11. Centennial & Sesquicentennial Homes and Farms: See Jim Pellman.

12. Next Board Meeting:

Hope Swenson's home, March 14th, 2007 at 6:00 p. m.

13. Other:

a. 2007 Calendar gift: Jim Pellman moved that we send a 2007 calendar to the *Finnish American Reporter* for its Heritage Center Archives in Hancock, Michigan. Barb seconded the motion. Request relayed by Velma Doby. Motion carried.

b. Midsummer Committee Meeting: Alice mentioned that she would hold a committee meeting for Midsummer toward the end of May to set up this year's doings.

c. Second Copper Creek Mine Site Trek:

Held with Northern Lakes Archaeology Society, north of Pattison Park, scheduled for Saturday, May 19th, 2007. Harry & Mary Wester will make contact for a shorter eastern route across land of local property owners.

d. Next Regular Meeting:

April 11th, 2007, Kathy Laakso to speak. Location to be confirmed. Possibly Amnicon Town Hall.

E. New Business:

1. Memorial Tree: Alice moved that we plant a tree in remembrance of Arnold O. Saari at the windmill. Harry W. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. A special thank you to Earl and Barb Granroth for planting the peonies last summer at the mill. A wish for full recovery to Barb from her back injury.

F. Communications:

Newsletters from other local societies (Ashland, Eileen, DCHS, SPM). Down state WHS workshops announcement. Ashland Genealogical Workshop on Saturday, March 3rd. Christmas card from Arrowhead Printing.

G. Adjournment.

Thank you goes to the Village of Lake Nebagamon for the use of the Auditorium, and to those who served us, and to all who brought food to share. A special thank you to Shirley and George for making arrangements.

A salute to Arnold O. Saari who left us last month.

Respectfully submitted,
Karin Colby, Secretary

FUND-RAISING MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

The Society has available regional history magnets, plus Davidson Windmill memorabilia: mugs, caps and tee shirts and sweat shirts for sale. Early issue magnets are going for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00, proceeds to our general fund. The Windmill mugs are \$4.00, caps, \$5.00, and tee shirts, any size, \$10, all proceeds going into the Windmill Fund. Sweat shirts, any size are \$25.00, taxes included.

Available also are copies of a David Noah Seis photograph of the mill for sale. This image comes in three sizes: 4 by 5 inches, 5 by 7 inches, and 8 ½ 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 image is available in our magnet series. Our book, *Wisconsin Far Northwest*, and Nan Wisherd's books *Pathways* and *Echoes* are available for \$20.00 a copy + \$3.50 shipping. Wisconsin tax is included in all our prices. Shipping and handling for mugs, caps and tee shirts is a \$4.00 minimum. All items are available for purchase at our meetings or by contacting an O-BHS member. O-BHS Calendars for 2006 (\$5) and 2007 (\$6) are also available (\$3.50 shipping).

Unapproved **Board Meeting Minutes**
Old-Brule Heritage Society, Inc.
March 14th, 2007, Hope Swenson Residence, Town of Lakeside

Present: Harry Wester, Mary Wester, Jim Pellman, Delores Pellman, Jack Pank, Alice Christensen, Jackie Plunkett, Eddie Walman, Hope Swenson, Karin Colby

A. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Vice President Harry Wester at 6:15 p.m.

B. **Approval of the Minutes** of the last board meeting, January 10th, 2007 at the Jackie Plunkett residence in Maple as printed in the latest newsletter. Alice moved to approve. Second by Jackie. Motion carried.

C. **Treasurer's Report:**

Chippewa Valley Bank, Lake Nebagamon, Checking Account:	\$4,044.31
NBC Poplar, Money Market/CDs	\$7,500.00
Davidson Windmill Savings Account	\$6,201.69

Jim Pellman moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Hope seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. **Old Business:**

1. **Davidson Windmill** Committee Report:

Jim Pellman moved that we accept Paul Colby's estimate and plan for electrical wiring at the Windmill site.

Jack Pank seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion on Hope Swenson's sending Old-Brule Windmill T-shirts on sale to Katrina victims which she would pay for. Motion by Jim P. for Hope to get the T-shirts for half price to send to Katrina victims. Alice C. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jim talked to Lori Larson of East Central Energy (ECE) Superior Office. Engineer Lowell Rogers was to come at 10:00 a.m. on March 20th (from Braham) and he would have our cost for connection to line power before leaving. Jim P. has also drafted a letter to go to President/CEO Garry Bye of Braham, MN, for the power cooperative's support of our activities. Once the cabin is finished the mill committee is hoping to hold some meetings there. All shingles are at the mill ready to put on the house. White old growth cedar is now recommended for the Windmill itself. We are waiting for a call from Hobart Finn or his brother. He was in Boston. We are also going to order a tree and plant it in memory of our past members.

2. **Fund-raising** Committee: Key chains/fobs are ordered (Superior Trophy).

A machine to make buttons has been authorized. Earl has secured information. We need to submit an order to Badge-a-minute. Magnets have been ordered. Pad sample and magnets yet to arrive from Micro-Tech/Trevaranus.

3. **Archives** Committee: Quiet in March. Next meeting at Pellmans on April 2, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.

4. **Web site** Committee:

There has been excellent progress made in updating the site thanks to Earl. More work needed on site's market portion, and public links, Davidson Windmill History, etc. Some work needed on newsletters that won't open properly.

5. **Pollari Memorial Gift** Committee: Get Lois' input when she come back from Arizona. She knows best what she would like to see done with it. There were a lot of different ideas mentioned, but on motion by Jim, second by Alice, we decided to table it until Lois is at the meeting. Motion carried.

6. **Publicity/Advertising** Committee: Nothing new as of now.

7. **Publications** Committee:

Heritage maps still on hold. Have yet to finish work on Davidson Windmill three part flyer. Jim showed sample of what flyer would look like. We will bring them to places like River House, Breakwater, etc., and each person touring the windmill will get one. Jim Pellman's Town of Maple History (independent of OBHS, at request of Town of Maple) remains in progress. *Wisconsin Far Northwest* fourth printing changes still in progress.

8. **Membership** Committee:

Dues are being collected for 2007. Please turn in blue volunteer hours sheets if you haven't done so.

9. **Brule History Research Group:** ISBN number reserved. Transfer of photos collected into our system. Protected and available for their use. Minerva Johnson has visited with Jim discussing historical issues.

10. **David Maki Activities:** Good program at last regular meeting.

11. **Centennial/Sesquicentennial Homes & Farms.** Deadline for 2007 was on March 1st.

12. Laila Magnuson has mentioned the D. Smet sauna. We have a full plate at present. We will encourage that the building be preserved if possible. Eddie & Alice will go and take a look at it.

13. **Second Copper Creek Mine Site Trek**, set for May 19th. Harry is going to contact land owner to shorten trek.

14. **Next regular meeting:** Cloverland Town Hall, April 11th, 2007, 6:00 p.m. Kathy Laakso to speak.

15. Our books were delivered and are in the DCHS shop, and payment was received.

16. Photos needed by DCHS and Kathy Laakso for Spring Annual Meeting exhibit Jim will send.

17. Other old? None

E. New Business:

1. **Next Board Meeting:** May 9th, 2007, at Alice Christensen's, 6:00 p.m.

2. **Communications:** Latest letters from other local societies, Minnesota Historical Society Interpreter. Workshop May 11th, 2007 at Iron World in Chisholm. \$25.00 fee per person. A Christmas Card from Arrowhead Printing. Downstate Workshop Announcement. Local workshop at NGLVC in Ashland on March 28th. Jackie had a letter on a workshop in Drummond.

3. **Local Centennial Activities:** Centennial year for Town of Maple. Village of Lake Nebagamon, Brule River State Forest. Possible Fall Historical Car Tour with other Groups. E. g.. CCC Camp in Brule Valley. Historical highlights, cemetery tour. Committee will be created later to develop tour.

4. **Other new business:**

2008 Finnfest in Duluth. Tours of the Windmill are planned. (Perhaps 2000 visitors on bus tours).

5. Our June 13th, 2007, 6:00 p.m., full group **workshop/meeting** has been changed to June 14th, 2007 due to schedule conflict at the Lakeside Town Hall. Jim moved that we change it to the 14th at 6:00 p.m. Jackie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

F. **Adjournment:** Harry moved that we be adjourned. Jackie seconded. Motion carried. A fine lunch followed. Thanks to Hope for hosting, and to all who brought food, and to those who served.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Colby, Secretary

Area History:

No. 55

Northern Wisconsin, a Hand-book for the Homeseeker, an excerpt by William A. Henry

To help the settlement of the sparsely populated northern counties, in 1895 the Wisconsin legislature established a State Board of Immigration. The Secretary of this State Board requested the counties of the region establish immigration committees, whose members were appointed by the county boards. In the case of Douglas County the following were named: Kirby Thomas, Secretary, James H. Agen, W. H. Webb, President, M. Kommerk?, Superior; and Chas. Howard, [Town of] Brule. These committee members were frequent visitors at the Douglas County courthouse land records and register of deeds office around that time. Rural Douglas County was being heavily settled at the time, by both homestead entries and cash land purchases.

The Dean of the College of Agriculture at the University of Wisconsin was commissioned to create a guide for prospective settlers. This resulted in **Northern Wisconsin, a Hand-book for the Homeseeker**, by William A. Henry (1850-1932) and his assistants, published in Madison in 1896, a valuable historical source for our local history (from which we will quote from pages 179-180 below).

Henry has been criticized by later pro-conservationist students of the "cutover" for painting too rosy a portrait of the conditions that settlers would face in carving a livelihood from the land in what had been labeled the "new north." A recent study by Robert Gough refines these understandings by balancing the challenges of the physical environment and strenuous natural conditions against the even greater social challenges the settlers faced. A shift in values and easier accessibility to the "wild" north by southerners undermined the will of state planners to see freedom loving farmers make a success of living on cleared land where primeval forests once stood.

By the Depression years it became politically correct to denigrate everything about the earlier cutting and settlement programs. Henry's honest and positive assessment of northern farming prospects was belittled if not ridiculed. The long quotation here, the final words in his hand-book, far more accurately summarizes the experiences of this region's many successful farmers, especially in this Lake Superior "red clay district." The decline here has had far more to do with the universal decline of the family dairy farm in America, transportation and market expansions, and tourism, than with soil fertility and a short growing season.

This book appears in full on line at the Library of Congress Web site.

[Pages 179-180. Date 1896]

A WORD OF WARNING.

The land seeker is again reminded that northern Wisconsin possesses areas of land which are of low fertility, while other tracts are swampy, and still others are thickly covered with drift boulders or thrown up into sharp gravelly ridges. Lands of this character should be carefully avoided by the home seeker.

Judging the future by the past we predict that unscrupulous persons taking advantage of the great interest in the lands of the north will purchase some of these poor tracts for a few cents per acre and through shrewd advertising and deceptive practices dispose of them to strangers at prices fully as high as they would have to pay for really valuable lands. Again we urge in the strongest terms possible that no one should purchase land in northern Wisconsin until it has been carefully inspected by himself or a trusted friend, and further that he should assure himself that the lands shown him are the same as those called for in the deed or contract he may secure. We have learned of cases where lands of very low fertility have been sold for many times their true value, and of other cases where the land seeker was shown one piece of land and sold another of far less value. All danger from these sources can be easily avoided by consulting with the Secretary of the State Board of Immigration, the members of the various county boards whose names appear in this Hand Book, the county officers of the various counties, or other reliable and responsible parties easily found. County boards of immigration and county officers should at once advertise through the public press any efforts which may come to their knowledge tending to practice fraud or deceit on land seekers.

IN CONCLUSION.

In this Hand Book we have set forth the agricultural advantages of our new north just as we found them in our inspection and study of that region,

and believe those readers who have followed our statements and studied the views presented will agree with us, substantially, in the following conclusions:

Northern Wisconsin offers advantages well worthy of the careful consideration of people of limited means desirous of possessing a home on good farming lands. These lands are of low price in comparison to their worth at the present time, because of the common impression that this was a lumber country and not adapted to farming.

Clearing a farm from the woods means much hard labor, long continued, but there are many compensations in the abundant fuel supply, timber for buildings, and the woods for employment.

The crops that can be grown in northern Wisconsin are the same as those commonly found in the southern part of the state, excepting that corn does not thrive so well, while other crops, notably peas and timothy grass give larger returns than at the south.

The winters in northern Wisconsin are long and cold, but there are no blizzards and there is abundance of fuel for keeping warm and cheap material for the construction of farm buildings, while the yields of forage in summer are ample to maintain all live stock in prime condition during the winter. Market facilities at the north are not excelled anywhere in our country.

Because of the great development of trunk lines of railroads and the many cities developed through the lumber interest, the iron mines and commerce, the settlers in the farming districts of the north have less hardships before them than the pioneers of the wilderness in the past.

Northern Wisconsin today offers good agricultural lands at prices so low that no one need hesitate from the effort at securing a tract providing he works diligently and intelligently to the end.

Northern Wisconsin has nothing to offer would-be bonanza farmers who are always about to become rich but never quite succeed, while it has millions of acres for small land owners whose well directed efforts are the guaranty of a competence and whose accumulations of property are enormous in the aggregate.

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Notices:

THANK YOUS & RECOGNITIONS: To the **family of Arnold O. Saari** for the gifts in his name. To **Paul Colby** again for his help at the Windmill site, and for his volunteer grant efforts through **ConocoPhillips**.

CONGRATULATIONS: To members **Janine & Doug Seis** on their first grandchild. To **Audrey Pollari** and family on the arrival of her first grandchild.

ENCOURAGEMENTS: To the **Gary Peterson family** for full recovery after their highway accident in Iowa.

OUR SYMPATHY: To the family of **Ellen Wuori Hill** who passed away March 24, 2007 at 86. To the family of **Shirley Bjorni Niemi** who passed away recently.

..... *and who have we missed or forgotten?*

Calendar:

April 2, Monday, 1 p.m. Archives Committee meets at Pellmans'.

April 3, Tuesday. Election Day.

April 8, Sunday. Easter.

April 11, Wednesday, 6 p.m. O-BHS Regular Meeting at Cloverland Town Hall. Kathy Laakso to speak.

April 14, Saturday. Maple Town Annual Meeting. Centennial Luncheon to follow. \$5.00 ticket, returned at door.

April 21, Saturday. Windmill and Cabin work day.

April 29, Sunday, 1 p.m. DCHS Annual Meeting and Potluck. Wisconsin author, Dennis McCann, featured speaker.

May 2, Wednesday, 6 p.m. Windmill Committee meeting, at Jackie's.

May 9, Wednesday, 6 p.m. O-BHS Board Meeting at Alice & Cash Christensen's.

May 13, Sunday. Mother's Day.

May 16, Wednesday. Deadline for contributions to the June issue of *O-BHS News*.

May 19, Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Gather for Second O-BHS and Northern Lakes Archaeology Society Copper Creek Trek near Pattison Park, during Wisconsin Archaeology Week. Call Jim at 715-363-2453 for full details later. Weather and conditions permitting.

May 28, Monday, (celebrated) Memorial Day (actually the 30th).

June 14, Thursday, 6 p. m. Workshop/Regular Group Meeting, Lakeside Town Hall. (Postponed one day.) Flag Day.

June 15-17, Friday-Sunday (Father's Day), Midsummer Celebration (*Juhannus Juhl*) Davidson Windmill, Lakeside Town Hall.

WEB SITE ON LINE

The Website Committee has been working with member **Jon Winter** of **Winter Systems** in **Superior** on our own independent site (www.oldbrule.org). *Please note recent updates and changes at the site.* President Earl Granroth had been making updates. Thank you all for your patience as we continue to build up the site. Thanks to **Audrey Hakkila** for her many efforts. **Microsoft** has donated web site software permitting updates to the site. Thanks to all for your gifts and contributions of skill.

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) 364-2216, or our Treasurer, Jackie Plunkett at 363-2417. Her address is 4845 S. County Rd F, Maple, WI 54854. Our annual dues are \$15.00 for individuals, and \$25.00 for families, payable at the time of our annual meeting in August. Higher levels of support are always welcome.

New Members and Visitors are Always WELCOME!

Old-Brule Heritage Society, Inc.

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